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DAY 2 OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE CHANGE INDABA

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Day 2 of the Built Environment Climate Change Indaba, held at the Olive Convention Centre in Durban kicked off with an engagement of panellists from various groups such as the Construction Education & Training Authority (CETA), the South African Local Government Association, Absa Group and Abahlali baseMjondolo socialist movement. The groups engaged and elaborated on who the main stakeholders that should participate in the climate change disaster rebuilding efforts, are.

The Council for the Built Environment (CBE) CEO Dr. Msizi Myeza spoke about the need for the sector to embody ethical conduct, innovation, agility, timely execution. The Principal of the National School of Government, Prof Busani Ngcaweni encouraged Public Officials to answer the call of being a part of an ethical, capable, developmental state that is seized with the task of effectively tackling the root causes of underdevelopment, unemployment, poverty and inequality. He also emphasised that government communicators need to improve communication and reflect on the many successes of the state.

The CBE, an entity of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, convened this Indaba in order to tighten the planning of preventative measures against climate change-related disasters and ensure a coordinated response to the challenges faced by communities as a result of such disasters.

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DPWI HOSTS THE BIDDERS BRIEFING SESSION ON THE IREREP

By Tiisetso Nkome

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure is hosting the Bidders Briefing session on Integrated Renewable Energy and Resource Efficiency Programme (iREREP) at the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa (IDC) in Sandton, Johannesburg. The programme is a Strategic Integrated Project (SIP) Number 28, the largest programme for the procurement of renewable energy and resource efficiency for public facilities.

Speaking at the Briefing session, the Head of Infrastructure South Africa, Dr. Alec Moemi said their job as ISA is to provide adequate support to the DPWI (the iREREP sponsor). Working with project owners and sponsors, ISA develops a credible infrastructure pipeline of high-impact infrastructure projects which are bankable and fundable.