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MINISTER SIHLE ZIKALALA MEETS AND ENGAGES WITH VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT SECTOR IN THE NORTH WEST

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Public Works and Infrastructure Minister, Honourable Sihle Zikalala has taken his nationwide roadshow that seeks to provide stakeholders with information on a range of developmental programmes offered by the Department within the construction and built environment, to the North West. On 19 September 2023, the Minister met and engaged with various stakeholders within the Construction and Built Environment Sector in the North West, at an event held in Rustenburg.

Speaking to media houses that attended the event, Minister Zikalala explained that the Department had a plethora of programmes that were aimed at bringing communities into the construction and built environment. "For instance, we have programmes such as the EPWP's Vukuphile Contractor Development Programme whose purpose is to develop emerging contractors throughout the country. We want communities in the North West to participate in such programmes in order to create a better life for themselves and their communities. It is through such programmes that emerging entrepreneurs within the construction sector can take advantage of opportunities that exist within the sector," Minister Zikalala explained.

Minister Zikalala's event was also aimed at resolving challenges faced by stakeholders within the sector as well as women and youth-owned enterprises that want to enter the sector. The event was attended by senior government leaders in the province including the Executive Mayor of Rustenburg Local Municipality, Shiela Mabale-Huma, the Head of the Department of Public Works and Roads in the North West, Mr. Moses Kgantsi as well as senior officials from various organizations such as South African Women in Construction (SAWIC) and the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB).

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