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

President Jacob Zuma launches one stop investment centre

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President Jacob Zuma and Mayor Patricia de Lille during the walkabout.



The cutting of the ribbon.

Cape Town stakeholders and investors were very happy about the new economic transformation conducted by integrated government departments where all the three spheres of government are involved and working together towards the growth of South Africa's economy. The launch of the centre took place on 8 September 2017.

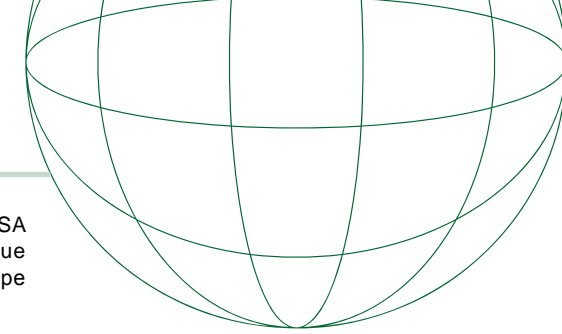
Invest SA centre will see businesses and investors getting relevant information and necessary documents from different institutions, under one roof. It is understood that services rendered at the centre include, but not limited to business permits, water, electricity and tax-related services, all provided by government officials.



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Some of the institutions and government departments that can be found in the Cape Town Invest SA centre include departments of home affairs, trade and industry, and labour, South African Revenue Service, WESGRO, Western Cape Provincial Government, Invest Cape-City of Cape Town and Red Tape Reduction.

President Jacob Zuma has congratulated the Department of Trade and Industry, Western Cape Provincial Government and the relevant stakeholders for taking this project off the ground. "Invest SA One Stop Shop will make it easier for both domestic and foreign investors to do business in our country. We need to work together as government, business, and organised labour to ensure that we sustain this positive trajectory; creating an environment where the economy can grow and jobs can be created for our people," he said.



Attendees at the event.



President Jacob Zuma speaking at the event.



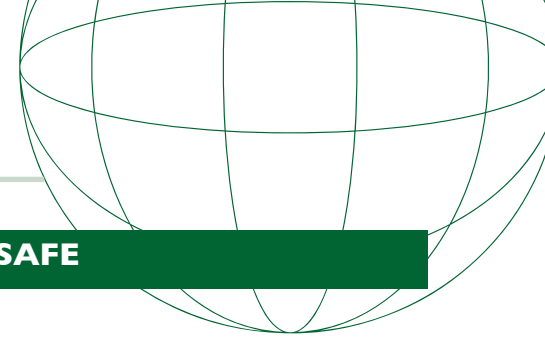
Deputy Minister Bulelani Magwanishe:

"The collaboration of efforts of different government departments in one centre was an easy exercise and so far, no challenges have prevailed. This official launch of the Western Cape Investment Centre follows the launch of the National One Stop Shop held in Pretoria, in March. Government plans to open other centres in KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng in the near future."



Mayor Patricia de Lille:

"As a city, we are open to business and there are investment opportunities in Cape Town. This investment centre will enhance the economic development of the Western Cape as a whole."



Mosidiwapula Phelane:

“We have learned a lot. For me it was very good to be here. As women we have roles to play in our communities and we cannot keep quiet anymore. We need to help one another and stand with those who cannot stand on their own.”



Masego Naledi:

“Women must go back to basics as the professor has said. They must take back their role as mothers and stop being the stereotypical person that people believe of women. We should support one another, be guardians in our communities.”



Gomotsegang Nkadimang:

“My message to all young girls is that we should not let anything bring us down. Be the best that you can be. Be strong and bold and believe in yourself.”

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

Premier engages women

By Karen Foutie: GCIS, Northern Cape



Premier Sylvia Lucas addressing women at the event.



Attendants at the event.



Premier of the Northern Cape, Sylvia Lucas, addressed women on 18 August 2017 in Mothibistad at a dialogue hosted to discuss ways to fight gender-based violence (GBV). She encouraged women to reclaim moral compass as reluctance leads to destruction of families.

The Premier said that GBV should not become normal that it overshadows women successes and achievements made over the years. She made a call to all women to contribute towards the fight against violence on women and children, and also not to allow it in their communities.

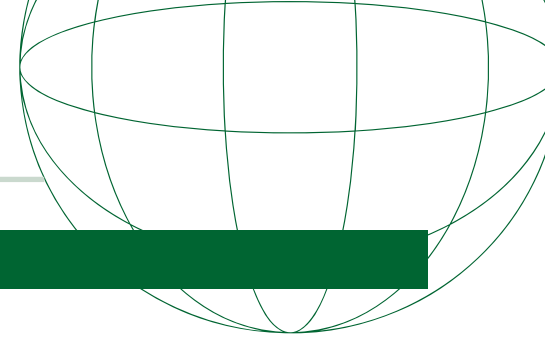
Professor Yaa Ashantewa Archer-Ngidi, an advocate for social cohesion and nation-building, encouraged women to go back to basics. She said as custodians of religion, education, truth, rights and justice, women should reclaim their roles. She emphasised that a woman cannot be held captive by the son she raised or be the onlooker of this son abusing his wife and children.

Commissions were established to discuss reasons why GBV has led to the destruction of many family units.

Some of the resolutions of the dialogue included the training of people who will drive the debate further. A district Men Forum would also be launched in August so that men could stand up and help fight GBV.



Different commissions at the dialogue.



OUTCOME 1: IMPROVED QUALITY OF BASIC EDUCATION

Young people empowered with information

By Vasanthi Naidoo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal



Community members at the Transnet stall.



Pre-mobilisation blitz at KwaMashu Mall.



Learners and unemployed youth waiting to enter the expo venue.

