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DPWI NOMINATED AS A PILOT FOR THE UNDP'S GENDER EQUALITY SEAL FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS



DPWI DG Mr Sifiso Mdakane and DPSA DG Ms Yoliswa Makhasi

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The Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have partnered to implement the **Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions**. The Gender Seal was launched for implementation in the Public Service on 29 August 2023 in the Sun City Convention Centre in the North West.

The UNDP has further committed to supporting departments that were chosen for the piloting of the Gender Seal in 2024. Departments chosen to be part of the pilot are departments such as **the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI)** that have been showing commitment to the implementation of the Gender Equality Strategic Framework and its tools.

On **9 April 2024**, the DPWI Director-General Mr Sifiso Mdakane, together with DGs/HODs from other pilot departments, met the DG: DPSA and the UNDP South Africa Resident Representative to sign commitment agreements and outline the plan for the piloting of the Gender Equality Seal within their departments. Mr Mdakane was accompanied by Mr Adam Mthombeni, the DDG overseeing the Gender unit.

The Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions is a voluntary awarding program that aims to support and recognize public institutions globally that commit to and improve on advancing gender equality and women's empowerment. Achieving inclusive societies requires vision, innovation and a commitment from leaders for gender equality. The Gender Equality Seal for Public Institutions celebrates institutions that make measurable progress against internationally recognized standards to address and incorporate, in all aspects of their work, the concerns of all the people they serve. Based on the level of adoption of the Gender Equality Seal framework, and the achieved outcomes, public institutions would attain a Bronze, Silver or Gold Gender Equality Seal. By participating in the Gender Equality Seal Programme, the DPWI is showing its commitment to advancing the empowerment of women in the Department.

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District Development Model (DDM) MINISTERIAL OUTREACH



Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Sihle Zikalala together with the Executive Mayor to King Cetshwayo District Municipality, Cllr A T Ntuli and MEC of KwaZulu-Natal Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Bongzi Sithole-Moloi will lead a District Development model (DDM) Ministerial Outreach as follows:

12 April 2024 **09:00am**
Esikhawini TVET College, Richards Bay

