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LEDET MEC, Dr Tshitereke Matibe

BUILDING COOPERATIVES THAT WORK

LEDET MEC Dr Tshitereke Matibe has called on cooperatives to grow from dependence on government support towards sustainable enterprises capable of competing, accessing markets and participating meaningfully in mainstream economic value chains. Speaking at the Interprovincial Cooperatives Colloquium 2026, hosted at The Ranch Hotel in Limpopo under the theme “Cooperatives for a Peaceful World,” MEC Matibe welcomed representatives from participating provinces, SANACO, government institutions and the cooperative movement. The Colloquium, supported by the National Department of Small Business Development, provides a platform to assess progress on previous resolutions, share best practices and develop practical solutions to challenges facing cooperatives, including access to finance and markets, governance and long-

term sustainability. MEC Matibe emphasised that cooperatives are not merely poverty-alleviation initiatives but important economic institutions capable of creating jobs, strengthening local economies and broadening economic participation. He highlighted their alignment with the Limpopo Provincial Development Plan, particularly its objectives of employment creation, industrialisation, enterprise development and inclusive economic growth. “Cooperatives must not exist parallel to the Provincial Development Plan; they must become instruments for its implementation,” MEC Matibe said.

He further challenged delegates to ensure that the Colloquium produces measurable outcomes that enable cooperatives to move from survival to competitiveness and sustainable growth. ■

LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER EXPO 2026

The Limpopo Department of Economic Development Environment and Tourism in partnership with Department of Forestry, Fisheries & The Environment, Limpopo Department of Education and Polokwane Local Municipality cordially invites you to Attend LIMPOPO PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER EXPO.

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Reimagined SEZs engines of industrialisation



LEDET MEC, Dr Tshitereke Matibe, participated in a high-level panel discussion together with Development Bank of Southern Africa Board Chairperson David Makhura, Deputy Minister of Public Service and Administration Pinky Kekana, City of Tshwane Executive Mayor Dr Nasiphi Moya, and City of Johannesburg Executive Mayor Dada Morero.

Limpopo MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Dr Tshitereke Matibe, participated in a high-level panel discussion on the future of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), focusing on repositioning SEZs as resilient, innovation-driven industrial ecosystems at the national SEZ event held in Durban. MEC Matibe joined a distinguished panel that included Development Bank of Southern Africa Board Chairperson David Makhura, Deputy Minister of Public Service and Administration Pinky Kekana, City of Tshwane Executive Mayor Dr Nasiphi Moya, and City of Johannesburg Executive Mayor Dada Morero. During the discussion, the MEC outlined Limpopo's vision of transforming SEZs beyond traditional industrial parks into integrated industrial cities that combine manufacturing, mineral beneficiation, innovation, skills development, renewable

energy, logistics, housing, education and healthcare. He highlighted the Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone (MMSEZ) and Fetakgomo-Tubatse Special Economic Zone (FTSEZ) as key instruments for implementing the Limpopo Development Plan's industrialisation agenda and transitioning the province from exporting raw resources towards beneficiation and value-added manufacturing. Dr Matibe further emphasised the importance of local government and the District Development Model (DDM) in ensuring that industrial investment is supported by water, roads, housing, schools, healthcare and other essential infrastructure. He said the success of the next generation of SEZs should ultimately be measured not only by factories and investments attracted, but by the jobs, sustainable enterprises and thriving communities created around them. ■





Mr Zaid Kalla

Editor's NOTE

This publication is crucial for development of our people as it avails valuable information and updates relating to the state of Limpopo's economy, the resilience of the tourism sector and most importantly the environment which holds everything together. This edition concludes the first quarter of the 2026/27 financial year. Regardless of the global setbacks which continues to ravage economies and our people's livelihoods, Limpopo's economy relentlessly continues to hold somewhat firm, Construction is underway at Musina-Makhado SEZ, Seshego and Nkowankowa Industrial Parks are witnessing upgrades, 4000 youth are enrolled for formal certification in Artificial Intelligence through Limpopo Connexion partnership, over 18 000 enterprises were formalised during the past 12 months, the situation at Great North Transport which appeared critical, is now stable. The Department indeed plays a crucial role in creating a conducive environment for

businesses to emerge, grow-roots, hold firm and thrive. We as a people need to identify our corner, unleash our skills and benefit from the tremendous opportunities provided by the Department through Limpopo Economic Development Agency and Economic Development, Enterprise and Empowerment division.

