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**OUTCOME 3: ALL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE AND FEEL SAFE.**

**Provincial anti-corruption dialogue**

*By Thulaganyo Gaserotse: GCIS, North West*



The signing of the Anti-Corruption Pledge.

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) in collaboration with the North West Office of the Premier and JB Marks Local Municipality, hosted a provincial anti-corruption dialogue at the JB Marks Municipality Council Chamber on 14 November 2018. It aimed to create awareness on the stance of corruption in the private and public sector. As corruption has become an enormous problem in both the private and public sector, the GCIS invited a panel of professionals to talk on corruption and how to effectively eliminate it. GCIS Acting Chief Director: Provincial and Local Liaison, Moepeng Tshwane, set the tone presented on the anti-corruption communication strategy.

Professor Avitus Agbor from the North West University spoke about the need for political will in the fight against corruption. He emphasised that corruption starts small and it becomes acceptable without a person even realising it, which eventually leads to higher stakes of corruption.

Professor Theo Venter from the same university spoke on the anatomy of fraud and corruption in local government and the private sector. He highlighted that the effects of fraud reduces growth, restricts trade and distorts the size and composition of government expenditure. Both the private and public sectors are not exempt from corruption.



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Professor Tumi Mmusinyane, also from North West University, Mahikeng Campus touched on the status of corruption in the Public Service. Commissioner Moeletsi Leballo of the Public Service Commission spoke on the mandate of the institution. The event demonstrated that government is taking the right direction in curbing corruption and also that the private sector must also play a role in fighting corruption.

Faith-based organisations, civil society and the private sector formed part of the dialogue. The anti-corruption pledge was read for attendees. Participants signed the pledge.



**People who attended the anti-corruption dialogue.**



**Pastor Palo Motsi said:**

“Faith-based organisations play a critical role in the fight against corruption. We are more than willing to assist government to fight corruption.”



**Prof Theo Venter said:**

“It is imperative that all sectors of society come together and create awareness on how to tackle corruption.”



**Seitsho Hokoana said:**

“With the certificate and the tools I received, I now call myself an installer. Thank you government for creating job opportunities for the youth.”



**Nomasondo Futezwa said:**

“Im just happy I got this opportunity.”

**OUTCOME 5: A SKILLED AND CAPABLE WORKFORCE TO SUPPORT AN INCLUSIVE GROWTH PATH.**

**Youth receive skills on DTT installation**

*By Ntombi Mhlambi: GCIS, Free State*



**Government officials presenting certificates and tools to a beneficiary.**



**Young people who received training in DTT installation.**

The Department of Public Works together with the Lejweleputswa District Municipality handed over competency certificates to 50 young people who have successfully completed training in Digital Terrestrial television (DTT) installation at National Qualification Framework level 5 through the National Youth Service Programme. The ceremony was held on 30 October 2018 at Freddie Meyer Hall in Welkom. Learners received toolboxes, which will enable them to perform their duties.

The training in DTT installation will enable trained young people to establish cooperatives, connect set-top boxes, also known as decoders, of the registered households and accelerate the digital migration processes in Lejweleputswa. The Digital Migration programme emanated from the World Radio Conference of the International Telecommunication Union of 2006. A decision was taken to move away from analogue broadcasting system to digital terrestrial television.

**OUTCOME 7: VIBRANT, EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE RURAL COMMUNITIES AND FOOD SECURITY FOR ALL.**

**Brandwag celebrates World Food Day**

*By Jethro Grootboom: GCIS, Western Cape*



**Mella Misland said:**

“I grow my own vegetables at home. I now have green beans, butternuts, carrots, potatoes onions and pumpkins in my garden. Because of my age, I cannot use the shovel to take out the weed, so I get help from my niece who is staying with me. I also use washing machines waste water for irrigation.”



**Delretho Sinkfontein said:**

“We are celebrating World Food Day with the community of Brandwag here today. We are a local company, Afro Fishing Mossel Bay from Mossel Bay, who produce pilchards for the local markets.”



**The community members of Brandwag who were in attendance.**

On 24 October 2018, the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries visited Brandwag, Mossel Bay, as part of the World Food Day commemoration. The day is observed annually on 16 October to create public awareness concerning the shortage of food and to strengthen solidarity in the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty. The Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises, some of whom benefited from government funding, exhibited at the event.



**Dorothy Joseph said:**

“We are a cooperative that was started in 2003 with 200 egg-laying chickens and we now have 2 000 of them. We got registered as Free Hein Cooperative in 2013, with the help of government and we supply restaurants and businesses in Freimenheim (a rural town in Mossel Bay), and Greatbrakriver. We are five shareholders, with three permanent employees.

Our business has grown ever since, where we expanded with producing 100 fresh chickens with every cycle (A cycle consists of six weeks), which we supply and sell to local businesses. We are currently renting the land we operate from, but do have our own land with title deed but currently encountering some challenges. We first need to clear alien vegetation plants and fill the land up to be levelled. The road to the space also needs to be upgraded, to give us ease of access and fence for security purposes.”



**Sbusiso Ngwenya said:**

“I am very happy that this kind of information is brought to our attention. It will save us a lot of money and time.”



**Bongani Sibiya and Nhlakanipho Shabalala said:**

“This session is very informative, especially now that January is around the corner and most young people will be looking for space at tertiary institutions.”

**OUTCOME 12: AN EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE AND DEVELOPMENT ORIENTED PUBLIC SERVICE AND AN EMPOWERED, FAIR AND INCLUSIVE CITIZENSHIP.**

**Blitz tackles illegal colleges**

*By Nontuthuzelo Jas: GCIS, Mpumalanga*



**Government officials preparing information materials at the blitz.**



**Government officials distributing information products to members of the public.**

In an effort to raise awareness on illegal tertiary institutions, the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) conducted an information blitz on bogus colleges at the Promenade Shopping Centre in Mbombela on 15 November 2018. The Government Communication and Information System assisted in distributing information materials at the event.

Members of the public also had an opportunity to check the list of colleges that are legal and also the number they can use to check whether a certain college is registered or not. The blitz was also joined by Umalusi and the South African Qualifications Authority, who also distributed various information materials.

Ligwalagwala FM interviewed an official from the DHET where members of the public were alerted on the illegal colleges that exist around the country.