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Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Leads Men and Boys Social Dialogue Against Gender-Based Violence



Pictured here: Panel members.



Pictured here: Participants taking a group photo

The Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, in collaboration with key sector departments and stakeholders including the South African Police Service (SAPS), the Department of Social Development, and the Department of Health alongside district and local NPOs and NGOs successfully hosted a Men and Boys Social Dialogue on 19 March 2026. The event took place at Lebaleng Community Hall in Makwassie, within the Maquassi Hills Local Municipality. Held under the theme “Better Man for Tomorrow: Men and Boys Championing Change Not in My Name,” the dialogue formed part of ongoing efforts to mobilise men and boys to actively stand against gender-based violence (GBV) and all forms of abuse directed at women, children, and vulnerable groups. This initiative also supports the broader Men’s March Against Gender-Based Violence. The programme was officially opened by Mr Kabelo Modisadife from the Faith-Based Organisation (FBO) Lema, with Mr Takane Ntuagae serving as Programme Director. Mr Tebogo Seipehlo delivered the purpose of the dialogue, highlighting the pressing social challenges affecting men and boys across the district and the North West Province.

He emphasised the importance of collective responsibility and solution-driven engagement to address societal issues, particularly the scourge of gender-based violence. Stakeholders delivered messages of support through informative presentations. Ms Mupitsi Malakana from the Department of Social Development provided guidance on the registration of NPOs and NGOs, as well as the social assistance programmes available through SASSA, aimed at alleviating poverty and supporting vulnerable communities. Representing the Department of Health, Ms Keabetso Mahumapelo addressed communicable diseases linked to gender-based violence and their impact on men and boys, particularly in relation to gender inequality and health outcomes. From a law enforcement perspective, Warrant Officer Makung elaborated on GBV-related matters, outlining procedures for reporting cases, the role of the police, and the importance of legal processes such as protection orders and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms prior to court proceedings. The dialogue also provided an interactive platform for community members to participate in a question-and-answer session. Attendees openly shared their

-challenges and concerns regarding gender-based violence within their communities.

The Local Community Policing Forum played a crucial role by offering paralegal advisory services, assisting participants with legal guidance relevant to the issues discussed. This engagement further contributed to the objectives of the District Development Model’s One Plan by promoting integrated community development. This initiative forms part of the broader efforts led by the SANAC Civil Society Forum (CSF) Men’s Sector, which continues to mobilise men and boys nationwide to become champions of change in combating GBV, addressing toxic masculinity, and promoting HIV prevention. Through such engagements, the sector reaffirms its commitment to building safer, more inclusive communities, while complementing national campaigns such as Women’s Month. The dialogue brought together leadership from SANAC, government institutions, development partners, and the private sector, reflecting a unified commitment to social transformation.

The Office Single -Whip of the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality held the first-leg school debate competition at Potchefstroom Secondary School



Pictured here: Participating learners from different schools.

The Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality in collaboration with the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) Held the school debate competition on the 14th March 2026 at Potchefstroom Secondary School, Mohadin JB Marks Local Municipality under theme “enhancing democracy through social

The competition session was officially opened by the Manager in Office of the Single-Whip and outlined purpose of the day to the learners, teachers and adjudicators as participants to ensure the success of said debate competition in advancing all learner’s skills and other learning abilities to advance their career development path in their education.

Representatives from the IEC were also afforded an opportunity to make a voter’s registration programme presentation to the learners as part of educating them on the significance of exercising their democratic “right to vote” enshrined in the Bill of Rights in the Constitution as cornerstone of our democracy in South Africa. To ensure the continuous success of the session, learners participating in competition from different selected schools within the district were given a rehearsal opportunity to ready themselves for the competition.

