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DPWI SUCCESSFULLY HOSTS YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SEMINAR



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Candidates of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure's (DPWI) Young Professionals Programme grabbed the opportunity to engage Minister Sihle Zikalala and Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts about their programme with both hands, at a seminar held at Menlyn in Pretoria on 3 April 2024.

All DPWI entities and various Departmental senior officials led by Director-General Mr Sifiso Mdakane attended the seminar.

Among new measures proposed at the seminar is coordination among government departments to maximise the absorption of young professionals that are trained through the Young Professionals programme.

In her address, Deputy Minister Swarts said she is happy to resonate with the speech the President delivered at this year's State of the Nation Address (SoNA) when he spoke of **Tintswalo*, adding that the young professionals at the seminar were a perfect example of the *Tintswalos* of this country who possess valuable and specialised skills to improve South Africa into a better country.

Tintswalo is a Xitsonga name meaning grace or mercy. During his SoNA in February, President Cyril Ramaphosa reflected on the strides made by the governing party over the past 30 years, using the anecdote of a *Tintswalo* - dubbed the *child of democracy* born at the dawn of freedom in 1994, who grew up in a society governed by a Constitution rooted in equality, the rule of law and affirmation of the inherent dignity of every citizen.



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