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# MEC's 100 Days In Office

*The Road Travelled by the MEC since joining the Department*

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**"Leadership is an action, not a position" – Donald McCannon**

**"A leader...is like a shepherd. He stays behind the flock, letting the most nimble go out ahead, whereupon the others follow, not realising that all along they are being directed from behind." Nelson Mandela**

What better way to start the first hundred (100) days in office, than to take cue from the words of wise leaders like our own Tat' uRolihlahla Nelson Mandela (Madiba). As the MEC responsible for Economic Development and Tourism in the Province, my mandate is to oversee the work of the Department, nurture and grow the economy of the Province, facilitate the development and growth of the Tourism sector and to create the much-needed jobs for our people.

Our role, as the ANC-led government, is to put policies and strategies in place, which will pave the way and accelerate economic growth. Growing the economy will bolster our efforts in the fight against the stubborn triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality. All these efforts can only be achieved if we uphold our Provincial slogan, "Let's grow Mpumalanga together," and maintain the partnerships with the private sector, other departments in all spheres, our entities; namely, the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA); Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER); the Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA), and the newly established Mpumalanga Nkomazi Special Economic Zone (SEZ).

The first hundred days were very rewarding because I could see that we are moving in the right direction to change the lives of our people for the better, and these efforts will in turn translate to inclusive economic growth.



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# MEC Masilela

## Gives Marching Orders *During The Strategic Planning Session*

**F**rom 16 to 18 September, the Department embarked on a three-day strategic planning session held at Hoyohoyo Angles View Hotel in Graskop in the Thaba Chweu Local Municipality.

In the main, the strategic planning workshop sought to give a clear direction on what the Department will do in the next five years, in fulfilment of the mandate given to it by His Excellency, President Cyril Ramaphosa, and Premier Mandla Ndlovu.

The strategic plan and programmes will online on the foundation that has been laid since the inception of the new dispensation in 1994, until the end of the sixth (6) administration.

“This Strategic Planning session must be utilised to set in motion the implementation of the targets set out in the Medium-Term Development Plan of government. This will be done by ensuring that we implement the projects, emanating from the Industrial plan, such as the Petro-chemical Industrial Park in Secunda, the Forestry Industrial Technology Park in Sabie and the Nkomazi Special Economic Zone in Komatipoort. All these game changer projects are at different levels of development”, MEC Masilela said.

As the leader of economic development in the Province, the Department is expected to drive inclusive economy, that leads to

the creation of more job opportunities for the people. The strategic planning workshop did not only give a clear direction on what the Department will do in the next five years, but has further assisted in calling for joint efforts and capital investment on: economic infrastructure development, economic sectors that are labour intensive, and intensifying re-industrialisation and diversification of the economy.

“As government, we are duty bound to open opportunities for our people without fear of contradictions. We are going to intensify our partnership with all government institutions to support the development of SMMEs. This includes the DFI's, training and skills development institutions, such as SEDA and the SETAs, including the South African Bureau of Standards. As I conclude, I want to request that the Department and its entities to strengthen the oversight committee that will track progress on the implementation of projects.

The public entities must take cue from the Department, since they are its implementing agents. I wish all of you a fruitful discussion, and hope we will come out of this session with implementable plans, that will ensure that we address the triple challenges of inequality, poverty and unemployment”, MEC Masilela concluded.





# It Is Still In Our Hands To Combat Poverty And Inequality

**T**he Nelson Mandela International Day, is not a public holiday, but a day for the people to volunteer their time in community service. The Day seeks not only celebrate the achievements of the former statesmen, Dr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, but to also give credence to his solid commitment to human rights, peace, conflict resolution and reconciliation. In his encouraging words, Dr Mandela once said, **“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead”**.

Madiba, as he was affectionately known, left a deep mark and contribution to the freedom struggle, after he had sacrificed his whole life fighting for justice. His life of selflessness inspired many South Africans to give at least 67 minutes of their time, to support, and serve people who are in need in the communities. In 2009, the United Nations General

Assembly (UNGA), upon realising the positive spin of Mandela Day in South Africa, declared July 18 as Nelson Mandela International Day; a global programme that touches the lives of different status levels around the globe.