The learners engaged on the set debate topics such as the usage of Artificial-Intelligence (AI) as a technological tool to advance learning research, and introspection of its the pros and cons. The second topic was based on the advantages and disadvantages of the Ante-Natal or human reproduction from conception until lab or process in reflections to the socio-economic challenges faced by our communities within the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality as the district of “exploring prosperity” promoting social cohesion and democracy

Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality host the Extended Technical IGR Meeting JB Marks Council Chamber

The Extended IGR Meeting chaired by Acting Director Corporate Service, Mr Jerry Baloi was successfully held at the JB Marks Council Chamber, aimed at promoting co-operative decision-making and policy alignment among all spheres of government.



Pictured here: Mr Tshidiso Mokatsane (Manager IDP}, Mr Octavius Baloyi (Acting Senior Manger for Corporate Services) and Mr Fihla (MISS Manager)



The meeting brought together government and sector developments, as well as municipalities within the District, to strengthen collaboration and enhance effective Service Delivery to communities. The primary purpose of the meeting was to provide a platform for all stakeholders to present progress reports on their

respective programs and projects currently being implemented during the current financial year. In addition, departments highlighted key achievements, outlined ongoing initiatives, and addressed challenges encountered in the

implementation. The session further encouraged constructive engagement, collective problem-solving, strengthen co-ordination to ensure improved planning, accountability, and integrated Service Delivery across the District.

Department of Education and Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Celebrate Education Excellence at the Klerksdorp Protea Hotel

The Department of Education, in collaboration with the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, successfully hosted another Education Excellence Awards Ceremony, reaffirming their shared commitment to strengthening learning and teaching across the district.



Pictured here: Cllr Nikiwe Num (Executive Mayor DrKKDM) on the right Cllr Stella Mondlane (Speaker Matlosana LM) and Cllr Xolile Nxozana (Speaker DrKKDM) handing over an award to a top learner.

In support of academic excellence, the Executive Mayor, Cllr Nikiwe Num, joined forces with the Department of Education to recognise and reward outstanding learners, educators, and school principals who have demonstrated dedication and exceptional performance. The Executive Mayor was accompanied by the Executive Mayor of Matlosana Local Municipality, Cllr Fikile Mahlophe; the Mayor of Maquassi Hills Local Municipality, Cllr Mzwandile Feliti; the Acting Mayor of JB Marks Local Municipality, Cllr Wonder Moolwa; the Speaker of the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, Cllr Xolile Nxozana; the Single Whip of the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, Cllr Jeffrey Lesie; and the Speaker of Matlosana Local Municipality, Cllr Stella Mondlane, reflecting strong intergovernmental support for education across the district. The event was further attended by key municipal leadership, including the MMC for Corporate Services, Cllr Lebogang Itumeleng, who also served as the Programme

Director, and the Chief of Staff, Mr Xolani Mndaweni, who played a pivotal role in presenting awards alongside the Speaker and the Single Whip.

In her address, Executive Mayor Cllr Nikiwe Num encouraged learners to broaden their perspectives when choosing subjects with high employment potential. She highlighted the health sector, particularly Environmental Health, as a critical area facing a shortage of skilled professionals. The Mayor noted that nationally there is a demand for approximately 10 000 Environmental Health Practitioners, with about 200 vacant posts within the district alone. She further spoke on the district's untapped mineral resources, particularly in Matlosana and JB Marks, explaining that these resources remain unexploited due to being located beneath water approximately three kilometres deep. The Executive Mayor urged learners to consider careers in mining and engineering, emphasising the need for innovative specialists

who can develop sustainable solutions for resource extraction. Additionally, Cllr Num highlighted agriculture and food security, stating that South Africa remains a global leader in this sector and encouraging learners to explore opportunities within agricultural sciences and agribusiness.

The Acting District Director, Ms Seokolo, outlined the purpose of the event and shared success stories from schools across the district, showcasing the positive impact of collaboration, commitment, and excellence in education. The Education Excellence Awards serve as a platform to motivate learners and educators while strengthening partnerships aimed at building a brighter, skills-driven future for the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District.

