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**OUTCOME 6: AN EFFICIENT, COMPETITIVE AND RESPONSIVE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK.**

**Free State hosts digital migration colloquium**

*By Lehlohonolo Manoto: GCIS, Free State*



**Minister Nomvula Mokonyane addressing the delegates at the event.**



**Free State Premier Sefora Ntombela addressing the audience.**



**Some of the audience at the event.**



**Various stakeholders exhibiting at the event.**

The Department of Communications in partnership with the Free State Provincial Government hosted the Broadcasting Digital Migration Colloquium at the Performing Arts Centre of the Free State from 23 to 25 October 2018. The purpose of the event was to give an update on the implementation of Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT), to identify DTT gaps and opportunities, and to raise awareness on the switch to digital migration. The colloquium was the first of its kind to broadly discuss DTT in the country.

Free State will be the first province to be switched off from analogue to digital on 31 December 2018. The migration comes with various economic opportunities and job creation such as installation, repairs and retail opportunities. The South African Post Office (SAPO) is responsible for the registration and distribution of Set-Top Boxes. Tsietsi Ramosedi from SAPO assured the audience that all applications would be processed by 31 December 2018.



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The Premier of the Free State, Sefora Ntombela, reminded the audience that the province is only left with 69 days before switching off to digital TV and also encouraged communities to register for DTT. The Premier said that the province would ensure that the project becomes a success.

Among the discussions held were, update on the project and the current challenges for seamless migration in the province; assistance needed from the municipalities, the broadcasting landscape in the province; the size of the industry and opportunities; consumer awareness; education and support; content provision; training; local installation and support; and retail supply chain and distribution.

“Digital migration will truly be a game changer. The full implementation of the project will unlock valuable spectrum, which can be used by government and the industry to drive the fourth industrial revolution,” said Communications Minister Nomvula Mokonyane. The Minister stated that everybody is a partner in unlocking the challenges of digital migration.

Minister Mokonyane further indicated that successful migration will assist the government to realise its objectives as outlined on the National Development Plan. She spoke about different opportunities such as economic, training and development, retail and jobs to be created. The Minister emphasised that those opportunities must benefit the local people, in particular, the youth.



**Teboho Malotle said:**  
“We would like to know what is going to happen to people who have been trained as installers.”



**Pule Mokoena said:**  
“I wanted to understand if there will still be people who will be receiving analogue broadcasting beyond 31 December 2018.”



**Stanley Morake said:**  
“I would like to know what is going to happen to my connection when I move from my rented place to a new place.”

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

**School dialogue tackles violence**

*By Reki Skosana: GCIS, Mpumalanga*



**Ziyanda Masombuka said:**

“The information shared with us today was an eye opener for all of us, moving forward, it will be entirely upon us to be cautious when we do things and not associate ourselves with bad behaviour.”



**Samuel Mahlangu said:**

“The event taught us to stand for ourselves and not be easily influenced by bad things, and do good for ourselves and our community.”



**Different stakeholders addressing the learners.**



On 16 October 2018, the Government Communication and Information System partnered with the Department of Social Development, South African Police Service, Department of Health, South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Department of Basic Education, Eskom and other stakeholders to conduct an awareness campaign that sought to address various issues including gender-based violence (GBV) and the abuse of drugs and other illegal substances. The event was held at Hlanganani Secondary School, Ga-Morwe village in the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality.

The learners had an opportunity to listen to various speakers and ask questions relating to drug and alcohol abuse, human trafficking, bullying and GBV.



**Some of the learners who were in attendance.**

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

#### Dialogue tackles violence and abuse

By Valencia Rachuene and Willy Phalane: GCIS, Head Office



The Principal of Dr IM Monareng Primary School welcoming attendees.



Some of the stakeholders and panel members at the event.



Learners with some of the information materials received from exhibitors.



Learners listening to presentations.

On 19 October 2018, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) hosted the Mama Albertina Sisulu Centenary dialogue on building safer and healthier communities across the country at the Dr IM Monareng Primary School in Mamelodi, Pretoria.

The dialogue was attended by Grade 7 learners of Dr IM Monareng Primary School and Grade 8 learners of Vukani Manethu High School. The aim of the dialogue was to mobilise and galvanise society to stand against abuse, particularly violence directed at children, to promote care and support for victims/survivors of violence and strengthen social partnerships for building healthy communities through moral regeneration and spiritual revival.

Stakeholders such as the GCIS, Child Welfare, Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) and the South African Police Service engaged and responded to the questions raised by the learners. The learners had a platform to ask questions on all issues relating to gender-based violence (GBV), ranging from the role of police in fighting crime and violence, and how victims can be protected against abusers.

Some of the information that was shared with the learners included the contact details that children can call to report abuse. The CGE also shared their contact details with the learners informing them that they help victims of GBV when failed by the system. Some of the suggestions from the learners during the dialogue were that the dialogues must also be held for older people; the police must be visible in the communities and the justice system needs to do more in order to regain trust from the community.



**Lerato Komane said:**

“Today we celebrate what would have been the 100th birthday of Mama Albertina Sisulu. A giant of the liberation Struggle, a heroine. Thank you for teaching us courage, providing exemplary guidance and showing us dignified humility. Your legacy is our heritage.”



**Principal of Holy Cross Creche said:**

“I would like to specifically thank the departments and organisations present here today. The renovations are what Mama Sisulu would have done as she had the interests of community development at heart. Education and health were among other things she fought tirelessly for and therefore it is only a pleasure for us to continue her legacy.”

**OUTCOME 14: A DIVERSE, SOCIALLY COHESIVE SOCIETY WITH A COMMON NATIONAL IDENTITY.**

**Mama Sisulu centenary celebrations**

*By Pakeng Matsetse: GCIS, Gauteng*



**The Sisulu family laying a wreath at the cemetery.**



**Minister Jeff Radebe and Premier David Makhura unveiling the plaque at the crèche.**

Sunday, 21 October 2018, marked the Centenary of Mama Nontsikelelo Albertina Sisulu. In recognising Mama Sisulu's courage, discipline, integrity and love for the country, government joined the Sisulu family in commemorating the centenary of the late Struggle stalwart.

The activities to mark her centenary celebrations started at the Croesus Cemetery where Albertina Sisulu and Walter Sisulu are buried. From the cemetery, the proceedings moved to the Holy Cross Anglican Church in Soweto, where many gathered for the service and to honour Mama Sisulu.

Delivering the keynote address on behalf of the President of the Republic of South Africa, the Chairperson of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Mandela and Mama Sisulu Centenary, Minister Jeff Radebe, said that only women of Sisulu's calibre can provide solutions to the challenges faced by the country.

“Women of fortitude, *Imbokodo*, are women who must fearlessly fight for the radical socio-economic transformation of society and our country. Through the prism of Mama Sisulu, women of fortitude must see solutions to the various challenges that our people are facing,” said Minister Radebe.

After the church service, the Minister and Gauteng Premier David Makhura unveiled the plaque at the refurbished crèche across the road. As a midwife, Mama Sisulu worked tirelessly for the children of that community. She established daycare centres for working mothers in the 1980s. A children's library that was established by Walter and Abertina Sisulu in 1992 in Phefeni was also visited on the day as part of the centenary tour, and the Shanty Clinic where Mama Sisulu served as a nurse and midwife for over 40 years.