“As we prepare to commemorate this global icon and father of the nation, Tat’ uMadiba, I encourage all and sundry to get involved in the combat against poverty and inequality, and further drive momentum towards positive change, raising awareness and spreading the scope of Tat’ uMandela’s values of fighting injustice, serving the people and practicing reconciliation through his famous quote that says, **“There can be no greater gift than that of giving one’s time and energy to helping other without expecting anything in return”**, concluded MEC Masilela.







# MEC's Visit To *Ekandustria Industrial Park and Loopspruit Wine Estate*

**O**n 13 August 2024, MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Ms Makhosazane Masilela, embarked on an oversight visit to the Ekandustria Industrial Park and Loopspruit Wine Estate. These Strategic projects belong to the Department's public entity, the Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA).

The MEC's visit to Ekandustria was in line with the assignment she gave to MEGA, to provide a comprehensive revitalisation programme of industrial parks, found largely in the former homeland areas.







# MEC Masilela Meets the MER Board Members and Management

**O**n 02 August 2024, MEC Makhosazane Masilela had a formal meet and greet with the Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER) Board members and Management, at the MER Offices in White River.

During the session, MEC Masilela acknowledged and appreciated the work done by both management and board members. **“I implore you to continue to maintain a clean audit and ensure that there is stability in the organisation. You can’t regress on this one – you have set the trend, so continue on the same path”**, said the MEC.







# MEC's

## SMMEs Empowerment *Roadshow* to Nkomazi- Hand-Over of Tools of Trade

The following informal businesses were empowered through the Tools of Trade on 23 August 2024:

1. Olia Hair Salon
2. Sebe's Salon
3. Sbo 4 Sma car wash
4. Papzo car wash
5. Luke car wash







# MEC Masile Tourism M



On 03 September 2024, MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Ms Makhosazane Masilela officially launched the much anticipated 2024 Tourism Month, at the Incwala Lodge, eMakhazeni Local Municipality.

“As we launch Tourism Month, we also officially mark the kick-off of a series of Provincial tourism events, that will happen during the month of September, and culminating into the National Tourism Day, on the 27th of September, which will be celebrated in Kimberly, in the Northern Cape Province. During Tourism Month, we will undertake a set of activities that foster tourism awareness in local communities of our Province, especially, within our townships and the less visited areas of Mpumalanga.

“As we all know, the tourism sector in the Province is without a doubt, our breadwinner and a critical driver of our economy.





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This sector, according to Statistics South Africa, contributes 3,7% to South Africa's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), thus, adding a significant value to the economy and overall development of our province and country.

“As the economic breadbasket of the Province of the Rising Sun, the tourism sector further allows us to showcase the countless wonders that make South Africa, Mpumalanga in particular, a true gem of the African continent and arguably the world. It is of paramount importance that the Department continues to support the MTPA in its quest of making Mpumalanga, a tourism destination of choice”, MEC Masilela enthusiastically said.

MEC Masilela further urged the media to partner with government, as ambassadors, on the journey to promote Mpumalanga as the tourism destination of choice. “In your reporting, I implore you to paint a positive picture about the beauty of the Province. The influence of your voice and reach cannot be overemphasised. With that being said, we can now confirm, without any shadow of doubt, that Mpumalanga tourism is open for business. **Angazi ulindeni, take a short left and explore Mpumalanga!**”, concluded MEC Masilela.





# Masibekela Rec Plays Host To Provincial Tourism

**T**he Department, under the stewardship of MEC Makhosazane Masilela, in partnership with the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), and the Nkomazi Local Municipality successfully held the 2024 Provincial Tourism Awareness Day at the Masibekela Recreational Park, in the Nkomazi Local Municipality.

For the past 30 years, the tourism sector has without a fail demonstrated its ability to unite the people of South Africa – hence it's labelled a sector, made by the people, and for the people. This critical sector is not only about travel and leisure, but it is also about how it changes the lives of the people by creating the much-needed jobs. Therefore, this calls for us to continuously nurture the tourism sector and expose our people to its serene wonders.

“We should bear in mind that when we travel, we create jobs, and this highlights the tourism sector's unique ability to create

more and better jobs, as we strive to build a better future for millions of people around our Province, South Africa, and the world-over. Therefore, in our quest to create awareness on tourism, this year, we chose Masibekela Recreational Park Site, exclusively because it is a pristine site located within the deep rural village of Nkomazi Local Municipality. We did so, because we want to stimulate the rural and township tourism, to diversify and disperse the benefits in tourism in the rural areas of our Province”, MEC Masilela said.