DEL and Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Hosts Successful Career and Jobs Fair

The Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, in collaboration with the Department of Employment and Labour and JB Marks Local Municipality, successfully hosted a Career and Jobs Fair and Employer Engagement Session as part of the District Development Model – One Plan initiative.

The programme took place today 06 March 2026 at the JB Marks Municipality Town Hall and Madiba Banquet Hall in Potchefstroom, attracting a large number of young people from across the district and surrounding communities who demonstrated great enthusiasm and commitment in seeking employment opportunities. The purpose of the session was to strengthen collaboration between employers, organised labour, businesses, and community organisations, while also creating a platform for work-seekers to engage directly with potential employers. Participants were also assisted with registration on the Employment Services of South Africa (ESSA) system, enabling them to access a range of labour market services and employment opportunities. The programme commenced with an opening prayer and featured a series of informative presentations aimed at empowering attendees with knowledge about employment programmes and economic development initiatives. Key presentations included:

- JB Marks Local Economic Development (LED) Strategy, presented by Dr Brenda Roberts-Tebejane
- District Development Model – One Plan, presented by Acting DDM Director Thamsanqa Fihla

Representatives from the



Pictured here: Cllr Thabiso N Lekgari (MMC for Community Services) on the right Cllr Mpho Matsapola (MMC for Special Programs)

Department of Employment and Labour and its entities also presented various programmes and services available to the public, including:

- Public Employment Services, presented by S Nkiwane
 - Productivity SA, presented by N Lekaowa, highlighting initiatives aimed at promoting employment growth, improving productivity, and strengthening South Africa’s global competitiveness.
 - Compensation Fund, presented by T Esiang, which outlined the role of the entity in administering the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act and supporting workers affected by occupational injuries and diseases.
- Further insights were provided by O Xaba on the benefits of Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF), which provides social security support to employees who become unemployed, take maternity or paternity leave, adopt a child, or are unable to work due to illness. In the unfortunate event of an employee’s passing, dependents may also claim UIF benefits as stipulated in the UIF Act.
- The session also highlighted the Labour Activation Programme (LAP), which was introduced to address the rising unemployment rate in the North West Province following economic challenges experienced during recent financial downturns.

Participants from various sectors were given an opportunity to engage with the presenters, ask questions, and provide valuable inputs during the interactive discussions.

The keynote address was delivered by Chief Director for Provincial Operations at the Department of Employment and Labour, S Siyengo, who reaffirmed the department’s commitment to supporting initiatives aimed at reducing unemployment and addressing labour-related challenges within the district.

The programme was ceremonially endorsed by the Acting Executive Mayor of the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, Dinah Mpho Matsapola, who attended on behalf of the Executive Mayor.

The session concluded with closing remarks delivered by Thabiso Nelson Lekgari, MMC for Community Services, who expressed appreciation to all stakeholders and participants for their contributions towards making the initiative a success.

The event formed part of ongoing efforts by government and its partners to create meaningful opportunities, empower communities, and strengthen pathways to employment for the youth and residents of the district.

Municipal Public Accounts Committed Public Consultative Meeting JB Marks Municipality

Today, the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality under the leadership of the Executive Mayor, Cllr Nikiwe Num, held the MPAC meeting legislated by Structures Act and Municipal Finance Management

Act that supports and gives mandate to the oversight role over the Annual Reports and financial misconduct. The meeting was attended by the communities within the District where the 2024/2025 Financial



Pictured here: Cllr Nikiwe Num (Executive Mayor DrKKDM) on the right Cllr James Tsolela (MPAC Chairperson)

Report from the Auditor General was presented.The Chairperson of the Committee, Cllr James Ntsulela chaired the meeting where he highlighted that the purpose of the committee is to promote accountability, transparency and good governance at the Municipality. On behalf of the Speaker, Single Whip, Cllr Jerry Lesie took a stand by welcoming attendees and encouraged community members to actively participate in the meeting, emphasising that their inputs are important for the progress and development of the Municipality. The EM presented the report and indicated that it is the 6th consecutive time that the Municipality received the Unqualified Audit Opinion. She further outlined some of the findings by the AG.

