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## "DPWI HAS A KEEN INTEREST IN SUPPORTING CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES THAT ARE HELPING THE COUNTRY ADDRESS THE UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS"

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Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Sihle Zikalala gave a keynote address at the 16th annual South African Construction Awards (SACAs) in Midrand on Saturday 25 November 2023.

In his address, Minister Zikalala noted how the construction sector grew by 4.2% in the last six months even though the general economy of the country continued to be subdued.

The Minister said the Department had a keen interest in supporting construction companies that are driving inclusive growth and helping the country to address the unemployment crisis. "In this vein, a key aspect of the proposed CIDB Amendment Bill encompasses the increased role of the private sector and its contribution to the transformation and development agenda," said the Minister.

Minister Zikalala made a call for the transformation of the construction industry, to include more women. He said it was a concern that on the CIDB register of contractors, there were only 37% women representation.

The SACAs ceremony coincided with the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women** and the launch of the South African **16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children** campaign. In this regard, Minister Zikalala urged the sector to recommit to women's economic empowerment in order to curb violence against women, which according to studies is fueled by gender inequality.



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