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**PRIORITY I: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.**

**Constitutional awareness activation**

*By Eunice Nkuna: GCIS, Limpopo*

The Deputy Minister in The Presidency, Thembu Siweya, in partnership with Brand SA, conducted the Constitutional Awareness Activation aimed at promoting access to information among the youth at Green Farm Village, Malamulele Local Municipality in Limpopo on 28 February 2020. The event was held under the theme: "Play your part" and was supported by stakeholders such as Limpopo Economic Development and National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), which shared information on youth entrepreneurship funding and entrepreneurial opportunities.

Lerato Legodi, Stakeholder Relations Officer at Brand SA said they brought the Play your part programme and constitutional awareness in Malamulele "which seeks to inspire the nation to celebrate the good that people do and it encourages the nation and the people to start doing good and do positive things in the communities they resides."

Deputy Minister Siweya encouraged young people to take initiative. "Start something with the idea that you have so that when an opportunity arises you move to higher level. Start small and expand because government, through different entities, is more than ready to assist those who are prepared to work. Start something, start small," she said.



Deputy Minister Thembu Siweya addressing the youth.



Stakeholders addressing young people at the event.



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The Deputy Minister also elaborated on how government has put in place, plans to assist the youth and also encouraged them to become active participants on government programmes and be the entrepreneurs that will assist to grow the economy of this country.

Sikheto Mlambo from the NYDA appealed to the youth of Green Farm to use the agency's offices because there is funding for their ideas and business initiatives. He also outlined the different categories and requirements to access funding.

Limpopo Economic Development indicated that his offices are ready to assist the youth with development of business plans and profiles.



**Cecilia Khosa said:**

"I am a shoe designer. Currently, I design shoes at a small scale and sell to local people but my desire is to grow this business. My challenge is lack of capital."



**Justice Mhlanga said:**

"Traditional leaders should assist us with providing business sites because having funding without a site is a challenge."



**Khosha Lerato said:**

"We have ideas needed to start something but without money we end up being discouraged and start looking for jobs."



**Ntokozo Mchunu said:**

“This centre is going to benefit the community a lot, especially us as young people. If we need more information about something we learnt at schools, it will be easy to come here and find the information.”



**Zamanguni Khuzwayo said:**

“We are happy to have received this centre as this the first time we have computers and WiFi in the area. It will help us a lot with our school work. We must use the centre and the equipment with care.”



**Mhlengi Mbatha said:**

“We are very happy about this centre as it will help us with research for school projects. We must take care of it and not damage the equipment when we use it.”

## PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Youth equipped with digital skills

By Vasanthi Naidoo: GCIS, KwaZulu-Natal

The Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies, Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams handed over the Digital Learning Centre to community members in Noordsberg, Ndwedwe, on 14 February 2020. This was a follow-up visit following the one she conducted in 2017 together with the then Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa. It was during this visit that both principals promised to set up a computer laboratory in Ndwedwe.

Ndwedwe Local Municipality is a rural area with little information technology infrastructure. The Digital Learning Centre, which was digitised and renovated by MTN, is equipped with 20 computers and is disability friendly. Vaya Afrika provided digital books while Gamma Technologies sponsored local learners with calculators and school bags. The Department of Communications and Digital Technologies in partnership with Siyafunda provided training on coding, cyber safety and security, and cellphone repair.

Minister Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams, accompanied by the MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Nomusa Dube-Ncube conducted an oversight visit of the KwaZulu-Natal Data Science and 3D Printing Skills Programme at the Young Men’s Christian Association in Durban. Learners were skilled in various computer software such as coding, 3D printing, robotics and other programs. Minister Ndabeni-Abrahams informed the learners that upskilling was necessary with the advent of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and given the dynamic nature of information communications technology globally.



Minister Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams addressing the learners at the centre.

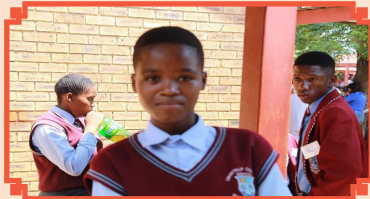


Minister Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams addressing the students at the KwaZulu-Natal Data Science and 3D Printing Skills Programme.



**Thokozile Tsoetsi said:**

“I am happy that we have received bicycles from government. Walking from home to school has always been a challenge because at times we arrived late due to the distance that we had to walk every day. Sometimes we would be afraid to pass through scary fields. These bicycles will not put an end to that, however, it would be better to ride than to walk to school.”



**Suzan Ntini said:**

“I am happy to have received a bicycle because I used to travel to school using a bus, but there came a time when my parent could no longer afford to provide me with the bus fare and I had to walk to school. That is now in the past and I am grateful for this gesture displayed by government.”



**Evelyn Mahlangu said:**

“It was very difficult for my parents to cater for my transport fee to come to school but now I own a bicycle and that will assist me to reach school and home with ease. I am thankful to both the school principal and government.”

## PRIORITY 2: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

### Learners receive bicycles

*By Reki Skosana: GCIS, Mpumalanga*

The Department of Transport donated 350 bicycles to learners who had to walk 5 km to school every day, which resulted in them arriving late and tired. The bicycles were donated on 17 February 2020 to three schools in the Victor Khanye Local Municipality.

Handing over the bicycles to the identified beneficiaries, the Deputy Minister of Transport, Dikeledi Magadzi, urged the learners and schools to take care of the bicycles and said she believes that the bicycles would be put to good use and in the interest of education.

The event was also coupled with exhibition stalls that sought to empower learners with information on various career paths within the transport industry and other sectors that participated in the exhibition. Stakeholders that supported the event included the Government Communication and Information System, Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Department of Education, Department of Transport, Mbuyelo Coal, Universal Coal, and Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.



The handover of bicycles to school learners.

## PRIORITY 6: A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

### Jacobsdal hosts post-SoNA dialogue

By Cholo Mothibi: GCIS, Free State

On 14 February 2020, the Government Communication and Information System conducted a post-State of the Nation Address dialogue with stakeholders in Jacobsdal at Ratanang Library. The purpose of the dialogue was to analyse the issues that President Cyril Ramaphosa mentioned in his speech and to localise them to see if there are achievements or challenges in Jacobsdal.

The dialogue comprised stakeholders from the South African Police Service, Department of Labour, Department of Correctional Services, Department of Health, Library Services, non-governmental organisations, members of the District Communication Forum and Xhariep District Municipality.

During the discussion, the Community Policing Forum chairperson Desmond Van Wyk spoke about crime as the President mentioned that there will be anti-gang units to be strengthened in four provinces, which include the Free State. He requested government to prioritise all provinces. The dialogue ended on a high note.



**Kamohelo Thaisi said:**

I am happy that the speech covered the land expropriation but I needed to hear how Eskom will come out of trouble because many people are losing their jobs."



**Anrich Greeff said:**

"The speech was very important because it touched on entrepreneurs who want to start their own businesses."



Desmond Van Wyk and Eugene Prince participating in the dialogue.