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THE PROVINCIAL COMMUNICATORS' LEKGOTLA
HOSTED AT THE ELGRO HOTEL IN POTCHEFSTROOM

Thursday, 06 November 2025 of the North West Province, Hon. Provincial Strategic Communications Framework. His input highlighted key focus areas such as strengthening internal communication channels, identifying new communication opportunities, driving inclusion and growth, and promoting job creation within the communication sector. He also touched on the ever-evolving media environment and concluded with a powerful quote from Malcolm X: The media is the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and to make the guilty innocent."

The Three days of the Provincial Communicators' Lekgotla kicked off with great enthusiasm at the Elgro Hotel in Potchefstroom. The morning began with a warm and welcome and an insightful recap of Day 1 presented by Mr. Petrus Siko, setting the tone for yet another productive session. The day's proceedings were officially opened and followed by a keynote address from the Premier

L.K. Mokgosi, who inspired delegates by emphasizing the critical role of communicators in advancing government priorities and connecting with communities effectively. His message reinforced the importance of collaboration, innovation, and the impactful storytelling in the public communication space. Following the Premier's address, Mr. Brian Setswambung delivered an engaging presentation on the

Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Hosts Extended Technical IGR Meeting JB Marks

Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Hosts Extended Technical IGR Meeting JB Marks – 19 November 2025 The Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality (DrKKDM) convened its Extended Technical Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) meeting on Tuesday at the JB Marks Council Chamber, bringing together a broad range of stakeholders committed to strengthening cooperative governance and improving service delivery across the district. The session was chaired by the Municipal Manager, Mr Ratlhogo, who emphasised the need for collaboration, transparency and alignment among all spheres of government and strategic partners in responding effectively to community needs. He noted that the quarterly IGR platform plays a vital role in ensuring coordinated planning and accountability within the district. Representatives from local municipalities, sector departments, state-owned enterprises and the business sector participated in the meeting, using the platform to reflect on progress made during the quarter and to collectively plan interventions aimed at enhancing service

delivery. During the meeting, various departments presented detailed reports on their programmes, ongoing projects and developmental initiatives. While several achievements were highlighted, presenters also outlined key challenges encountered, including financial limitations, administrative constraints and social factors that continue to impact project implementation. The platform encouraged open and constructive engagement, allowing stakeholders to jointly explore practical solutions to the challenges identified. Discussions reinforced the district's commitment to fostering integrated planning, shared responsibility and improved coordination between government entities and partners. The Extended Technical IGR meeting remains a critical mechanism for strengthening intergovernmental cooperation, ensuring that all spheres of government and relevant stakeholders work in unison to advance sustainable development and improve the quality of life for communities throughout the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District.



Pictured here: Mr Mokgatle Ratlhogo (Dr KKDM Municipal Manager)



Pictured here: Mr Tshediso Mokatsane (IDP Manager)

DR KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY HOSTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME TO TACKLE SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

Economic Revitalisation Session Sparks Optimism in KlerksdorpKlerksdorp – 14 November 2025Hope for economic renewal was reignited on Thursday when government leaders, business executives and community stakeholders convened at the Protea Hotel in Klerksdorp for a District Economic Revitalisation Session aimed at rebuilding the district’s struggling economy.The high-level engagement focused on practical interventions and long-term strategies to stimulate growth, attract investment and create sustainable employment across the district.Opening the session, District Mayor Cllr Nikiwe Num delivered a forward-looking address, identifying agriculture, mining and manufacturing as key sectors with the potential to drive economic recovery. She highlighted the economic opportunities hidden in old mine dumps left behind by defunct mining operations, noting that many may still contain valuable mineral deposits that could be reprocessed to generate jobs and revenue.Mayor Num also drew attention to the district’s extensive arable land and water resources, describing them as a strong foundation for agricultural expansion. She encouraged investors to explore farming and agribusiness ventures that could boost food production and stimulate rural economies. Emphasising global market trends, she pointed to the growing demand for meat products—particularly from China—and called for the establishment of a meat processing plant to position the district as a competitive exporter of goat, sheep and beef products.The Executive Mayor of JB Marks Local Municipality, Cllr Gaba Ka-Qhele, followed with a



