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IMBIZO FOR WOMEN IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND OCEANS ECONOMY UNDERWAY

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An Imbizo bringing together women who are working and or are interested in joining the construction and maritime sectors, kicked off in Cape Town on 5 September 2023 after Western Cape Provincial Minister of Infrastructure Tertuis Simmers welcomed attendees.

The Ministry of the Public Works and Infrastructure Department is hosting this Imbizo to engage the relevant women in order to get their perspectives, challenges, opportunities and solutions, in improving the participation of women in the construction and maritime fields. The DPWI recognizes the significant role that women play in the Oceans Economy, the maritime sector and the built environment.

The panellists at this Imbizo are discussing topics such as skills development, training and mentorship. Key issues include the need to expose young women to job opportunities available within these sectors, at a young age and at a secondary school level. Minister Sihle Zikalala says that the Department will take these izimbizo to different localities in semi-urban, township and rural areas for women and girl children to learn about the built environment and oceans economy. This will help to expose these segments of society, to wider possibilities and help youngsters to choose their school subjects appropriately in order to access post school training in built environment and maritime spheres.

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