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PRIORITY 1: INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND JOB CREATION.

First South Africa G20 Presidency roadshow hosted in Limpopo

By Doctrine Netshikweta; GCIS, Limpopo

On 7 March 2025, the Department of International Relations and Cooperation, in partnership with the Limpopo Provincial Government, conducted a Group of Twenty (G20) roadshow at the University of Venda Stadium, Limpopo. The event was attended by community-based organisations, as well as representatives from traditional councils, to access first-hand information on the benefits and impact of South Africa's G20 Presidency.

According to the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Ms Thandi Moraka, the roadshows aimed to outline the milestones and importance of South Africa's G20 Presidency to the entire African continent. "This is a government communication programme centred on driving inclusive economic growth and job creation, as well as the priorities to reduce poverty, tackle the high cost of living and build a capable, ethical and developmental state." She continued, "The roadshow aims to acquaint and embolden the province to market its products to attract foreign investment."

The Deputy Minister also explained the key elements of the G20 Presidency, which are expected to benefit Limpopo's growing economy, and indicated that Limpopo had beautiful, natural sites that could promote overall tourism in the country. "The G20 Presidency will make all this happen and as such, create job opportunities," she said, before adding, "Limpopo is one of the places that leaves a lasting impression on anyone visiting."

This marks the first ever G20 roadshow in Africa, and forms part of a plan for the province to utilise South Africa's presidency to attract more investments. The final G20 Summit will be held in Gauteng in November 2025, whereafter, South Africa will hand over the presidency to the United States of America. Government leaders, including Limpopo Member of the Executive Council for Economic Development and Tourism, Mr Tshitereke Matibe, thanked the South African government for the opportunity to host visitors in their province.



Stakeholders at the G20 roadshow at the University of Venda Stadium.



Deputy Minister Moraka addressing delegates during the G20 roadshow.



Members of the diplomatic corps in attendance on the day.



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Prof. Joseph Francis from the University of Venda said:
“Institutions of higher learning are the resource centre of economic development. As the University of Venda, we feel highly respected when government gives us the opportunity to host an event of such magnitude. As a token of appreciation, we are volunteering to offer any research services that can enable smooth running of South Africa’s G20 Presidency. Our mandate is to ensure that proper research is being conducted for any further development. That is why we are opening our hand for the country’s development.”



Mr Penny Ngove, Chairperson of the Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders said:
“As leaders of the community and custodians of land, we are so pleased as the country to be given an opportunity to chair the G20. Therefore, we urge those interested in venturing into business to make proper arrangements for accessing land, so that it can be processed on time and be able to grab this opportunity availed in our country.”



Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba said:
“As the only African nation represented in the G20, it is upon us to amplify the voices of developing economies, mainly from the African continent. Limpopo is the heartland of South Africa; this is a province which is rich in natural resources. It offers a diverse range of destinations including the Mapungubwe National Park, Kruger National Park, Magoebaskloof, Bela-Bela, Hoedspruit and Phalaborwa; with attractions like Lake Fundudzi, Baobab tree sites and the Polokwane Art Museum. Let us make the G20 Presidency the beginning of a new era of global partnerships where our province stands not only as a contributor to South Africa’s economy, but as a beacon of opportunity, innovation and progress on the African continent.”



Ms Katlego Zwane from Boekenhouthoek said:

“This was a platform we have been waiting for. In future, more young people should be on board with their participation. Stakeholders and political principals must encourage us more to participate in resolving issues affecting young people. This programme assisted us a lot for us to move forward as the youth of the municipality.”



Mr Prince Mnguni from Moloto village said:

“The summit went well and the overall view is that it was good and the main objective of the summit was met. It is just that some of the points were repeated; however, there were interesting points made for strategic implementation going forward.”

PRIORITY 3: A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

Summit encourages youth participation in government programmes

By Reki Skosana; GCIS, Mpumalanga

On 6 February 2025, the Government Communication and Information System supported a youth summit held at Zithabiseni Resort in the Thembisile Hani Local Municipality (THLM). A stakeholder engagement was also conducted to raise awareness on government’s Programme of Action as articulated in President Cyril Ramaphosa’s State of the Nation Address (SoNA). Participants included representatives from the departments of Agriculture, Minerals and Energy, Employment and Labour, Culture, Sport and Recreation, Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency, Sector Education and Training Authority, National Youth Development Agency, Thembisile Hani Youth Brigade, South African Association of Youth Clubs, South African Youth Council, the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa and the Thembisile Hani Youth Development Forum.

“You are here as young people to deliberate on issues affecting the youth of THLM. This administration took a deliberate decision to champion five pillars of governance within the municipality, and pillar number five, which is socio-economic development, is where youth empowerment initiatives are found, and we support youth programmes practically. That is the reason

we are gathered today to engage robustly and constructively on issues and matters affecting the youth of the municipality,” said Mr Dumisani Mahlangu, Municipal Manager in the THLM when conveying a message of support.

