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## EPWP DDG MR CHONCO VISITS THE FURNITURE MANUFACTURING PROJECT IN DURBAN ON THE SIDELINES OF THE EPWP INDABA



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The two-day Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Indaba is underway in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. Public Works and Infrastructure's EPWP Deputy Director-General (DDG) Mr Ntokozo Chonco yesterday led a delegation that visited the EPWP Furniture Manufacturing project in Durban.

During the visit, the learners in this project were able to showcase their wood-work skills.

A total number of 20 learners are enrolled for the Furniture Manufacturing Learnership that began on the 3rd of January 2023 and will run for a period of 12 months. Training Interventions are mostly structured into Classroom and Workplace training.

This structured learning programme, consists of Seventeen (17) Unit Standards and it is FP&M Seta Accredited at NQF 2.

The training equips learners with business knowledge and skills that will enable them to sustain themselves after they exit the Programme.

As part of the exit strategy, the DPWI EPWP Enterprise Develop and Training unit mobilised stakeholders such as:

•The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) - for life and business skills as well as grant funding.

•The provincial Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) - to assist participants with Cooperatives registration.

•The Small Enterprise Finance Agency (SEFA) and the Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) - for funding and business mentoring.

DPWI is in the process of signing the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Basic Education to procure office furniture and school desks from the EPWP participants.

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