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PRIORITY I: CAPABLE AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

GCIS Information Resource Centre conducts activation in Atteridgeville

By Sebjalo Rachuene; GCIS, Head Office

On 28 February 2025, a team from the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) Information Resource Centre (IRC) conducted a community activation at the Attlyn Mall in Atteridgeville.

The aim of the activation was to promote the IRC's services and the GCIS's mandate to the public, raise awareness on the registration of spaza shops and communicate the transition from the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) gold card to the new Post Bank Black card.

GCIS officials distributed information materials on the pronouncements made by President Cyril Ramaphosa during the State of the Nation Address, food safety, gender-based violence and femicide, anti-corruption and 30 Years of Democracy. Community members received promotional materials including carry-bags, rulers and keyholders containing government messages.

The residents expressed gratitude to government for keeping them updated on its plans and programmes, and requested that similar activations be conducted regularly.



Members of the community were happy to receive GCIS bags and SASSA leaflets.



Community members appreciated the crucial information shared by GCIS officials during the activation.



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

GCIS Acting DG unpacks SoNA and South Africa’s G20 Presidency on Kouga FM

By Noluvuyo Mangweni; GCIS, Eastern Cape

On 10 February 2025, the Acting Director-General (ADG) of the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), Ms Nomonde Mnuakwa, and the Executive Mayor of the Sarah Baartman District, Cllr Deon De Vos, participated in a community radio interview on Kouga FM. The discussions centered around South Africa’s historic Presidency of the Group of Twenty (G20) for 2025 and key points from the State of the Nation Address (SoNA).

In their reflections on the SoNA, Ms Mnuakwa and Cllr De Vos highlighted several initiatives designed to enhance South Africa’s socio-economic progress. They noted significant investments in infrastructure and railways, as well as programmes aimed at boosting economic activity and job creation.

South Africa began its Presidency of the G20 on 1 December 2024, marking a historical moment as the first African nation to lead this prominent group of the world’s largest economies. They highlighted that the opportunity created fertile ground for the advancement of African priorities on a global stage.

Under the theme: "Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability", South Africa intends to focus on crucial areas such as economic development, climate resilience and social justice.

Ms Mnuakwa also elaborated on the implications of the National Health Insurance (NHI) and how it would improve South Africa’s health system. She explained that the NHI aimed to ensure universal healthcare access for all citizens, reducing inequalities in the health sector and improving service delivery, particularly in under-resourced communities. Additionally, she spoke at length about the newly promulgated Land Expropriation Act of 2024, emphasising government’s commitment to address historical land injustices, while ensuring food security and economic stability. She highlighted that the Act was designed to promote equitable land redistribution, stimulate agricultural productivity and support sustainable land use to benefit all South Africans.



ADG Mnuakwa unpacking SoNA and South Africa’s G20 Presidency on Kouga FM.



SoNA and G20 discussions during a community radio interview on Kouga FM led by ADG Mnuakwa and Cllr De Vos.



Kouga FM Station Manager, Mr Marvin Terblanche; Acting GCIS Deputy Director-General, Mr Sandile Nene; ADG Mnuakwa and GCIS Eastern Cape Provincial Director, Mr Ndlelantle Pinyana.

PRIORITY 5: SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFER COMMUNITIES.

Deputy Minister Tandi Mahambehla hosts career expo and exhibition in the Western Cape

By Peter Titus; GCIS, Western Cape

The Deputy Minister of Human Settlements (DHS), Ms Tandi Mahambehla, hosted a Youth Career Expo and Exhibition in the Western Cape on 14 February 2025, to empower learners in Grades 10, 11 and 12; unemployed graduates and youth, about available opportunities within the human settlements sector. This was done in partnership with various sector stakeholders, including those operating in the field of youth development.

The expo, which brought together public and private sector institutions, combined education and entertainment to create an engaging and impactful event.

Deputy Minister Mahambehla was accompanied by the Deputy Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Mmapaseka "Steve" Letsike; Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Education, Ms Khomotjo Joy Maimela; Chief Executive Officer of the Property Practitioners Regulatory

Authority, Ms Thato Ramaili; and the Executive Deputy Chairperson of the National Youth Development Agency, Ms Karabo Mohale.

The youth who attended the expo were exposed to various industry-related careers and opportunities, as well as information on how they could be absorbed into Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges to pursue their careers. A buzz of excitement could be felt in the atmosphere as the learners eagerly attended the various information points and stalls set up on the college premises.

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) arranged radio interviews with Radio KC and Paarl FM for both deputy ministers, to amplify the role of their respective departments as well as available opportunities that young people can access.



Deputy Minister Mahambehla at Radio KC.



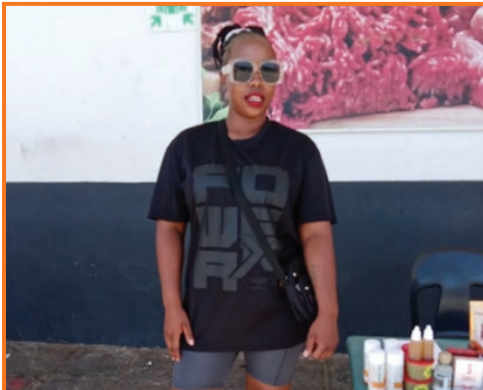
Radio KC and the GCIS worked together to profile the work of the DHS.



Deputy Ministers Mahambehla and Letsike received by the Principal of Boland TVET College, Mr Charles Goodwin.



More than 2 000 learners attended the career expo in Paarl.



Ms Olerato Msibi said:

“I hope the President touches on unemployment and job creation. I have qualifications, and it is a struggle to find a stable job with no work experience.”



Mr Mlungisi Mohaeka said:

“I have lost hope in government and have not seen any implementation, but I will watch SoNA just to know what is happening in the country.”

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

Government Communication and Information System pre-SoNA radio discussion

By Lebogang Molebatsi; GCIS, Free State

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) hosted a pre-State of the Nation Address (SoNA) mobilisation on 5 February 2025 at the Welkom taxi rank, followed by a discussion at Shanel Digital Radio, in Welkom, on 6 February 2025.

The mobilisation was to educate community members about the SoNA and encourage them to listen to the speech, which would enable them to gain a deeper understanding of government’s key policy objectives, deliverables and initiatives aimed at addressing economic growth, job creation and service delivery.

The Executive Mayor of the Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Cllr Veronica Ntakumbana, was invited to the pre-SoNA discussion to share her thoughts

during a live radio interview. She emphasised that President Cyril Ramaphosa needed to address crucial issues including unemployment, skills development and job creation, water and sanitation, and attracting investments to boost the country’s economy.

Cllr Ntakumbana further explained that the District Development Model would be implemented to drive growth and government collaboration with municipalities. She emphasised the significance of residents tuning into the SoNA, stressing the importance of being well-informed about the country’s progress, national developments and developmental plans.



GCIS official, Ms Ntombi Mhlambi, encouraging taxi commuters at Welkom taxi rank to watch the SoNA.



Cllr Ntakumbana sharing her insights on the SoNA with Radio Shanel host, Ms Petunia Dick.