

Cuban Technical Advisors to provide expertise in the area of construction management

39 Cuban Technical Advisors (CTA's) were welcomed into the country by the Department of Public Works earlier this month. The advisors from Cuba have been deployed to help provide technical support and expertise in the area of construction project management to the department.

Public Works Minister, Mr TW Nxesi says the Advisors will be distributed between the National Department and the Mpumalanga and Limpopo Provincial Departments of Public Works.

“Most of those working for the National office, will be deployed to regional offices, specifically: Polokwane, Mthatha, Mmabatho and Nelspruit,” said the Minister.

He was speaking at a ceremony to welcome the Cuban Technical Advisors held in Pretoria on 8 December 2016.

The CTA's include 15 professionals in the civil and structural engineering expertise; 9 in the electrical engineering expertise; 7 in the mechanical engineering expertise; 5 in the construction project management; 2 in architecture and 1 in traffic engineering and are all set to be in the country for the next three years.

The specific scope of work of the Technical advisors includes the following:

- Project planning
- designing and implementation
- Conducting Structural Audits for defects
- Procurement - site briefings and tender evaluations
- Management of contract documentation
- Participate in the execution of DPW projects, Artisan Development, Internally Executed Projects, and Wastewater/ Sewerage Treatment Plants
- Transfer of skills to the youth and existing employees
- Supervision of contractors and quality assurance
- Managing and attending to day-to-day maintenance
- Investigation of costing of construction projects
- Project management and schedule tracking.