Pictured here: Cllr Nikiwe Num (Executive Mayor)



Pictured here: Ms Mndaweni (SMME)



Pictured here: CEO for BOND Company

presentation underscoring the municipality’s readiness for investment. Declaring JB Marks “open for business”, he outlined opportunities in large-scale property developments, supported by land already earmarked for investors seeking to implement transformative projects.Officials from Maquassie Hills Local Municipality also presented investment prospects, highlighting the availability of vast land suitable for farming and agribusiness. Their presentation reinforced the role of agriculture in strengthening food security and creating sustainable employment opportunities.A key highlight of the session was a presentation by Bond, a multi-billion-rand global company, which expressed interest in partnering with government to tackle unemployment. Bosch further stressed the importance of reviving and commercialising the PC Pelsaer Airport, arguing that efficient air transport is critical to reducing logistics costs and improving the movement of goods both locally and internationally.Additional contributions were made by organisations including the South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SACCI), ABSA, African Bank, the Wesvaal Chamber of Business, the

Department of Agriculture, and representatives from local small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs). Presentations highlighted funding opportunities, institutional support, and the need for collaboration between the public and private sectors.The session concluded with an interactive discussion between government and business leaders on the way forward. Stakeholders agreed that the engagements marked a significant step towards building strategic partnerships, unlocking investment opportunities and advancing inclusive economic growth across the district.

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Let's celebrate together!

Date: 30 January 2026
Venue: Ngwenya Hotel, Stillfontein
Time: 09h00 - 16h00

EXPLORING PROSPERITY

Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Honours Dedicated Employees and Councillors

Klerksdorp – 4 December 2025 The Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality on Wednesday hosted an awards ceremony to recognise and celebrate the dedication, commitment and hard work of its employees and councillors, reaffirming the institution's appreciation for those who continue to serve communities with diligence and integrity. The ceremony was attended by senior political and administrative leadership, including Executive Mayor Cllr Nikiwe Num, Municipal Manager Mr Mokgathe J. Ratlhogo, the Speaker of Council, the Single Whip, and Professor Kedibone Phago, a respected academic in Local Government Studies. All councillors of the district municipality, nominated employees, and heads of departments were also present, underscoring the significance of the occasion. Officially opening the event, Executive Mayor Cllr Num delivered an inspiring address in which she commended employees and councillors for their resilience, professionalism and commitment to service delivery. She emphasised that the achievements of the municipality are rooted in the daily efforts of its workforce and leadership, and encouraged continued dedication to ethical governance and excellence in serving the public. The purpose of the gathering was outlined by the Single Whip, Cllr Jeffrey Lesie, who highlighted the importance of recognising and uplifting employees as a means of strengthening morale and institutional performance. Speaking candidly, he reflected on the value of unity and appreciation within the workplace, drawing light-hearted laughter from attendees as he joked about having promised not to "speak from the heart" to avoid prolonging the programme. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Speaker of Council, Cllr Xolile Nxozana. In his remarks, he acknowledged the collective contribution of all employees in advancing the municipality's mandate and



Pictured here: Cllr Nikiwe Num
(Executive Mayor)

improving service delivery across the district. He further extended warm wishes to essential workers ahead of the festive season, noting that their continued dedication during holidays and challenging times remains vital to the well-being of communities. The awards ceremony served not only as a moment of recognition, but also as a reminder of the shared responsibility carried by employees and councillors in building a capable, responsive and people-centred local government within the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District.