As part of the 2024 Tourism Month Legacy Programme, the Department has identified and funded the grading project for ten (10) accommodation establishments from the Nkomazi Local Municipality, namely; Elephant Park Guesthouse, Leftton's Guesthouse, Halfway House Guesthouse, NDN Park and Conference, Guduza Guesthouse, Matsamo Lakeview Hotel, Umbomvu Guesthouse, Nico's Guesthouse, Elangeni 2 Self Catering Apartment, and Shonga Events.





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## The 2024 Awareness Day

Furthermore, four (4) tourism businesses received Tourism Grading Certificates, as part of the 2023 Tourism Month Legacy Project namely;

- **Blackwood Eco Lodge**
- **The King's Empire Palace**
- **Morolo Lodge**
- **Leisure 45 Events**

“As I retreat, we must at all times, remember that without tourists, there's no tourism; and without tourism, there will be less jobs created. Once again, we must always remember that tourism is our 'new gold mine'; and we need to nurture it, if we want to continue to reap its sweet fruits”, MEC Masilela concluded.







# Mpumalanga's 3rd Annual Provincial Tourism Careers Expo- A Resounding Success

**T**he Department, under the proficient leadership of MEC Makhosazane Masilela, in partnership with the Department of Education, successfully hosted the 3rd annual Mpumalanga Provincial Tourism Careers Expo at the Sydney Choma Banquet Hall, Middleburg, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

The Provincial Tourism Careers Expo, under the theme: **“Tourism and Peace – 30 years of connecting people, places and culture”**, comes right after the Tourism Month Media Launch at the Iwala Lodge in the Emakhazeni Local Municipality. The Tourism Careers Expo sought to showcase the various careers, and business opportunities, that the tourism sector has in store for the young and eager learners. It also serves as a platform that encourages learners from across the Province, to think outside the box and choose Tourism as their career of choice.

As the *new gold mine* of our Province, tourism is a sector that has a huge potential of aiding in the achievement of the Mpumalanga Vision 2030 employment target of 2.1 million by 2030. Young people who chose tourism and hospitality studies are central to the future of the tourism industry, and the tourism and hospitality sector strongly relies on them to visit and explore the various holidaymaker's attraction sites, and product offerings that are just a stone throw away.

**“Tourism remains the world's fastest growing employment sector, that continues to adapt to new trends. During my maiden Departmental Policy and Budget Speech last month in August, we committed to create around 100 000 new and sustainable jobs every year, if we are to achieve the Mpumalanga Vision 2030 employment target of 2.1 million”**, MEC Masilela alluded.

On the other-hand, the Provincial Tourism Careers Expo has the following objectives to meet:

- **Highlight the skills development challenges and potential solutions within the sector;**
- **Highlight initiatives and programmes that are set to drive recovery;**
- **Showcase partner contribution towards skills development, education and training in tourism; and**
- **Showcase inclusive growth initiatives in the tourism sector.**

In our unyielding quest of making careers in tourism fashionable, the Department held some tourism intellectual challenging competitions in the 3 districts, which culminated into the Provincial elimination competition for learners. The competition was divided into four (4) categories; namely, Tourism Public Speaking; Baking for Hospitality; Consumer Studies Food Production; Consumer Studies Soft Furnishings (Cushions).

The winners of the respective District competitions participated in the Provincial competition, which took place at the Gert Sibande TVET College, Standerton Campus and were announced on 04 September 2024 at the illustrious Sydney Choma Banquet Hall. The overall winners represented the Province at the National Tourism Careers Expo, in Limpopo Province, from 08 – 10 October 2024. Those who participated at the Provincial Competition, but did not win, were offered an opportunity to attend the 2024 National Tourism Careers Expo. This was meant to provide the learners with a valuable opportunity to interact with the different tourism players, tourism product owners, and potential employers, institutions of higher learning, and motivational speakers.







**M**EC Makhosazane Masilela says the Public, Private Partnership between Government, the Private Sector and community members, should strive to ensure that the Barberton Makhonjwa Mountain – World Heritage Site, as declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), remains a strategic economic propeller and a key instrument in fighting the stubborn triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality.

