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# NORTH WEST PROVINCE'S DDM IMBIZO WITH THE DM IN PICTURES

Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts led the District Development Model (DDM) Imbizo at the Kgakala Community Hall under the Maquassi Hills Local Municipality within the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, in the North West on 29 September 2023.

The Deputy Minister commenced her DDM action on the ground campaign with the cleaning of neighbourhoods in Kgakala, Leeudoringstad and responding to matters related to road maintenance programmes. Issues raised by community members during the Imbizo included high unemployment rate, a rise in illegal dumping sites and nepotism in the hiring of workers for various local projects.











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### MINISTER ZIKALALA CONGRATULATES ENGINEERS FOR THEIR STERLING WORK

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The UNESCO 9th Africa Engineering Week (AEW) & 7th Africa Engineering Conference that was held from 25 to 28 September 2023 at the CSIR International Conference Centre in Pretoria, served as a beacon of inspiration and innovation for the engineering community. The conference that highlighted the excellence of African engineers, culminated with a Ministerial Gala Dinner and the Federation of African Engineering Organisation's (FAEO) Awards ceremony, where Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Sihle Zikalala delivered a keynote address.



The Minister acknowledged and congratulated the work of the engineers in infrastructure development. "If, indeed, talent is every nation's prime asset, let us today blow the horn and beat the African drum to celebrate the supremely talented engineers and committed organisations powering this noble and dynamic profession," said Minister Zikalala after mentioning that the ceremony resonated with the theme of the UNESCO 9th Africa Engineering Week "*Celebrating and Growing Engineering Excellence in the African Region*".

After concluding his keynote address, where he spoke with enthusiasm about ethics in engineering and ensuring that female talent is nurtured and given leading roles in the industry, Minister Zikalala assisted the President of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA), Refilwe Buthelezi, in handing out FAEO awards to winners from across the African continent.

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