Pictured here: Officials from the Speaker's office



Pictured here: Youth who attended the training



Pictured here: An official from CETA

29 October 2025

Hundreds of unemployed young people across the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District were given renewed hope on Tuesday when the Office of the Speaker of the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality hosted a Career Expo aimed at equipping youth with critical information, skills pathways and employment opportunities. The initiative brought together a wide range of government departments, public institutions and strategic partners involved in skills development, career guidance, and job creation. The expo formed part of the municipality's ongoing commitment to youth empowerment and economic upliftment within the district. Key stakeholders who participated in the event included the Department of Defence Reserves (North West Province), the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, the Media, Information and Communication Technologies Sector Education and Training Authority (MICT SETA), the South African Police Service (SAPS), First National Bank (FNB), Services SETA, Mmanape College,

Keheta Career Development Services, the Department of Employment and Labour, the South African Youth Council, and Vuselela TVET College. During the programme, each institution delivered informative presentations outlining the various opportunities available to young people. These included bursaries, learnerships, internships, artisan training, entrepreneurship support, and skills development programmes designed to prepare participants for entry into the labour market. Presenters also stressed the importance of personal development, accessing credible information, and actively engaging with recruitment and training platforms. The expo provided clarity to many participants who indicated that they were previously unaware of several of the opportunities presented. The interactive format allowed young people to engage directly with representatives, ask practical questions about career paths and application processes, and receive guidance tailored to,

– their individual aspirations. Organisers noted that the Career Expo served as a vital platform for bridging the gap between unemployed youth and institutions offering pathways to education, training and employment. By creating direct access to information and decision-makers, the initiative sought to empower young people to make informed choices about their futures. The Office of the Speaker expressed its appreciation to all participating partners for their valuable contributions, as well as to the youth for their enthusiastic participation. The municipality reaffirmed its commitment to investing in programmes that enable the youth of the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District to realise their potential, contribute meaningfully to society, and break the cycle of unemployment. If you would like, I can also:



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The Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD), hosted a successful Farmers Day on 27 October 2025 at Palmietfonten Farm in Ventersdorp. This initiative formed part of a broader October 2025 programme, which also featured activities at Kgakala Stadium in Leeudoringstad. A number of key agricultural partners joined the event, including LandCare South Africa, the Agriculture Research Council (ARC), BAYER (Pty) Ltd, and Khula Ecosystem. These organisations each play significant roles in empowering farmers through research, sustainable land management, access to resources, and cutting-edge agricultural support systems. LandCare South Africa advocates for environmentally responsible farming, ensuring that communities enjoy healthy surroundings as protected under the Bill of Rights. The ARC, established through the Research Act 86 of 1990, continues to lead scientific innovation in crop development and soil rehabilitation. BAYER remains one of the world's agricultural solution providers, while Khula Ecosystem is transforming the agricultural value chain by helping farmers grow to their full potential through technology and market access.'s leading chemical and

Speaker Highlights & Programme Insights

The day's programme was guided by Ms. Arelene Dikolomela from DARD as Programme Director. The opening prayer was led by Pastor Taje, grounding the event with spiritual reflection and purpose. Key presentations included:

Health Awareness:

Ms. Mosadi (DARD) presented on HIV and Communicable Diseases, strengthening community awareness and wellness among farmers.

Climate Change & Soil Science: ARC expert Dr. Belo shared insight on climate-resilient farming, soil restoration, and improved crop production methods tailored to the district's conditions.

Land Rights and Support:

The Department of Land Reform addressed access to land, proof of title deeds, change of ownership processes, and ongoing support for farmer development.

Agricultural Conservation:

Mr. Mmusi focused on sustainable practices aligned with conservation guidelines to safeguard future productivity.

The DARD District Director, Ms. Priscilla Senstho, delivered a message of support and welcomed all stakeholders who continue to uplift the agricultural sector. The session also featured an interactive Q&A segment, where farmers posed questions and gained clarity on issues affecting their

daily operations.