MEC Masilela said this while addressing the Tribal Authorities, Members of the Mayoral Committee for Local Economic Development (MMC-LED) from the City of Mbombela, the Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality, various Tourism stakeholders and the members of the community from Umjindi, Barberton.

**“The success of economic development in the Province solemnly rests on the collaboration and the spirit of putting the people of the Place of the Rising sun first. Thus, as the main driver of sustainable economic development and leader of economic growth in the Province, we must ensure that the people of Umjindi, Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality and the Province as whole thoroughly benefits from the Barberton Makhonjwa Mountain World Heritage Site project”,** Masilela expounded.

MEC also implored the site with the various stakeholders, to ensure that they understand the impact and magnitude of the Barberton Makhonjwa Mountain World Heritage Site project, and its economic spin-offs for the Province. Masilela further encouraged the key stakeholders to work with Government in empowering and educating communities. On the day, stakeholders were afforded an opportunity to robustly deliberate and engage on the issues that relate to the Barberton Makhonjwa Mountain World Heritage site.

# MEC Masilela Meets

## *Strategic Stakeholders*









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## *The Mpumalanga To*

**A**s Part of the Tourism Month, which is annually celebrated in the month of September, MEC Masilela together with the Executive Mayor of the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Cllr. Matlanatso Moroane in partnership with the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), officially launched the Mpumalanga Tourism Youth Fund at the Manyeleti Nature Reserve in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality.

In the main, the launch of the Mpumalanga Youth Fund aims to empower the youth who are in the business of tourism. The launch was a culmination of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Department and the National Youth Development Agency.

“Our gathering here today, is not only for the purpose of officially launching the Mpumalanga Tourism Youth Fund, but to also celebrate the visionary leadership of those who conceptualised, crafted and facilitated the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement that gave birth to this historic fund. I must, however, indicate that I am concerned that the MOA will only run for three years, which will only allow us to

merely scratch the surface”, MEC Masilela said while addressing the youth who attended the launch.

The partnership between the Department and the NYDA seeks to make a serious dent to the challenges facing youth-owned enterprises, and to accelerate the empowerment agenda of youth-owned enterprises in the tourism sector. Over and above, the partnership will further enhance the importance of tourism as a key driver of economic development in the Province.

**“To this end, the fund will stimulate innovation, create jobs, and promote sustainable business growth, particularly in rural and underdeveloped areas of the Province. In addition, the youth fund is designed to effectively transition young people into the mainstream economy through business funding and entrepreneurship support. We aim to unlock the potential of youth-owned enterprises in the tourism sector to grow and contribute to the provincial economy, and reduce the high rate of youth unemployment. This will further enable us to realise**





# fficially Launches urism Youth Fund

the commitment we made during the Policy and Budget Speech, where we committed to create 100 000 new and sustainable jobs every year", MEC Masilela alluded.

The tourism sector has a huge potential to contribute meaningfully to the growth of the provincial economy and job creation. The Department will continue to support initiatives such as the Mpumalanga Tourism Youth Fund, given its potential to boost youth-owned enterprises in the tourism sector.







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# Rural Eco

**A**s part of Government's efforts of stimulating the rural and township economy, the MEC Makhosazane Masilela, officially launched the Takealot Township Economy Initiative at Songimvelo Nature Reserve, in the Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality.

This ground-breaking initiative, is one of the Department's key priorities which seeks to empower the Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME) through its development strategy which instructs government, working with the private sector and all significant stakeholders, to provide comprehensive business development support to SMMEs. This is done through the implementation of rural development strategies, as well as increasing access to markets by township entrepreneurs, and availing finance to rural and township entrepreneurs.

**“SMMEs and cooperatives are the backbone of any economy. They create more jobs than big businesses, and contribute far much more to the economy. This partnership we are entering into with Takealot today, is another significant stepping-stone, in our quest to translate the overarching goal of economic transformation into reality. Undoubtedly, this partnership will add impetus to the initiatives that government has been, and continues to roll-out regarding the development of small businesses in all the main sectors of the provincial economy”,** Masilela explained.

