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MINISTER ZIKALALA ADDRESSES THE BBCBE INAUGURAL BUILT INDABA TACKLING CRUCIAL MATTERS SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Sihle Zikalala addressed the inaugural **Black Business Council in the Built Environment (BBCBE) Built Environment Indaba** at the Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand, Gauteng on 4 April 2024. The purpose of the 2-day Indaba is to give a platform to the public and private sector, academics, researchers, built environment practitioners, civil society and industry players to discuss innovative ways that will address aging and incapacitated infrastructure.

It further aims to provide solutions to expand and reach out to the impoverished and disadvantaged communities that have not realised basic needs like clean water and sanitation, electricity, and reliable public transport whilst developing scarce skills, creating employment and economic opportunities.

Minister Zikalala acknowledged the role that the BBCBE is playing in championing broad based black economic empowerment (BBBEE), the development of skills, fight against crime and corruption in the industry, promotion of job creation and advocating for the state to get value for money in the property and construction industry.

The Minister also reassured the private sector that government is ready to work and support the industry to get rid of all red tapes that affect the property and construction industry.

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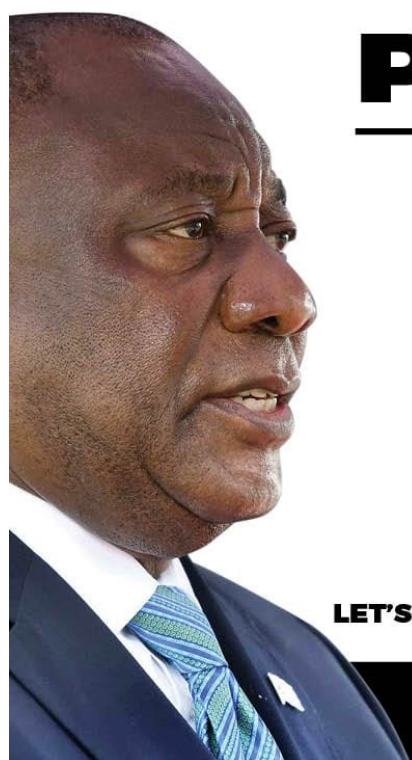


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