Mr. Menoe concluded the workshop with a heartfelt vote of thanks to all attendees, stakeholders, and partners dedicated to advancing the district's agricultural growth. Growing Together for a Sustainable Future
The 2025 Farmers Day highlighted the importance of collaboration, education, and innovation in strengthening food security and rural economic development. By equipping farmers with knowledge and technology, the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District continues to cultivate sustainable growth and resilient agriculture for communities across the region.



CEREMONIAL HANDOVER OF PPE TO WASTE PICKERS PROMOTES ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS IN JOUBERTON



Pictured here: Ms Zamo from Dr KKDM



Pictured here: Ms Zamo from Dr KKDM together with officials from City of Matlosana

The Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality's Environmental Management and Municipal Health Services, in collaboration with the Matlosana Local Municipality's Local Economic Development Unit and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), hosted a Ceremonial Hand-Over of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on Thursday, 23 October 2025 in Jouberton, Extension 16, Thokozani Street, Ward 14. The event formed part of the District's ongoing Waste Management Strategy, aimed at empowering

community waste pickers through improved safety, environmental awareness, and income-generating opportunities within the waste recycling sector. A total of 60 sets of PPE, including overalls, gloves, and hats, were handed over to local and district waste pickers. The ceremony was graced by Pastor Ishmael Semeno from the Sanctuary Church Ministry, who also serves as a respected community leader. He was joined by officials from the District Municipality, Matlosana

Local Municipality, and DFFE, all working together to ensure the success of the initiative. Among the PPE items distributed were donations from POLYCO Plastic Company (Pty) Ltd, based in Cape Town. POLYCO's contribution forms part of its corporate social responsibility efforts in partnership with DFFE to support a sustainable and cleaner environment. Their commitment aligns with national efforts under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programme aimed at reducing plastic waste and encouraging responsible recycling practices among manufacturers, importers

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE HEALTH AND FOOD SECURITY IN KGAKALA.

The community of Kgakala gathered for an inspiring event aimed at promoting health and sustainable living. An HIV survivor encouraged fellow community members to take their medication consistently, emphasizing that adherence to treatment ensures long-term health and wellbeing. Chief Director

Ms. Botho further urged the community to cultivate vegetable gardens and maintain them regularly, highlighting that growing one's own food contributes to a healthier lifestyle and improved living conditions. Director Sentsho outlined the purpose of the day and explained the distribution criteria



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for food parcels. She noted that most beneficiaries were child-headed families and elderly residents across various localities, including 260 Kgakala, 10 JB Marks, 10 Lavin, 10 Matlosana, and 10 Makwassie. In total, 30 families received lemon trees and vegetable packs, while 10 goats were donated to communities in Boskuil, Tigane, Khuma, Ikageng, and Jouberton. In addition, the Khaya Kube Subsistence Farmers contributed 1,000 chickens to support local food initiatives. Delivering a message of support, Mr. Andrew Aphane, Chairperson of the African Farmers Association in the North West, emphasized that communities have the right to access healthy food. He raised concerns about food insecurity, particularly in Makwassie, and appealed to the MEC to ensure a reliable water supply, enabling residents to sustain backyard gardens. He also proposed that schools with gardens receive seeds to strengthen food education among

learners.

In his address, the MEC explained that Kgakala was chosen because the community faces significant food insecurity challenges. He suggested that the R350 social relief grant could be converted into food vouchers to help beneficiaries prioritize essential needs over non-essentials. He also noted that while some individuals face hunger, others suffer from obesity due to excessive food access—highlighting the importance of targeted interventions in food security programs.

The MEC committed to prioritizing the provision of water to help residents maintain their gardens and ensure food sustainability. During the symbolic distribution ceremony, five families received food parcels, backyard garden tools, and fruit trees, while another five families received food packages and trees. One of the beneficiaries, Mr. Sehuru, expressed heartfelt appreciation to the Department for its meaningful contributions, noting that such initiatives bring hope and empowerment to the community.



Pictured here: MMC Zanele Mphafudi



Pictured here: Director Sentsho from DARD