She further emphasised that the issues raised needs to be addressed in order to avoid similar audit outcomes in future. Among the matters highlighted, where the need to strengthen contract management processes, ensure that tenders are properly advertised, and appoint qualified service providers rather than operating on a month-to-month basis. The EM also stressed the importance of ensuring that employees receive performance appraisals as proof that they are delivering on their responsibilities.Concerns were also raised regarding Unauthorised Irregular and Wasteful Expenditure, noting that some of the challenges arise from overspending on budgeted projects. However, it was noted that the AG applauded DrKKDM, Bojanala and Moretele .

Municipalities in the North West Province for their dedication work and financial stability in managing public funds effectively. The Municipal Manager, Mr Mokgatle Ratlhogo presented the Municipality's Key Performance Areas (KPAs) relating to Basic Service Delivery, outlining departmental performance across the administration of the Municipality. That some Dept like Budget and Treasury achieve 100% performance. During the engagement session, community members raised several concerns. Reps from Maquassie Hills complained about the dumping site that is causing health hazards, noting that the same site was previously identified as a potential park. Another concern raised by rep from JB Marks (Ventersdorp), related to water shortages with some communities reportedly going for more than 3 weeks without water In response, the EM indicated that some of the matters raised fall under

the responsibility of the Local Municipalities. She assured the communities that DrKKDM leadership will engage with the leadership of Local Municipalities affected, raise concerns and provide feedback to the communities.



Pictured here: Mr Mokgatle J Ratlhogo(Municipal Manager)



Pictured here: Cllr Zanele Mphafudi (MMC for Infrastructure)

Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Hosted a Successful Tourism Arts and Culture Festival

The District Municipality proudly celebrated tourism, arts and culture through a vibrant and successful Tourism Arts and Culture Festival hosted by the District Economic Development (DED) at the Klerksdorp Recreation Centre. The event brought together local creatives, entrepreneurs and community members in a colourful showcase of talent, innovation and economic opportunity. The programme was officially opened with an Overview and

Purpose of the Day delivered by the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee of Community Services and LED & Training, Cllr Abigail Mothupi, who highlighted the importance of investing in tourism, arts and culture as key drivers of economic growth, job creation and community empowerment within the district. The event was further graced by the MMC for Infrastructure and Planning, Cllr Zanele Mphafudi, who delivered the vote of thanks, alongside Acting Senior

Manager for Community Services Mr Teboho Sothoane and Acting Senior Manager for Economic Development Ms Lerato Ramorola, who served as the event host.

Local SMMEs were provided with exhibition stalls to showcase and sell their products, creating meaningful platforms for growth and visibility. Many expressed appreciation to the District for recognising and supporting their hustles, highlighting the importance of such initiatives in strengthening the local economy. The festival stage came alive with electrifying performances from local artists, including award-winning Kanana-born Afro-soul sensation Lesego, who delivered a captivating performance that had the crowd on their feet. A proud highlight of the day was the testimony of North West

Women in Tourism representative Ms Gibby Thom. She shared her inspiring journey of representing the district abroad in Asia after being selected by national government as the only woman in business from the North West Province. She credited the District for exposing her to opportunities, including being recognised during the Africa Indaba visit where she was supported and taken by the District.

The District Economic Development once again demonstrated the District Municipality's commitment to promoting tourism, empowering local businesses and celebrating the rich artistic talent within our communities. Together, we continue to grow the local economy and showcase our district to the world.



