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## DPWI DEVELOPS PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION

Article By Siphamandla Nyembe  
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Minister Sihle Zikalala and Director-General (DG) Mr Sifiso Mdakane attended the first day of the Technical Workshop for the Public Works and Infrastructure Bill at Garden Court OR Tambo International Airport on 23 January 2024. The 3-day workshop organised by the Policy Research and Regulations Branch - hosted officials from DPWI's regional offices across the country as well as officials from provincial departments within the Public Works and Infrastructure sector.

The workshop aims to develop an over-arching legislation that will capture the mandate of the Public Works and Infrastructure sector. This legislation will give clarity to the provincial governments and DPWI regional offices about the procedures they need to follow in executing their functions. Some of the stakeholders who will inform the creation of this Public Works Bill include The Presidency, the Forum of South African Directors-General (FOSAD) and the National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac).

In opening the workshop, Minister Zikalala implored colleagues of the DPWI involved in drawing up the Public Works and Infrastructure Bill to be robust and purposeful during the workshop as this bill will be presented to Cabinet and the Portfolio Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure.

### DPWI BUILT ENVIRONMENT BURSARY AWARDS

The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure Sihle Zikalala awards bursaries to students in the Built Environment at the 10th Anniversary of the DPWI Annual Bursary Ceremony

**Date:** 25 January 2024  
**Time:** 09:00  
**Venue:** Kopanong Hotel Conference Centre, Benoni




## DG MDAKANE SAYS DPWI NEEDS TO EMBACE IDENTIFYING AND RECRUITING TALENT FROM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

By Hope Motitimi

Minister Sihle Zikalala together with Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts formally welcomed the newly appointed Director-General (DG) of DPWI Mr Sifiso Mdakane on Tuesday, 23 January 2024.

Addressing DPWI staff, Minister Zikalala spoke on the impact that employees have in the department.

"Two things that keep a person relevant at work:

- **Investing effort in your work, in a way that shows progress.**
- Continue to **develop yourself**, to understand what you're doing and in return, you will be very instrumental and more than capable of what you are doing," said the Minister.

The DG appreciated the warm welcome and he encouraged the staff to maintain a great attitude towards their work. "We are doing serious work for our country, we cannot let them down," he said. He added that the DPWI needed to embrace the attitude of recruiting from within the Department and if the needed skills are not available internally, that's when the Department can look for talent outside.



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