In his keynote address, Member of the Mayoral Committee for Social Services in the municipality, Cllr TJ Ntuli, said, “Young people, we are here because of you, and you must indicate to us the kind of water required to water the seed that we are planting here today, and please bear in mind that our municipality is dominated by young people. I want to urge you to consider paying for municipal services, whether employed or not, and if not, there are ways in place to ensure that it is done to make the municipality economically viable.”

The session was well attended by young people and their participation in all the engagements was positive. Stakeholders shared available development opportunities in government to assist the youth, and ways to access them.



Community members supported the youth summit and pre-SoNA mobilisation session at the Zithabiseni Resort.



Pastor Khauhelo Gift Teu said:

“The 30 years of democracy have brought us freedom and accessibility of government services. We are grateful that the government brought this programme to Munsieville to engage with the community on issues of substance abuse and organisations that are in place to assist.”



Ms Karabo Cossa said:

“As a young person and a born-free, I am grateful for opportunities that we are able to access. Today people are able to have free education, free health services and many more.”

PRIORITY 3: A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

Democracy Bus touches down in Gauteng’s Westrand

By Tshidi Mokoka; GCIS, Gauteng

The Democracy Bus arrived in Gauteng, making its first stop in the Westrand District on 5 March 2025. The bus visited Kokosi township near Fochville in the Merafong City Local Municipality and Munsieville, a small township outside Krugersdorp in the Mogale City Local Municipality.

The programme in Kokosi was a precursor to the “*Ke Moja* (I’m fine without drugs)” campaign and service delivery outreach in Munsieville, which took place on Friday, 7 March 2025. Both events aimed to raise awareness on substance abuse, highlight government efforts to support individuals and families affected by drug and alcohol abuse and provide a platform for departments and organisations to offer services and information to the community.

At the Kokosi event, Mr Karabo Moleko, a Community Development Worker (CDW), emphasised government’s achievements in the area by saying, “The housing project has restored dignity for many families who were previously disadvantaged. Over the past 30 years, our government has transformed many lives in our community. We are grateful to have the Democracy Bus here, reminding people of the government’s hard work.” The Democracy Bus has been going around the country to celebrate government’s successes in the 30 years since the advent of democracy.



Stakeholders in Munsieville appreciated the Democracy Bus activation during the “*Ke Moja* (I’m fine without drugs)” outreach programme.



Mr Karabo Moleko, a CDW (in the grey t-shirt) joined the community of Kokosi township for a ride on the Democracy Bus.

PRIORITY 3: A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

World TB Day commemoration at Ugu District Municipality

By Khanyiso Seyisi; GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

Chairperson of the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC), Deputy President Paul Mashatile, delivered a keynote address at the 2025 World Tuberculosis (TB) Day commemoration event and launch of the National End TB Campaign at the Ugu Sports and Leisure Centre in Ugu District Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal (KZN).

"South Africa is among 30 countries that account for 87% of the global TB burden. It is also among 10 countries battling the burden of TB, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), TB co-infection, as well as drug-resistant TB. Yet, TB is a disease that is preventable and perfectly curable, even if one is living with HIV," said the Deputy President.

He continued, "We must therefore, work much harder to change this situation. Hence, before we started the programme, we visited families that required support. We must continuously visit

families, as prevention is the foundation of primary healthcare. This is another reason we have this commemoration, which is to remind us that TB is out there and it kills; however, we hold the power to end it!"

Some of the dignitaries present at the launch included the Chairperson of the KZN Provincial House of Traditional and Khoisan Leaders, Inkosi Rubert Sifiso Shinga; Premier of KZN, Mr Thamsanqa Ntuli; Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi; Deputy Minister of Health, Mr Joe Paahla; KZN Member of Executive Council for Health, Ms Nomagugu Simelane-Mngadi; SA Patron of Global Alliance, Ms Humile Mashatile and SANAC Civil Society Chairperson, Mr Solly Nduku. Prior to the launch, Deputy President Mashatile led a walkabout and visited households in Gamalakhe township, where community members agreed to be screened and tested for TB as part of the commemoration.



Deputy President Mashatile delivering the keynote address at the National World TB Day event and launch of the National End TB Campaign.



Dr Motsoaledi outlining TB statistics and strategies to overcome the pandemic at the World TB Day event and launch of the National End TB Campaign in KZN.



Premier Ntuli addressing the community at the National World TB Day commemorative event and launch of the National End TB Campaign.



Various health services onsite at the World TB Day commemoration, including TB screening, HIV, diabetes, eye testing and others.



Dr Motsoaledi briefing the media at the White City Community Hall in Gamalakhe.