Pictured here: Ms Gibby Thom (Director for Injula Tours)



Pictured here: Local Traditional group on the right Lesego Reetseng (Artist)



Pictured here: Ms Thato Mathebula, Acting Manager DED, Mr Teboho Sothoane (Acting Senior Manager for Community Services) and Ms Lerato Ramorola (Acting Senior Manager DED)



Pictured here: Cllr Zanele Mphafudi (MMC for Infrastructure)

The Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality supported the Thuntsa Lerole Accelerated Service Delivery Programme held on 6 February 2026 at the Municipal Pay Point in Ward 12, Jouberton Extension 17, within the Matlosana Local Municipality. The programme commenced with an opening prayer led by Councillor Musuwa Innocent Mokhele, setting a respectful and unified tone for the day's proceedings. The service delivery engagement was coordinated at district level and led by the Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Technical Services, Councillor Zanele Ezekiel Mphafudi, who directed the programme and ensured alignment with the objectives of local government service delivery. The platform was subsequently handed over to the MMC for Local Economic Development, Councillor Wesley E.M. Kgang from Matlosana Local Municipality.

Councillor Kgang outlined the purpose of the programme and afforded departmental stakeholders and law Department to the Provincial Department of Human Settlements, in order to address the challenge faced by the indigent elderly family. Additional community concerns highlighted included inadequate access to proper road infrastructure, limited economic development opportunities, and public safety issues linked to youth underdevelopment. In response, the MMC for Local Economic Development confirmed that the bidding process for relevant projects had been concluded and that the appointed service providers would soon allocate the necessary resources to advance enforcement agencies an opportunity to present feedback on their respective service delivery responsibilities, in line with their mandates and roles in enhancing integrated

service delivery. During the question-and-answer session, community members were given an opportunity to raise service delivery challenges affecting their area. Councillor Portia Mochaulana responded to concerns raised, including the ongoing sewage leakage affecting an elderly resident's household in Jouberton Extension 24. It was indicated that the household is earmarked for relocation to Extension 22, following an approved emergency housing allocation subsidy application submitted by the Matlosana Local Municipality Housing inclusive economic development initiatives within Matlosana Local Municipality. The MMC for Technical Services, Councillor Zanele Ezekiel Mphafudi, further reaffirmed the District Municipality's commitment to supporting interventions aimed at resolving the service delivery challenges raised by the community.

The session was officially closed by Councillor Musuwa Innocent Mokhele, who expressed appreciation to all stakeholders and community members for their active participation.



Dr KKDM hosted a Special Council Meeting at the Stilfontein Municipal Chambers

Councillors and senior management reviewed progress on key programmes, assessed performance across departments, and outlined corrective measures to accelerate service delivery where challenges remain. Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality's Council exercised its commitment to transparency, responsible governance, and ensuring that municipal services positively impact communities across the district.

SPEAKER NXOZANA CONVENES STRATEGIC SECTION 79 WORKSHOP TO STRENGTHEN OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY



Pictured here: Councillors in the Chamber and Cllr Xolile Nxozana (Speaker of Council)

The Speaker of Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, Cllr Xolile Nxozana, on 17 February 2026 convened a strategic Councillors’ Workshop focused on Section 79 of the Municipal Structures Act at the Stillfontein Municipal Offices. The initiative reaffirmed Council’s commitment to transparent governance, strengthened oversight, and enhanced institutional accountability within local government. The workshop, led by Cllr Xolile Nxozana in his capacity as Speaker of Council, brought together councillors for a structured and focused engagement aimed at deepening their understanding of the legislative framework governing council-appointed oversight committees. In his opening address, Speaker Nxozana reiterated that effective oversight remains the bedrock of accountable leadership.

He underscored the pivotal role of Section 79 committees in safeguarding public resources, enhancing scrutiny over municipal programmes, and ensuring that service delivery initiatives yield tangible and sustainable benefits for communities. He further encouraged councillors to embrace continuous learning as a means of strengthening governance and improving institutional performance. Prior to the commencement of deliberations, Mr Fezile Canga, Manager in the Office of the Speaker, outlined the rules of engagement and reflected on key oversight resolutions previously adopted by Council in relation to the workshop. He elaborated on the principle of Separation of Powers, emphasising the distinction between the oversight responsibilities of councillors and the administrative functions of municipal officials.