The realisation of an all-inclusive economy requires of us, to shift from the notion of standing at the roof-tops, shouting, chanting, pointing fingers and throwing stones. We need to realise the opportunities provided within our surroundings, then apply our respective skills, formalise our processes, and then come knocking on the LEDET door.

LEDET will take your hand and walk the path with you. The hard reality of the truth is, Jobs don't create themselves, people do.

“Development is about People”. ■



LEDET HOD, Dr Matodzi Rathumbu

HOD's Desk



The 2020 global health pandemic brought with it horrific economic challenges, which to a larger extend, collapsed decades-long progress made within all economic active sectors.

The devastating effects contributed massively to retrenchments within the private sector, job loses, business closures, production inefficiencies, academic disruptions, social imbalances, total hospitalization of the Tourism sector, and undesirable congestion of the health sector amongst many other challenges. The eminent risks together with the associated levels of lockdowns began to decline around June 2022, we were since then provided with 44 Months of a somewhat rebuilding period which has recently been dented by the Limpopo December to January floods and the undesired wars in certain parts of the world which led to harsh increases in oil prices. The impact here has resulted in higher import prices, higher fuel prices, decline in international tourists

from the affected countries and of course imbalances in many economically active sectors.

With such unforeseen calamities, job loses, and affected livelihoods, government remains steadfast at ensuring that our markets are transformed to cater to the modern day needs. Youth, job opportunities and entrepreneurship is at the centre of Departmental development policies while all economic opportunities are earmarked to focus on ensuring that youth have access to a variety of corridors and fair opportunities.

We are a highly resilient Province, our mandate of rebuilding the economy is ongoing, our partnerships with the private sector has a sole focus on improving the livelihoods of our youth, women and persons living with disabilities. ■

in brief

Mandela Day: Cleaning & Greening Alma

LEDET joined hands with GCIS, Modimolle/Mookgopong Local Municipality, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) and local community members in Alma for a “Love Your Street” cleaning campaign in the spirit of Nelson Mandela Month.

Together they planted 50 spekboom trees generously donated by DFFE, 20 at the Hoërskool, 10 at Moshia Secondary School and 20 at Mabaleng Crèche, while also regravelling sections of the gravel road leading into Alma.



Killer businesses, Death on shelves



The Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism together with the South African Police Service, Consumer Affairs, and Municipalities, various regulators as well as other key players

have over the past five years intensified their business compliance monitoring efforts and surprise raids on business facilities across Limpopo. The main aim of the ongoing campaign is aimed at cleaning out the rot within the industry. **The corruption, rot or unethical business conduct unearthed proved to have grown deeper than anticipated.** It was found to be so intense that a raid on just one warehouse can contain over 20 million rand worth of counterfeit household items, medication, and illicit cigarettes. Unfortunately for unsuspecting consumers, such household items are so well branded to an extent that they

somewhat fully imitate original brands. Over and above killing legitimate businesses, illegally produced and sold medication can cause fatal harm to consumers while at the same time such illegal markets can destroy our provincial economy, strangle job opportunities and put South African owned businesses out of the markets. The Director for Limpopo Consumer Affairs, Ms. Benny Ramadisha has condemned

such businesses and has vowed to take extremely harsh measures on all businesses operating illegal within

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS OF

OF A COMPETENT PERSON TO SERVE
ON THE BOARD OF FETAKGOMO-TUBATSE
SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE



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1. The, Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Dr. Tshitereke Baldwin Matibe, hereby, in terms of Special Economic Zone, 2014 (Act no. 16 of 2014) read in collaboration with the Limpopo Recruitment Policy for Directors of Public Entities of 2024, invite applications for competent persons to serve as Directors of the Fetakgomo-Tubatse Special Economic Zone (FTSEZ) Board.

2. The Department seeks to appoint a highly competent, and ethical person capable of providing independent governance oversight, driving institutional accountability, and advancing industrial development mandate of the FTSEZ.

3 The applicants must meet the following criteria:-

3.1 Suitably qualified individuals with NQF7 qualification in any relevant qualification in the following fields: mining, renewable energy, business management, transport and logistics, marketing, law, financial services, economics, entrepreneurship, financial management, engineering, and information technology.