Through the agreement with Takealot, Parties have agreed to cooperate and collaborate in achieving the following objectives for their mutual benefit:

- Utilise the five (5) programmes of Takealot to develop more small businesses in the Province, through unlocking new market opportunities, improving economic infrastructure and enhancing entrepreneurial skills with specific focus on women, youth and people with disabilities in townships and rural areas;
- Provide support to small businesses in developing products that are informed by market research of each sector, and uniqueness of the Province; and further;
- Support SMME initiatives that boost local manufacturing, re-industrialisation and enhancement of the Provincial Incubation Programme.

The Takealot Township Economy Initiative brings to the table, programmes such as; The Last Mile Driver Development; Personal Shopper initiative; Township Franchise initiative; Stock Reseller Programme and Market Place Growth Programme, to name a few. Beyond this partnership, the Department will also collaborate with other strategic stakeholders or organisations that provide excellent suite of offerings to SMME development,







# And Township nomy Revived

such as Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency (SEDFA) and the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA). These entities, and many others, have been, and continue to be key allies in the journey of developing viable and sustainable SMMEs.

“As a Department, we are more than determined to work with Takealot and other key stakeholders, in supporting township and rural businesses with a series of targeted support interventions, aimed at addressing the legacy of spatial exclusion faced by many small businesses. Together, we will employ all relevant programmes to empower entrepreneurs in township and rural areas, by providing them with the resources they require to succeed in the digital marketplace. As the MEC also responsible for trade and investment in the Province, I urge all the SMMEs and aspirant SMMEs, to familiarise themselves with the programmes and offerings of the Department and Takealot, so that they would be able to seize all available opportunities. This is, indeed, the beginning of greater things to come, for our SMMEs”, MEC Masilela concluded.







# Destruction of Illegal Gambling Machines Campaign



On 31 October 2024, MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Ms. Makhosazane Masilela, joined the Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER) during the destruction of illegal gambling machines.

The destruction of illegal gambling machines which were seized from establishments operating illegally, was meant to tackle illegal gambling in the Province. These machines were seized from mostly spaza shops and other establishment. This is done to also prevent exposure of minors to gambling. The campaign was a multi-disciplinary exercise, and it is in line with the Department's commitment of fostering responsible gambling in the Place of the Rising Sun.



# MER Liquor Traders Workshop 2024

On 29 October 2024, MEC Makhosazane Masilela engaged Liquor Traders during a Workshop held at Thaba Chweu Town Hall in Mashishing, hosted by the Department's public entity, the Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER).

The workshop was aimed at promoting responsible liquor trading during the upcoming festive season and beyond. The workshop is one way of showing government's, commitment of ensuring safe and responsible trade and consumption of liquor.





# MEC M Addresses T *Mpumalanga*

**M**EC Masilela formally addressed and opened the historic Mpumalanga Provincial Liquor Indaba held at the Sydney Choma Banquet hall, Middelburg, in the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

The inaugural Indaba is a critical forum for dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders in the liquor industry, including policymakers, business owners, and community leaders. The indaba further aimed to create a collaborative platform for key stakeholders in the liquor industry, to robustly engage in dialogue, share insights, and develop actionable strategies to address pressing social and economic issues affecting the liquor industry and its surrounding communities.





# asilela he Historic *Liquor Indaba*

Alcohol abuse, has long been recognised as a major social and public health issue, inflicting substantial harm on individuals, families, and communities; hence, the Indaba was meant to come up with effective strategies and collaborative efforts to mitigate the negative impact of alcohol abuse and promote a safer and healthier environment for all.

“The Liquor Indaba presents a unique opportunity to bring together diverse voices to address the social, economic, and regulatory challenges facing the liquor industry in the Province. Through meaningful dialogue, we will work together to promote a sustainable and responsible liquor sector that supports economic growth while prioritising community health and safety”, MEC Masilela explained.

The promotion of responsible trading practices within the liquor retail sector was high on the agenda. MEC Masilela indicated that through the MER, efforts should be intensified in order to enforce compliance with liquor license conditions, reflecting unwavering commitment to consumer safety and public health.

“As you break into commissions, I am expecting you to have robust engagements on critical issues, such responsible trading

practices, regulatory compliance, economic growth, and community health and safety. Expected outcomes include identifying actionable strategies for better regulation, promoting economic growth, and ensuring the health and well-being of communities affected by the liquor industry.

