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PRIORITY 3: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Public viewing event targets youth

By Tshidi Mokoka: GCIS, Gauteng

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), in collaboration with community development workers (CDW) of the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, hosted the community of Kokosi in Foucheville at the Kokosi Teachers' Centre to view the live broadcast of the Presidential Inauguration taking place at the Union Buildings on 19 June 2024.

Ms Ntombi Thakuli from the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) engaged with the youth on processes that take place during an election year and what the Presidential Inauguration entailed. She said: "Our democracy

plays a vital role in ensuring that correct steps are followed when elected people are put in power." She encouraged the youth to familiarise themselves with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa of 1996, which outlines all steps being taken during an election year leading to an inauguration.

The youth expressed their excitement for being in the same room with their peers to watch the ceremony together. One of the attendees, Ms Sindiswa Mako, said watching the ceremony with other people was more exciting. "I could have stayed at home to watch but the IEC taught us how important it is to be part of democratic processes taking place in the country," she said.



Youth attending the public viewing of the Presidential Inauguration at the Kokosi Teachers' Centre.



Ms Thakuli, from the IEC, engaging with participants on democratic processes that are followed during an election year leading to an inauguration.



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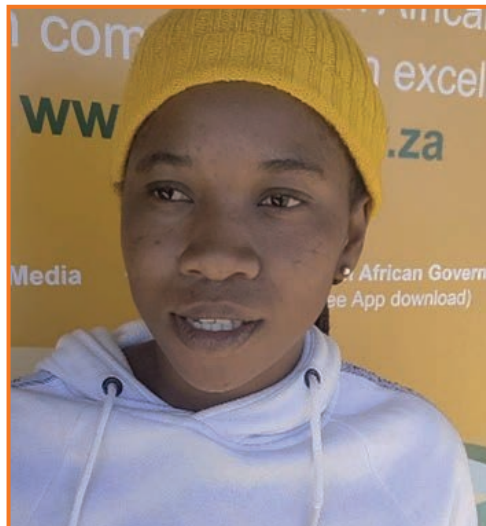
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Zintle Gigaba said:

“The President delivered a powerful speech and I am hoping as a young person that jobs will be created for us. It is disheartening to see so many of us who are qualified not being able to be employed.”



Minah Ncofe said:

“I was excited to be here to see the inauguration. I am hoping that our new government will avail bursaries for us to continue with our studies. Also, jobs are needed because so many young people are not working.”

The older persons said the following about the event:



Gogo Christina Sithole said:
“We are satisfied and happy that President Cyril Ramaphosa has been inaugurated.”



Gogo Winnie Shabangu said:
“We were at the community hall to watch President Ramaphosa being inaugurated. We are happy as his speech was also encouraging. We are grateful for the opportunity.”

PRIORITY 6: A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

GCIS organises Presidential Inauguration public live viewing session

By Reki Skosana: GCIS, Mpumalanga

The Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) – in collaboration with the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality, Department of Social Development, Nkangala District Municipality, local media and civil-society organisations – organised a public-viewing session for the recent Presidential Inauguration. People with disabilities and older persons were afforded an opportunity to come together at a community hall and view this national event as it unfolded.

The Presidential Inauguration heralded the beginning of the new administration and it was of paramount importance that no one was left behind in educating and creating awareness about the event.

The session aimed to empower older persons and people with disabilities about the importance of knowing and participating in a democracy, as South Africa was also celebrating 30 Years of Freedom and Democracy.

Commenting on the event, Gogo Jacobeth Sithole said: “We are happy that our President has been ushered into the Seventh Administration; he is blessed because he will be serving his second term. He must take good care of us.”

The well-attended session demonstrated government’s commitment to ensuring that older persons and persons with disabilities are also involved in activities taking place in the country.



Older persons and people with disabilities attended the Presidential Inauguration public-viewing session at the Mbibane Community Hall at the Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality.

PRIORITY 4: BUILDING A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

Programme promotes environmental awareness

By Thandinkosi Zulu: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DEDTEA) has selected the Ophathe Primary School in Muden, under the Umvoti Municipality, to benefit from the School Environmental Education Programme (SEEP), which promotes environmental awareness at schools.

The SEEP is part of the 30 Years of Freedom initiatives and promotes government's slogan: #LeaveNoOneBehind. It is part of the educational awareness campaign aimed at advocating environmental rights and responsibilities by mobilising young pupils to participate in the greening and

conservation of the environment. On 10 April 2024, the KwaZulu-Natal DEDTEA donated garden tools, wheely bins and fruit trees to the school, which were appreciated with enthusiasm by both learners and educators.

“We are forever grateful as Ophathe Primary School to have such a caring government for our learners.”



Environmental awareness and Freedom Month information-sharing sessions underway at Ophathe Primary School in Muden.



The learners displaying some of the goods donated by the KwaZulu-Natal DEDTEA.

PRIORITY 7: A BETTER AFRICA AND WORLD.

Matlerekeng community attends Presidential Inauguration public viewing event

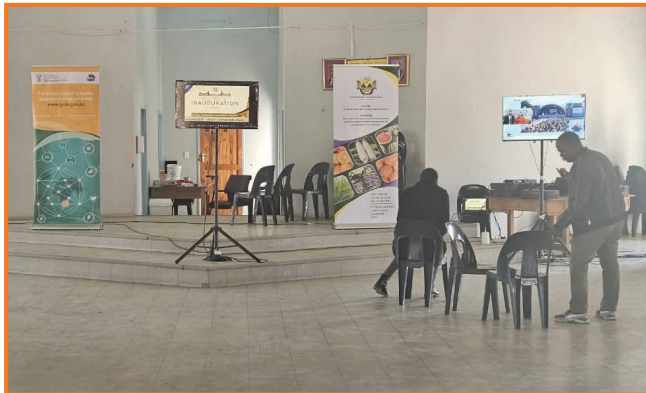
By Nkopodi Mokgoma: GCIS, Limpopo

On 19 June 2024, the community of Matlerekeng village gathered at the Matlerekeng Thusong Service Centre Hall in Moutse West, under the Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, for the public viewing of the Presidential Inauguration.

The GCIS organised the event in collaboration with the Matlerekeng Thusong Service Centre and Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality. Mr Nkopodi Mokgoma, the Sekhukhune District Regional

Communication Coordinator, outlined the purpose of the event, and described it as a gesture of social cohesion and nation-building. The community of Matlerekeng viewed the Presidential Inauguration proceedings taking place at the Union Buildings in Pretoria.

In his closing remarks on behalf of the local municipality, Mr Daniel Sedutla thanked everybody for attending the event.



TV screens used for the public screening session.



South African Police Service members arriving at the venue.



Community members viewing the Presidential Inauguration.