3.2 The eligible candidate should possess:

- Extensive executive and board leadership experience;
- Strong understanding of corporate governance principles;
- Experience in complex public-sector governance or developmental institutions;.
- Experience overseeing organizational performance, risk, and accountability systems; and
- Demonstrated experience in economic and industrial development

3.3 The eligible candidate should demonstrate knowledge and experience in the following areas:

(i) Relevant legislative and policy frameworks, provincial and national development priorities, an extensive understanding of Economic development policies, Industrialization, Investment promotion, Enterprise development, Infrastructure and Local economic development.

(ii) Strategic and ethical leadership, financial acumen, risk oversight, communication, stakeholder management, governance and special economic zone/industrial development zone knowledge.

4. Applications must be supported by:-

- A detailed curriculum vitae of the applicant and certified copies of qualifications
 - Supporting documents that reflect the applicant's knowledge and experience that will contribute to the functioning of the entity;
 - A declaration of direct or indirect interest by the applicant which may constitute conflict of interest with regard to responsibilities if appointed a Board Member.
5. A Board Member's appointment is limited to a maximum of five (5) years' period renewable for one term. The remuneration and allowances payable to a member of the Board shall be in accordance with National Treasury Guidelines for Board members.
6. Strategic objectives of the entity are as follows:-
- a) To create economic growth and transformation in the Sekhukhune District and Limpopo Province
 - b) To create awareness and support for the development and growth of the proposed FTSEZ
 - c) To support the process of attracting manufacturing and related industries and tenants into the proposed FTSEZ whilst achieving socio economic empowerment for the surrounding communities
 - d) To ensure greater inclusion of SMMEs within the green energy and mining anchored Value chains

INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR
APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE **28 August 2026**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED
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DEADLINE



Director for Limpopo Consumer Affairs, Ms. Benny Ramadisha accompanied by SAPS and Municipal enforcement officers



the province. "We have a duty to safeguard the economy of the Province, we therefore cannot under any circumstances allow harmful and illegal products to be sold to our consumers on our watch. We will knock on every business door, or knock it down if necessary. On our arrival we will take account of every stock, we will ask for stock receipts, we will visit the identified suppliers should we suspect foul play, we will arrest every owner, store manager or anyone found behind the till or cash register with the intention of selling unregistered, illicit or illegal products to our consumers".

Ramadisha's utterances are a clear stance that the Provincial government has had enough and indeed if Limpopo aims to industrialise its economy, create employment opportunities and put the business sector back in the hands of authentic owners, then there can no longer be room for mushrooming nor transportation of unregistered or illegal products across every Municipality in Limpopo. ■

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EIAs in Action -

Ensuring Sustainable Construction Sites



With Limpopo Province being a centre for agriculture, tourism, emerging enterprises, mining and renewable energy. Most recently, plans are in place on turning the Province into an industrialisation hub. Some of these developments, if not adequately informed can dangerously attempt to proceed without taking into consideration the EIA regulations stipulated by the National Environmental Management Act of 1998 (NEMA). As much as Limpopo is currently an unchallenged investment destination choice, all major developments or construction requires environmental authorisation. This is to ensure that construction projects do not cause unnecessary or irreversible damage to either the environment, communities or

our well-preserved natural resources. Major construction activities are likely to cause significant impact on the environment. Such impact has the potential to cause high levels of environmental pollution, including air pollution, water pollution and unwanted waste within our natural environment.

According to Mr. Mafu Nkosi, Chief Director Integrated Environmental Management, it is important that major construction sites should undertake an EIA process. This process identifies, predicts and evaluates environmental and social effects and produces an Environmental Impact Report inclusive of environmental impacts mitigation as well as residual risks of the proposed activities are outlined. The main objective of EIA is

