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B.U.I.L.D PROGRAMME TO ENABLE EMERGING CONTRACTORS TO GROW THEIR BUSINESS

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts together with the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) launched the B.U.I.L.D Programme in Irene, Pretoria on 14 March 2024. The CIDB's Best Practice Project Assessment Scheme, otherwise known as the B.U.I.L.D Programme aims to accelerate transformation in construction industry, increase capacity of the construction industry to deliver infrastructure and support the growth of the emerging contractors.

"Through the B.U.I.L.D Programme we will address some of the fundamental stumbling blocks that inhibit the meaningful participation of small and emerging entrepreneurs. Their

potential is often stifled by lack of access to finance and credit, as well as a shortage of opportunities for vocational and management training," said Mr Bongani Dladla, the CEO of CIDB in his opening addressing.

In her address, DPWI Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts said that the B.U.I.L.D Programme will help rebuild the construction sector in an inclusive manner and ensure higher levels of participation by emerging contractors into the major projects that flow from Government's investments in infrastructure. "Through the B.U.I.L.D Programme we will further strengthen the growth of a world-class construction sector that will play a vital role in infrastructure provision in future. Investment in infrastructure is a prominent feature of our economy as we expand services to the people. The Programme will ensure that social development goals are achieved through construction tenders issued by government," explained DM Swarts.



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The Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium - South Africa (SIDS-SA) is the annual flagship event organised by the Investment and Infrastructure Office (IIO) within The Presidency.

The President of South Africa, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa is the convener of the event, and includes Government Ministers, large asset owners, leading private investors and fund managers, MDBs, developers, technology innovators, key advisors and more.

The main aim of the event is to facilitate alignment with the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and South Africa's National Development Plan (NDP) and to ensure access to greater and economical sources of sustainable funding. Further, it aims to highlight the digital sectors, agriculture and housing sectors which aligns with 10 of the 17 SDG's (Infrastructure).

- 📅 **Date: 17-19 March 2024**
- 📍 **Venue: Century City, Conference centre (CPT)**
- 🕒 **Time: 09:00 - 17:00**

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