He further highlighted the importance of performance accountability, noting that Section 79 committees serve as critical instruments for investigating non-compliance, addressing maladministration, and monitoring departmental performance. The workshop comprehensively unpacked the establishment, composition, and functioning of Section 79 committees, stressing the importance of proportional political representation and, where appropriate, the inclusion of non-council members with relevant technical expertise. Councillors were also guided on the distinction between Section 79 committees, which exercise oversight and investigative authority, and Section 80 committees, which support the executive.

The second presentation was delivered by Mr Mogale Matsose, Manager in the Office of the Single Whip, who addressed the legislative framework underpinning the separation of powers in local government. Citing Section 151(2) of the Constitution, he explained that both the executive and legislative authority of a municipality are vested in the Municipal Council. He clarified that the executive arm comprises the Executive Mayor and the Mayoral Committee, while the legislative arm consists of all councillors, including those serving on Section 79 oversight committees and the Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC). A significant focus of the workshop was placed on strengthening the effectiveness of key oversight structures, including MPAC and Ethics Committees.

SPORT

SOCCER TOURNAMENT

DR KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY & SAFA HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL MAYORAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT



Pictured here: SAFA legends v/s SAFA under 21. Pictured here: Executive Mayor Cllr Nikiwe Num with the SAFA Legends

The success of the DR Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality's Mayoral Soccer Tournament hosted at the City of Matlosana Recreation Centre over the weekend has affirmed the abundance of talent at disposal within the region. Testimony to this is the superior display and proficiency shown by participants, including representation from the DR Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, South African Football Association as well as Masters and Legends who once played soccer both professionally and semi-professionally. The stars of the day were players and match officials as four teams namely DR Kenneth Kaunda Under 21, City of Matlosana Under 21, DR Kenneth Kaunda Masters and DR

Kenneth Kaunda Legends sweat in out over four matches to determine the tournament winners. Despite the unpleasant weather that nearly disrupted the tournament's triumph, the games continued as Legends beat Masters 1-0 to qualify for the final. The second match witnessed City of Matlosana U-21 beat their counterparts DR Kenneth Kaunda U-21 by 1-0 to secure a spot in the final match against the Legends. In the 3rd and 4th place play-off, the Masters team won 4-2 through penalty spot-kicks following a 0-0 fulltime stalemate. The final match, although played on a wet and erratic field also saw a 0-0 draw between Legends and City of Matlosana U-21, settling the game through a penalty shootout

contest which was won 7-6 by the former. Prizes for the tournament winners (Legends) included a Trophy, Gold Medals and a guaranteed R50 000 cheque. Runners-up (City of Matlosana U-21) secured themselves Silver Medals and a R20 000 guaranteed cheque whilst both positions 3 (Masters) and 4 (DR Kenneth Kaunda U-21) walked away each with R10 000 prizes. In recognising individual brilliance exhibited by participants in the field of play, match officials and players were awarded accordingly; Sebuena Serame (Player of the Tournament), Itumeleng Seleho (Goalkeeper of the Tournament), Benny Thato (Coach of the Tournament), with Dino Ndlovu securing the accolade for Goalscorer of the Tournament.

In a gallant statement, DR Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality Executive Mayor Councillor Nikiwe Num commended the organisation of the tournament, detailing the proficiency and standards paraded by all stakeholders to ensure the success of the event. "I cannot say thank you enough to everyone who participated in safeguarding this process to promote sports, arts and culture not only within the district, but the North-West Province as a whole with the purpose to develop sport, particularly soccer as one of the sporting codes that kept us rooted and disciplined at a time our country faced a difficult situation.