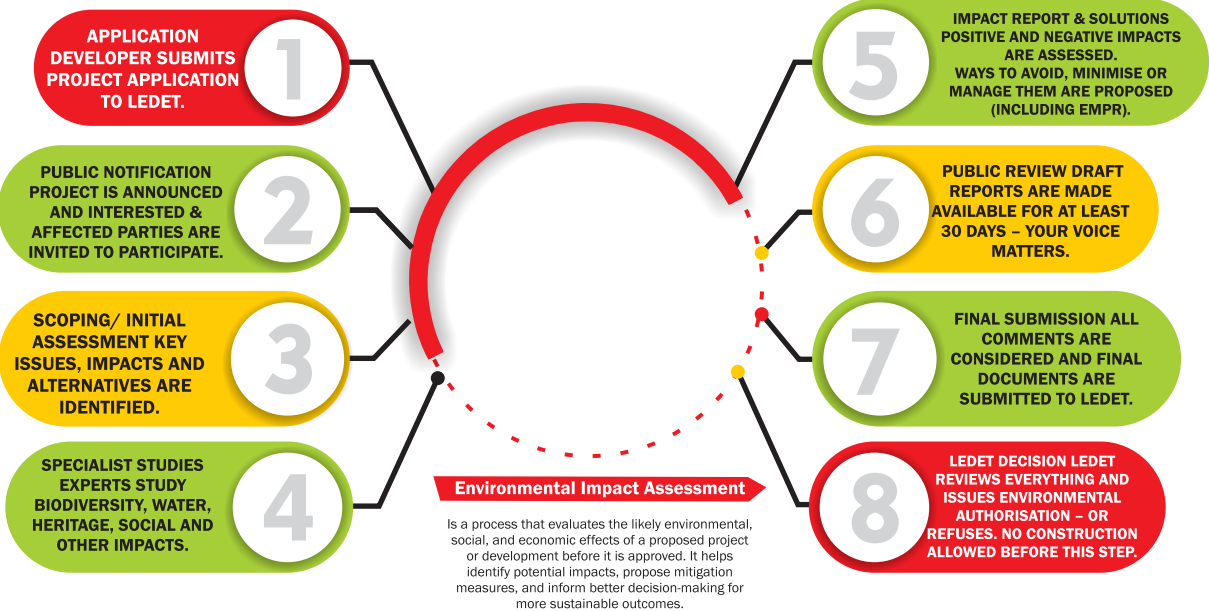
to inform decision-makers, mitigate negative impacts, and promote long-term sustainable development. This process encourages transparency and public participation, allowing stakeholders to voice concerns and contribute to better outcomes. Nkosi further mentioned that the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) is the custodian of environmental compliance and enforcement in the Province with the full understanding that protecting the environment has an important influence on human health. Major construction sites can expose humans to physical, chemical and biological risk factors; therefore, EIA is not an option, it is compulsory if not peremptory. ■

8 Steps

EIA MADE EASY

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LIMPOPO LIQUOR INDUSTRY ON THE RIGHT PATH

"Limpopo is on the right track. Our goal is to become an exemplary liquor industry in the country."

Since the implementation of the Limpopo Liquor Act 5 of 2009, the province has significantly improved compliance in the liquor industry. Over 95% of license holders successfully renewed their operating licenses for the 2026/27 period. The Board also welcomed the growing number of families voluntarily transferring licenses from deceased members to spouses, children, or business partners.

There is a notable positive shift in licensees' understanding of license conditions, recent regulatory amendments, and the consequences of non-compliance.

However, challenges remain, including outlets operating beyond trading hours, hosting artists without entertainment licences, and a worrying rise in the

distribution and sale of illegal alcohol.

According to Rev. Dr. Robert Mudogwa, Acting Chief Director for Business Regulations and Governance, the liquor industry remains highly resilient and continues to grow across townships, rural and urban areas.

While compliance has improved, the Department will intensify unannounced raids and take strong action against illegal operators.

"Limpopo is on the right track. Our goal is to become an exemplary liquor industry in the country.

We will not allow criminal elements to reverse the progress made," said Mudogwa. The Department urges all licensed premises to comply with land use and building regulations to ensure patron and employee safety. Municipalities are



Rev. Dr. Robert Mudogwa, Acting Chief Director for Business Regulations and Governance

encouraged to avoid unnecessary delays in processing liquor licence applications. Churches and schools are also discouraged from issuing "no-objection" letters for liquor outlets operating near their premises, as this contravenes the Limpopo Liquor Act, 2009. ■

BEWARE! FAKE Liquor Inspectors on the Loose!



**SCAM
ALERTS!**

PUBLIC SERVICE Announcement (PSA)

The **Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET)** has noted with serious concern that civilians are impersonating official LEDET liquor inspectors.

These impostors are fraudulently approaching businesses and the public pretending to conduct inspections.

STERN WARNING



Impersonating a LEDET official or liquor inspector is a serious criminal offence. Offenders will be arrested and prosecuted.

Under the **Liquor Act**, any person who pretends to be an inspector is guilty of an offence and faces **imprisonment** upon conviction.