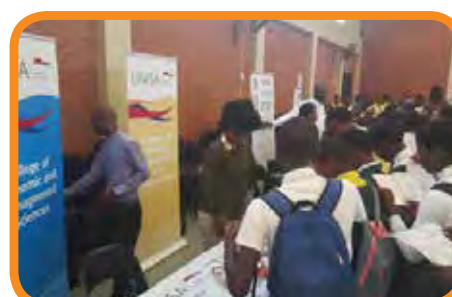


Luyanda Myisela:

“We came to KwaMashu L Section for a career guidance and it was very helpful because we were asking the people from UKZN and different colleges, and they were very helpful in giving us information concerning what we need and also what other mainstreams to go into. My interest is politics so I went to UKZN and they told me that the campus was in Pietermaritzburg and I need 28 points. So that was very helpful. They also gave us a CAO handbook and CAO form, which was very relevant for registration in 2018. Thank you so much to the organisers of this expo, it was very helpful.”



PSETA engaging with learners and unemployed youth.

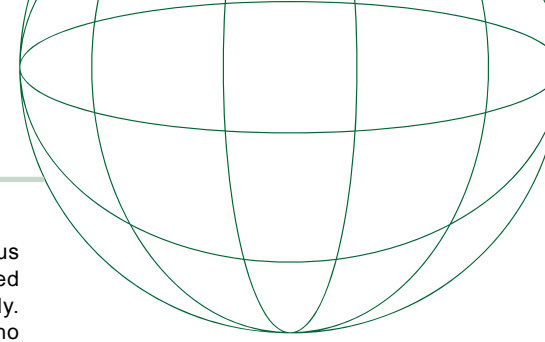


Learners accessing services at UNISA stall.



Learners at the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and Thuthuka.

During a back-to-school/National Development Plan Imbizo with the Minister of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation, Jeff Radebe, young people raised their concerns about not having access to information about careers, tertiary institution application processes and bursaries. The event took place on 4 August 2017 at KwaMashu Hall. As part of the post-Imbizo response mechanisms, Government Communication and Information System hosted a career expo in Inanda, Ntuzuma KwaMashu area to ensure that learners and unemployed youths obtain information and are empowered to make informed choices about their careers and future. Some of the stakeholders that participated in the expo were the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban University of Technology, Mangosuthu University of Technology, University of South Africa (UNISA), Damelin, MANCOSA, Public Service Sector Education and Training Authority (PSETA), Central Applications Office, provincial departments of public works, human settlements, economic development, tourism and environmental affairs, arts and culture, South African Police Service (SAPS), Career Centre, KwaZulu-Natal Film Commission, South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, Department of Transport and Transnet Engineering School.



Learners and unemployed youths at the Central Application Office stand.



Sebenzile Tshabalala:

“We brought about 60 learners from grades 10, 11 and 12. I would say the expo benefited them because they got to ask questions to the CAO that they were not clear about while they were completing their forms. What I think can be done differently, although it was a very informative expo, the learners can be addressed by different institutions and thereafter they can move on to sections and visit the exhibitors.”

Inanda FM broadcasted live from the expo and conducted interviews with various institutions, thus ensuring that vital information reaches the broader community. The expo was attended by unemployed youth from the community and 10 schools, which brought between 60 to 100 learners respectively. The expo was well received by both the political leadership in the community and the learners, who were appreciative of the opportunity to engage personally with exhibitors and also receive advice, information and clarity on issues pertaining to application processes, career paths, entry requirements, etc.

The expo also showcased scarce skills of chartered accounting and engineering. In keeping with the National Development Plan goals of promoting the Public Service as an employer of choice and ensuring that scarce skills in the Public Service was addressed, PSETA informed learners of their bursaries and learnerships for those aspiring to become public servants.



Young people at the SAPS stall.



Learners engage with officials from various service providers.



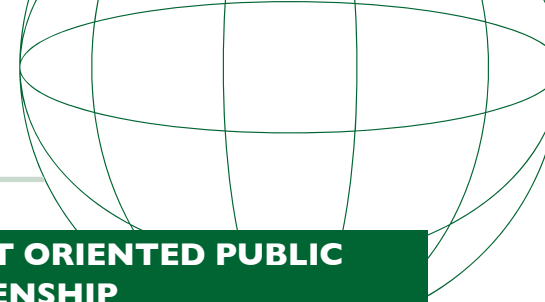
Attendees at the event.



Learners reading information products they received at various tables.



Inanda FM interviewing a UKZN official.



Maria Motaung:

“I have just applied for social distress relief and is issued with a reference number and I will receive grocery for my family I am grateful that government visited our area.”



Mbuso Ngwenya:

“I have been unemployed for some time and had no money for a taxi fare. Today, I am happy that I managed to apply for SASSA’s Social Distress Relief Voucher.”

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

Government takes services to the people

By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng



SASSA official registering Sello Mokoena for SASSA’s Social Distress Relief Voucher.



GCIS and SASSA exhibition stalls.



Community members accessing various services at the stalls.

Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) and the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), together with community development workers reached out to the community of Duduza through hosting Service Delivery Open Day as part of Integrated Community Registration Outreach Programme (ICROP). The event took place on 18 August 2017 at the Duduza Sport Grounds.

“Today we are bringing services closer to the people, where community members can register for different grants, food parcels, funeral covers as well as blocking grants deductions for electricity, airtime and loans,” said Maureen Ngubane, SASSA Customer Care Manager, Ekurhuleni Eastern Region. Through ICROP, various government services are brought closer to the people. The departments of home affairs, social development, health, and Road Accident Fund were at the event.

The ICROP is an outreach programme for socially excluded people in rural and semi-urban areas of South Africa. It has considerably improved access to existing social services and benefits. Its objective is to promote development, reduce poverty, and advance social inclusion.