
MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: Friday, 14 February 2025

Attention: Journalists, News Editors and Executive Producers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM TO
HOST BUSINESS LICENSING WORKSHOPS FOLLOWING THE PROPOSED
STANDARDISED TOWNSHIP ECONOMY BY-LAWS**

Mbombela – The Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development and Tourism (*the dedt*) will conduct a series of business licensing workshops in the three District Municipalities of the Province, following the publication of new standardised draft by-laws for the township economy by the Minister of Corporative Governance and Traditional Affairs in November 2024. The by-laws, issued in accordance with the Local Government Municipal Systems Act of 2000, aim to create an enabling environment for small businesses in townships to support economic inclusion, job creation and community empowerment.

The workshops are scheduled as follows:

Ehlanzeni District

Date: Monday, 17 February 2025

Venue: Council Chamber, Mbombela Civic Centre, 1 Nel Street, Mbombela

Time: 10h30-14h30

Nkangala District

Date: Thursday, 20 February 2025

Venue: Council Chamber, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Cnr. Walter Sisulu & Wanderers Avenue,
Middelburg

Time: 10h00-14h00

Gert Sibande District

Date: Wednesday, 26 February 2025

Venue: Auditorium, Gert Sibande District Municipality Office Complex, Cnr. Joubert & Oosthuise Streets,
Ermelo

Time: 10h00-14h00

All media is invited.

For more information on the workshops, please contact **Ms. Genevieve Fynn** on **066 301 2734**.

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Issued by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism

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Notes to Editors:

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism, under the Mpumalanga Provincial Government, is mandated to stimulate economic growth and development in the Province, so as to create sustainable and decent employment, economic transformation and to alleviate poverty. The Department has three (3) Public Entities; namely, Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA), Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), and Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER), to which it has delegated some of its constitutionally-mandated functions. These functions relate to: trade and investment promotion; funding of SMMEs; tourism growth and development; tourism marketing; regulation of the gambling and liquor industries, including collection of gambling levies and liquor license fees, amongst others.