GENUINE LEDET INSPECTORS



- Carry official identification cards.
- Drive marked vehicles.
- Never demand cash payments on the spot.

Report any suspicious individuals immediately to LEDET or SAPS.

**Protect your business.
Stay vigilant. Report fraud.**

#LEDET #StopFraud #LiquorCompliance



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Conflicts between Humans and Wildlife

The Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism has over the past 3 years noted with concern the growing interactions between humans and wildlife which results in brutal retaliations by community members towards wildlife and vice-versa. These undesired meetings are usually due to human population growth, agricultural expansion, infrastructure development, climate change and usual animal migration patterns. Population growth has introduced a necessity for residential expansion which today overlaps into wildlife habitats.

These type of overlap automatically forces wildlife and people into closer contact, due to sharing of habitats hence conflicts have become more likely. Some community members have also gone rogue as they constantly attempt to corner and capture stray wildlife without calling the relevant authorities.

Mr. MT Mashala, Director for Wildlife Resources Management the Department has noted with great dissatisfaction the manner at which citizens have resorted to approaching, attacking and killing of stray wild animals for purposes of sharing such carcass for consumption. Secondly, we've



noted with abhorrence the crowds surrounding our Environmental Officers/Wildlife Rangers upon arrival on a scene. Presence of community members at an active stray wildlife scene delays progress, increases the chances of risk, injuries or death of community members and delays operation timeframes.

"There's many factors contributing to wildlife straying away from their usual habitats. Consistent or heavy rains has proven to be a major contributor as it contains the capacity to destroy infrastructure, collapse fences, erode soil, uproot trees and cause heavy or uncomfortable water flows within dams and rivers resulting in increased numbers of displaced animals escaping to safer shelters and higher ground with the risk of passing through residential areas".

Said Mashala. The Department warns members of the public to remain vigilant and contact authorities (SAPS, LEDET and the Kruger National Park) on sighting of any form of stray wild animals. Members of the Public are further warned not to approach, attempt to capture, provoke nor try to take selfies with any danger causing animal. Limpopo Citizens has a responsibility to protect our Provincial wildlife as it is the cornerstone of our booming tourism sector, it is key for preservation of biodiversity and a key reason for Limpopo being a home to a vigorous ecosystem. ■



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS OF COMPETENT CANDIDATE TO SERVE

ON THE BOARD OF THE LIMPOPO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (LEDA)



1. The Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Dr. Tshirerek Baldwin Matibe, hereby, in terms of Section 7.1 of the Limpopo Economic Development Agency Act No 5 of 2016 read in collaboration with the Limpopo Recruitment Policy for Directors of Public Entities of 2024, invite applications for a competent person to serve as a Director of the Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) Board.

2. The Department seeks to appoint highly competent, and ethical person capable of providing independent governance oversight, driving institutional accountability, and advancing the developmental and economic transformation mandate of the Limpopo Economic Development Agency.

3. The applicants must meet the following criteria:

3.1 A suitably qualified individual with NQF7 qualification in any relevant qualification in the following fields: mining, business management, transport and logistics, marketing, law, financial services, economics, entrepreneurship, financial management, housing development, engineering, and information technology.

3.2 The eligible candidate should possess:

Extensive executive and board leadership experience; Proven experience chairing boards, committees, or large institutions; Strong understanding of corporate governance principles; Experience in complex public-sector governance or developmental institutions; Experience overseeing organizational performance, risk, and accountability systems; and Demonstrated experience in economic and industrial development and real estate development and management.

3.3 The eligible candidates should demonstrate knowledge and experience in the following areas:

(i) Relevant legislative and policy frameworks, provincial and national development priorities, an extensive understanding of Economic development policies, Industrialization, Investment promotion, Enterprise development, Infrastructure and Local economic development.

(ii) Strategic and ethical leadership, financial acumen, risk oversight, communication, stakeholder management, governance and economic development knowledge.

4. Applications must be supported by:

A detailed curriculum vitae of the applicants and certified copies of qualifications. Supporting documents that reflect the applicant's knowledge and experience that will contribute to the functioning of the Agency;

A declaration of direct or indirect interest by the applicants which may constitute conflict of interest with regard to responsibilities if appointed as a Board Chairperson.

5. A Board Member's appointment is limited to a maximum of five (5) years' period renewable for one term. The remuneration and allowances payable to members of the Board shall be in accordance with National Treasury Guidelines for Board members.