The Indaba was a call to action - a call to reframe our priorities through the lens of ethical business practices and human rights, with a strong emphasis on safeguarding the well-being and safety of our communities. This collaborative platform will further serve as a catalyst for change, driving collective action to build safer, healthier, and more equitable communities across Mpumalanga.

**There is no doubt in my mind, that through a shared commitment to address the negative impact of alcohol abuse and fostering a more responsible liquor sector, we can pave the way for a future where the industry co-exists harmoniously within an ecosystem that enshrines the fundamental rights and well-being of all citizens. I wish you fruitful discussions, geared towards the promotion of sustainable and responsible liquor sector that supports economic growth while prioritising community health and safety”, MEC concluded.**







## MEC Meets With The Leadership Of The National Empowerment Fund (NEF)

**O**n 12 September 2024, MEC Masilela met with the leadership of the National Empowerment Fund (NEF) at the Ermelo District Offices. The NEF is a strategic Finance Development Institution established to provide financial and non-financial support to small businesses.

The meeting sought to engage on possible partnership opportunities between the Department and the NEF, with a view of fast-tracking support to small, medium and macro businesses.



# MEC's SMMEs Empowerment Roadshow to Nkangala District- *Hand-Over of Tools of Trade*

The following 10 informal businesses were beneficiaries:

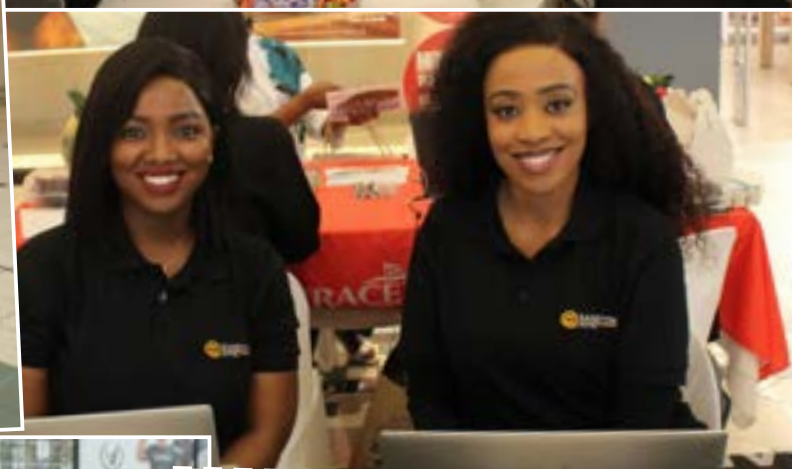
1. Gulase Car Wash
2. Emdlalweni (from Delmas, Victor Khanye Local Municipality)
3. Hazynono Hair Salon (from Klarinet)
4. Class Hair Salon (from Phola)
5. Susan D tuckshop (from Hlalanikahle)
6. Vezinyao Tuckshop (from Vosman in the Emalahleni Local Municipality)
7. Busi's Hair Salon (from Mhluzi Steve Tshwete Local Municipality)
8. Magvos car wash
9. Sisheshile car wash
10. Bongane Hair Salon (from Siyathuthuka location in the Emakhazeni Local Municipality)





# Mpumalanga *Tourism Expo 2024*

**J**akada Holdings, in partnership with The Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism held the 4th Mpumalanga Tourism Expo at the Riverside Mall, Mbombela.







# MEC's SMMEs Empowerment Roadshow to Gert Sibande- *Hand-Over of Tools of Trade*

The following informal businesses were empowered with the tools of trade:

1. Buzy Corner CarWash
2. Lee Lifestyle CarWash
3. Ncobile CarWash
4. Royal Car
5. Lee Lifestyle CarWash
6. Proverb CarWash

7. Sbu Kota
8. Real Dinas Fast Food
9. Flamingo Fast Food
10. Lesedi fast food shop
11. Jay Jay Hair Salon
12. The Queen Hair Salon
13. Mambizo Hair Salon



# MEC's SMME Empowerment Roadshow to Bushbuckridge Local Municipality

## Hand-Over of Tools of Trade



Three informal businesses were empowered with tools of trade; namely:

1. Thapelo CarWash
2. Mbokodo CarWash
3. Ziyandas Hair Dressing Salon





# Know the new Members of the Executive Council



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