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## PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

### Career exhibition empowers learners

By Kaone Lekgetho and Ephraim Malema: GCIS, North West

The Government Communication and Information System in partnership with Moses Kotane Local Municipality hosted an annual career exhibition for the Grade 11 and 12 learners at Sun City on 30 August 2022.

All schools within the Moses Kotane Local Municipality were targeted to this integrated career exhibition, which was launched in 2021 and aimed to be an annual event promoting education as one of the significant sustainable development components to be valued.

This year's career expo is held under the theme: "Empowering learners with appropriate career choice".

During the exhibition, each school was granted an hour to approach different exhibition stalls to engage, learn and be guided into careers that they are interested in.

The institutions that were at the event included the North West University, Rostec College, Orbit College, Tshwane University of Technology, University of Pretoria and the Sefako Makgato University.

Government departments such as the Department of Community Safety, Department of Transport and Department of Agriculture were also present.

Mining companies such as Anglo American, Northam, Pilanesburg Mines and Sun City Career Centre team were also part of the event.



Learners engaging with stakeholders during a career exhibition at Sun City.



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**PRIORITY 1: BUILDING A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.**

**Public Service Month activation**

By Ofentse Finger: GCIS, Free State

On 1 September 2022, the Free State Office of the Premier hosted Public Service Month activation with provincial government departments the as the Treasury, Police, Roads and Transport, Agriculture, and Public Works. Institutions such as the Hawks and the Government Communication and Information System were also present. The event took place at the Cricket Stadium in Bloemfontein.

The activation celebrated public servants as the Public Service Month campaign aims to rededicate and improve the morale of public servants through the Batho Pele Revitalisation Strategy.

While addressing the audience, Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs MEC Mxolisi Dukwana said the day was that of the renewal for the public servants for the service they provide to the communities.

The MEC also appreciated the commitment of the public servants, especially the frontline workers, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The keynote speaker, Premier Sefora Ntombela, gave the message of support to the public servants for their commitment to their work.

The Premier echoed the words of MEC Dukwana that public servants were working hard to sacrifice for this country during COVID-19.

She mentioned how impressed she was with the Department of Health for working as a collective during the pandemic that one could not differentiate between a cleaner, doctor and nurse.

Premier Ntombela also urged public servants to always uphold the principles of *Batho Pele* and the Service Charter.



Public servants celebrating Public Service Day in Bloemfontein.



Various Free State Government departments exhibited at the activation.



**Thabo Magolo said:**

“I am happy about this day because it is about us public servants, whereby the province of Free State takes recognition of the work we do. It is vital that we service our people and this day is meant for us to embrace service delivery as the driving force behind government.”



**Xoxile Ntlokwana said:**

“I was happy with today’s event because it got to unite us as public servants. I am very grateful, it shows our commitment as public servants that we are willing to care, serve and belong.”



**Johannes Cloete said:**

“I am excited about all the opportunities that are available for us to get employed. The best of all is that, if you do your best and they see it, you can have work for many years to come. This Gamsberg project will definitely make a huge difference in the lives of many people.”



**Gert Platjies said:**

“I wish my father could live to see this day. He always told us about the richness of the earth in this area, now I can be part of exploiting it for the benefit of many people.”



**Hermien Jansen said:**

“I am super excited about the developments in our area. Not only the workers at Gamsberg and their families will benefit, but shop owners like me, garages, schools and a large number of different businesses. I am glad that I am part of this development in our area.”

## PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

### Gamsberg project to create more jobs

*By Willem van Dalen: GCIS, Northern Cape*

On 5 August 2022, Northern Cape Premier Zamani Saul, joined by the MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Abraham Vosloo, and the CEO of Gamsberg Mine of the Vedanta Zinc International, Arun Misra, officiated the sod turning of Phase 2 of the Gamsberg Project in the Namakwa District Municipality.

The second phase of the project is valued at more than R7 billion as part of the R21 billion committed by Vedanta at the Investment Conference held by President Cyril Ramaphosa in 2018.

This project will employ more than 2 500 people during its construction phase and 1 000 people during operations.

With a lifespan of more than 30 years, the project is set to make a huge difference, not only in Namakwa, but throughout the province, and the country as a whole.

During his speech, Premier Saul said the Northern Cape Provincial Government remained committed to its vision of building a modern, growing and successful province for the benefit of the people.

“It is good to hear that there will be 2 500 more jobs created during the coming phase of the Gamsberg mine. This means that 2 500 households will benefit from the expansion. In turn, more employed people means more and better services in the area, better infrastructure in the community, bigger and better shops and other industries,” he said.

Vedanta intends to build a Gamsberg refinery, which would see a further investment of R10 billion at its peak.



Stakeholders in the Gamsberg Phase 2 project unveiling the cornerstone of the new phase of the project.



Stakeholders in the Gamsberg project at the event.

## PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Women empowerment programme

By Tshidi Mokoka: GCIS, Gauteng

The Kagiso Stakeholder Forum in the West Rand District, Gauteng, hosted a women's self-care awareness programme on 17 August 2022, at the Recreation Centre in Kagiso, in commemoration of Women's Month.

Celebrated under the banner: "Before them, there is me", stakeholders provided women with information related to their own empowerment.

Elizabeth Zondo from the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation said that women always ensure that everyone in their lives is content and then tell themselves that as long as everyone else is happy, they are happy too.

This, Zondo said, might lead to emotional breakdown as it becomes too much to keep everybody content and happy.

"Putting others first might work well as long as it is motivated by the healthy reasons. Ignoring this can put you under a lot of stress which might lead to a potential risk of depression," she said.

She also informed women about the importance of putting themselves first and to be able to seek help when they feel overwhelmed.

"It is not a sin to ask to help. Many organisations assist in providing help when you feel emotionally drained. It is only up to you to take the first step in starting the process of self-care," she concluded.

The session was also attended by Raynolda Makhutle, who is a member of CancerVive, an organisation that goes across the country to create awareness about cancer.

The National Cancer Registry states that breast cancer is one of the top five cancers affecting women in the country.

As a cancer survivor, Makhutle's mission is to push women, especially those in the black community to take care of themselves and to do self-checks if they are unable to visit a doctor.

During her address, she said her organisation's mission is to raise awareness about cancer and encourage women to do pap smears and other tests.

"Gone are those days where people suffered in silence because cancer can be beaten when it is detected early. Public hospitals are now geared to treat this disease, it is up to you to take the first step," she said.

Other stakeholders that engaged with the women included Health Promotion from Fanyana Nhlapo Clinic, Teddy Bear Clinic, West Rand Youth Development and Gender-Based Violence Brigades, who shared information on services they offer to ensure that women are safe and lead productive lives.



Raynolda Makhutle addressing women on cancer-related matters.



Women holding placards indicating that they will not be silent about their health issues.



**Senzelwa Tabane said:**

"I am glad that I attended this event today especially now during Women's Month. So many things were shared but I loved the information we received about cancer. As a young person, it is important to see activities where women speak about health issues affecting them and also share ways of empowering each other."



**Vukatimuni Rikhotso said:**

"As a health official, I am mandated to educate women on all matters to do with their health and encourage them to adopt a healthy lifestyle. We encourage not only women to visit their local health facilities to check on their health status to ensure that illnesses are caught early and addressed."