6. In terms of Section 7(3) of the LEDA Act the applicants will be subjected to vetting investigation by the State Security Agency as per the Intelligence Services Act, 2002 (Act No.65 of 2002) before appointment. The appointee will be required to sign a contract and enter into a performance agreement.

7. The following persons may not be appointed or remain as members of the Board if that person:

a) has or acquires a direct or indirect interest in any business, which may result in a conflict of interest with that member's professional conduct as a member;

b) has a family member, partner or associate with a direct or indirect interest in any enterprise or business which may result in a conflict of interest with that member's professional conduct as a member;

c) is an un-rehabilitated insolvent or becomes insolvent;

d) is or becomes a Member of the National Assembly or National Council of Provinces, any provincial legislature, House of Traditional Leaders or local government or is, subject to section 5

(3) (a) in the full time employ of the State, other than the Agency;

e) has been, or is removed from an office of trust on account of misconduct;

f) is declared by a competent court to be mentally unfit;

g) has at any time been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty;

h) has at any stage, a direct or indirect interest in a matter before the Board which may reasonably preclude that person from performing his or her functions as a member in a fair, unbiased and proper manner; or

i) is, in terms of the Companies Act, 2008 (Act No 71 of 2008) ineligible or disqualified from being a director of a company

8. In terms of Section 4 of the LEDA Act, the objectives of the Agency are as follows:

a) accelerate economic development and diversification in the provincial industrial base and to increase the competitiveness of the provincial economy in the fields of agriculture, commerce, housing, industry, mining, training, tourism, public transport and other business;

b) identify short, medium and long term interventions in order to accelerate economic and industrial

development and job creation;
c) implement key priority catalytic projects in a coherent and integrated manner in partnership with priority stakeholders;

d) support the development of strategic sectors of the economy in line with the established economic and industrial policies of the province;
e) provide leadership by preventing sporadic, uncoordinated, incoherent economic development projects which are in line with the provincial policy;

f) increase regional economic collaboration with functional economies outside the province;

g) shape the geography of the industrial production and align underdeveloped regions into the economic frontiers;

h) improve the province's export performance and attract a greater share of domestic and foreign investment; and

i) increase the number of economic sectors capable of producing high value added products and services.

INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE 15 AUGUST 2026

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Don't Miss the DEADLINE!

Reclaim South Africa's top tourism spot –

MEC Matibe challenges new Limpopo Tourism Board



Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism MEC, Dr Tshitereke Matibe, has charged the newly appointed Limpopo Tourism Agency (LTA) Board with a clear mandate: restore the province to its position as South Africa's leading domestic tourism destination.

Speaking during the official introduction of the new Board, Dr Matibe described the appointment as the start of a new chapter for destination marketing, tourism growth and economic transformation in the province.

The new Board takes office following the end of the previous Board's term on 31 May 2026. Although Limpopo once held the number one ranking for domestic tourism in South Africa, the province currently sits in second place behind KwaZulu-Natal, accounting for more than 14% of the national domestic tourism market.

Dr Matibe said reclaiming the top position is a strategic priority. "Returning Limpopo tourism to the summit of South Africa's domestic tourism market is non-negotiable. We possess some of the most extraordinary natural attractions, cultural heritage assets and wildlife experiences in



the country. The task before this Board is to convert that immense potential into jobs, investment and economic growth," said Dr Matibe.

The newly appointed LTA Board comprises:

- **Mr Freddy Greaver** – Chairperson
- **Mr Chris Lethole** – Deputy Chairperson
- **Mr Parks Sebatjane** – Board Member
- **Ms Modile Boshielo** – Board Member
- **Advocate Rendani Bvuma** – Board Member
- **Mrs Keleabetswe Tlouane** – Board Member

Speaking on behalf of the Board, Chairperson Mr Freddy Greaver committed the new leadership collective to safeguarding the Agency's strong governance record, maintaining its clean audit status, and building on the achievements of those who served before them. ■



