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PRIORITY 6: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES.

Honouring families of Marikana mineworkers

By Ephraim Malema: GCIS, North West

Families of the mineworkers who died tragically on 16 August 2012 were honoured during a dialogue organised by Sibanye Stillwater Mine, Reimagine SA and the Government Communication and Information System, in Rustenburg, North West on 30 May 2022.

The dialogue aimed at offering insights toward a collective understanding of the families' experiences and challenges, and to seek ways to support the families on their ongoing journey toward closure and healing.

The widows of the mineworkers who died during the strike spoke about the houses which were built for them by the Sibanye Stillwater Mine.

The affected families also spoke about how the 1608 Trust for the education of the children of the mineworkers who lost their lives in Marikana is greatly assisting.

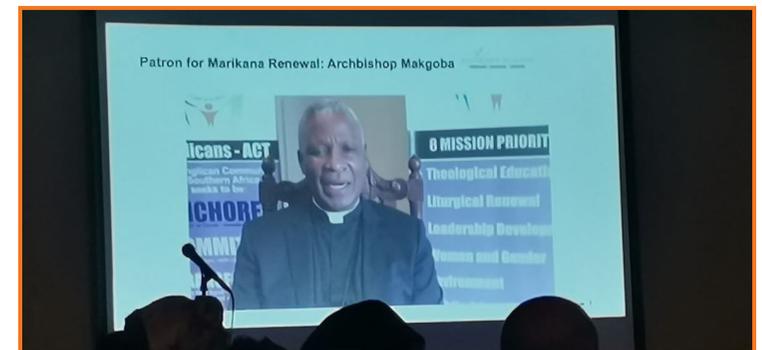
The trust was established to provide education support up to and including the university level.

Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, as a patron of the Marikana Renewal Programme, sent a virtual message and addressed the widows and families of the mineworkers who died in Marikana.

"I pray that the dialogue for the widows of Marikana goes well. You must know that God loves you all," Archbishop Makgoba concluded.



Families and widows of the Marikana mineworkers during a healing dialogue.



Archbishop Thabo Makgoba addressing the families and widows of Marikana mineworkers.



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PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Consumer education awareness campaign

By Phoka Mofokeng: GCIS, Free State

On 17 May 2022, the Free State Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs represented by the Consumer Protection Unit hosted consumer education awareness session for its employees at the Phuthaditjhaba Multipurpose Hall in the Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality.

The main purpose of the session was to raise awareness by helping consumers to be aware of the importance of consumption as a major social phenomenon, to empower them with broad knowledge of consumer issues and the global economic environment to try and change their behaviour and attitudes towards the issue of consumption and for them to be able to protect their rights as consumers.

The various entities such as the National Credit Regulator (NCR), Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF), Ombudsman for Banking Services, and Motor Industry Ombudsman of South Africa were invited to inform the employees about the services they offer consumers in the country.

Consumers were cautioned about loan shark practices and how they are ripping the community with their high-interest rates, confiscating people's bank cards, identity documents and assets if they fail to pay. They were also informed about the process to follow when they were not happy with the services they receive from their banks.

Emphasis was put on debt collectors, where consumers were cautioned against entering into agreements with debt collectors who call them, requesting their personal details.

The consumers were taken through the process of purchasing a pre-owned vehicle from a dealership and were educated on how to check if a dealership is licensed to sell vehicles.



Winnie Rabathata from the NCR addressing the audience during the consumer education awareness in Phuthaditjhaba.



Some of the community members who attended the awareness session.



Nthatsi Nkoko said:

“The session was very interesting as I learned a lot about banking services and loan sharks. I learnt that I should not give out my personal details over the phone and not to allow loan sharks to be in possession of my ID and bank card.”



Lehlohonolo Sithole said:

“It was interesting as it was my first time hearing about the GEPF. I learnt that we should report loan sharks that charge us 100% interest rates because according to the law, they are not supposed to do that.”

PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Career Expo empowers youth

By Nompilo Mchunu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The Newcastle Local Municipality hosted a Youth Career Expo at the Richview Civic Centre from 26 to 27 May 2022.

The two-day programme targeted Grade 12 learners and out-of-school youth within Newcastle.

This forms part of the efforts by the municipality to advance and prioritise youth-development initiatives and promote skills development.

Furthermore, the Youth Career Expo was intended to empower the youth by equipping them with information and creating access to information relating to higher learning, career and economic opportunities, and other government youth support programmes.

Leading institutions in the banking industry, institutions of higher learning, state-owned entities, sector departments and private companies responded to the municipality's call to participate in the career expo and contribute towards building a thriving youth of Newcastle.

Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs); Wholesale and Retail SETA, and Local Government SETA were part of the exhibitors promoting skills development and training in their respective fields along with the National Youth Development Agency which informed the youth about its services for youth entrepreneurship grants, job preparedness and placement.

Various institutions of higher learning including the University of South Africa and Amajuba TVET College along with the Central Applications Office advised learners on the application process and urged them to apply early.

Newcastle Mayor Xolani Dube indicated that the career expo was a response to the challenges expressed by the youth during the 2022/23 Integrated Development Planning Budget Road Shows.

He pleaded with the youth to invest in their future.

“Use this opportunity to learn and acquire information that you will use to progress in the future. As future leaders of this region and country, we want to support you in your development and growth paths. We are committed

to responding to your needs reminding you that government is ready to champion youth programmes,” said the Mayor.

Over 5 000 young people attended the Youth Career Expo and most mentioned that the programme was helpful and will be beneficial in the future. This will be an annual programme.



Snothile Thwala said:

“I was still uncertain about which career path to choose after Grade 12, between medicine and engineering. After the information I received from higher institutions, I think I will be able to make a suitable choice.”



Thokozani Jongilanga said:

“This career expo has been very helpful. The information shared by the Central Applications Office really assisted me regarding entry requirements for BCom Accounting. We should have this programme from Grade 9 so we can make informed choices.”



Some of the youth who attended the career expo in Newcastle.



Youth visiting information stalls during the career expo.

PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Communal Land Administration and Tenure Summit

By Jacob Molete: GCIS, Gauteng

Deputy President David Mabuza, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Land Reform and Agriculture, addressed the National Communal Land Administration and Tenure Summit, held at Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre in Boksburg, from 27 to 28 May 2022.

The two-day summit reflected on the recommendations of the Presidential Advisory Panel on Land Reform and Agriculture, and deliberated on the progress made in the implementation of the 2017 resolutions of the Traditional Leaders Indaba.

“The national land spaces of our birth define ecosystems of life, our collective consciousness, nationhood and the possibilities of future progress that any nation including ours, desires for its people,” said Deputy President Mabuza while giving the keynote address.

The summit came after extensive nationwide consultations with relevant stakeholders that culminated in a position paper of government on land administration and land tenure in communal land areas.

It was divided into three commissions namely; land administration and tenure in communal areas, spatial planning, land use management in communal areas, and Khoi-San land-related issues, for discussions

The session provided an opportunity for government and traditional leaders to discuss issues of the administration of communal land and security of tenure and mechanisms aimed at fast-tracking the implementation of socio-economic development programmes in traditional communities.

Ultimately the proposals discussed and resolutions of this summit will provide a refined framework resulting in a clear policy instrument to advance land administration and tenure reforms in the country.

Furthermore, the discussions will ensure development and infrastructure improvement in land administration and tenure reform in communal areas to support key sector value chains that must be developed to concentrate value creation and employment opportunities in close proximity to where people live.

“As government we are committed to ensuring that the outcomes of this summit assist us in addressing the issues of communal land administration and land tenure in rural communities,” concluded Deputy President Mabuza.



Deputy President David Mabuza delivering the keynote address.

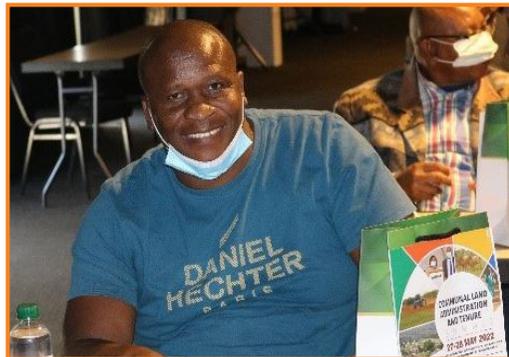


The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development exhibition stalls.



Nicholas Ngobe and Timothy Mbanjwa said:

“Access to land for farming and security of tenure to all in farming is very important. It guarantees your security of tenure and the ability to develop as an emerging farmer and provides peace of mind in knowing that you are a farm and land owner.”



Thulani Dladla said:

“Land ownership and security to occupy it will provide peace of mind to all in communal land areas and will lead to socio-economic development in such areas.”



Nthabiseng Mokoena said:

“Women play an important role in the farming sector and family life, however, security of tenure and access to land is still our main challenge in the communal areas. We need a policy that will guarantee us security of tenure and occupancy of land, regardless of whether the husband is alive or not because currently, patriarchy plays a major role in land ownership in communal areas.”