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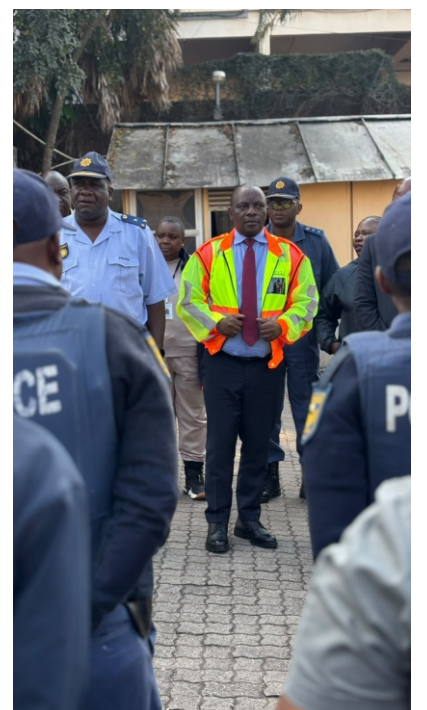
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LEDET INTENSIFIES SPAZA SHOP COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS

LEDET MEC, Dr Tshitereke Matibe led an unannounced inspections of spaza shops in Bolobedu, outside Tzaneen, to enforce compliance and protect consumers.

One undocumented foreign national was arrested, expired food items confiscated, and non-compliant spaza shops closed. MEC Matibe raised concern about the level of non-compliance in rural communities, including cases where local residents lease premises to undocumented foreign nationals.

He was joined by Greater Tzaneen Municipality Mayor Cllr Odas Ngobeni, law enforcement officials and health inspectors. The inspections form part of LEDET's broader drive to ensure businesses comply with applicable laws, municipal by-laws and health and safety requirements. ■



LEDET MEC, Dr Tshitereke Matibe leading an unannounced inspections of spaza shops in Bolobedu,



A Limpopo that works for all



Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba, Mopani District Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shai and LEDET MEC Dr Tshireke Matibe during the handover of a house to Ms Nokuthula Sithole, mother of the conjoined twins.

LEDET, through its subsidiary Risima Housing Finance Corporation, built a new three-bedroom house with running water and proper sanitation for Ms. Nokuthula Sithole, mother of the conjoined twins. Limpopo Premier Dr. Phophi Ramathuba officially handed over the house on 8 July 2026 at Lulekani Village in Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality.

The handover formed part of the provincial government’s Service Delivery Week under the District Development Model. The project followed a social worker’s report that the family lacked formal housing. It was funded by proceeds from the Premier’s Annual Golf Day. During the ceremony, the Premier described the house as an investment in the children’s future and urged the family to protect it as a secure home. The gesture also reflected the spirit of Mandela Month.

The twins had captured the nation’s attention after their successful separation surgery. The new home

now offers the family a safer, more dignified environment as they continue caring for the children, underscoring government’s commitment to restoring dignity and ensuring no family is left behind. ■



The house donated by Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba to Ms Nokuthula Sithole.



Limpopo Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba together with Ms Nokuthula Sithole.

Tightening the Net on Illegal Gambling

The Limpopo Gambling industry is a necessary component of local entertainment and leisure. The industry continues to support growth and development within our province and the country as a whole. The positive impact made by the Gambling sector through the Limpopo Gambling Board during the past 4 years alone has been incredibly enormous with contributions cutting across multiple sectors including education, health and social development.

However, the industry has been penetrated by mushrooming unlicensed operators who create games which are somewhat similar to those utilised by our licensed gambling operators. With technology constantly evolving and readily available in almost every home, illegal online gambling activities have also made their way straight to our doorsteps and into our children's hands.

With illegal gambling activities having gained momentum over the past decade, tax contributions have surely began limping, our people are being robbed of employment opportunities, loss of economic activities, development and the illegal gambling sector has also stolen the rights of the consumers. As painful as it is, it won't be long before our licensed gambling establishments are being held tightly on a popular professional wrestling maneuver called 'chokeslam'.

The CEO for Limpopo Gambling Board Mr. Gregory Makoko has indicated that apart from the countless warnings encouraging our people to refrain from illegal gambling activities, they continue to engage in such illegal activities as they believe that it's an easy way to generate money or boost their income. “There is of course those people who gamble to survive, and yet this are the very same people who borrow money from family members, friends and even loan-sharks in order to fund their illegal gambling addictions”. Said Makoko.

Makoko further announced that the Limpopo Gambling Board strongly discourages anyone from taking part in any unlicensed gambling activities. Some of this unlicensed facilities are at-times found operating within our localities. The Limpopo Gambling Board calls upon all citizens to report any facility conducting any form of illegal gambling activities within the Province. ■

