



## MINISTER MACPHERSON DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AFRICA BUSINESS FORUM



DPWI Minister Mr Dean Macpherson

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"We need stronger partnerships and greater collaboration across borders if we are to address challenges such as infrastructure backlogs and the infrastructure investment gap." These are the words of Public Works and Infrastructure Minister Mr Dean Macpherson who delivered a keynote address at the Infrastructure Africa Business Forum on **16 July 2024** in Cape Town.

The two-day Business Forum focuses on information sharing that relates to business opportunities around infrastructure development in Africa. The minister spoke largely about turning South Africa into a large construction site, revealing that this however would of course need government to work together with the private sector. "A short term goal is to see more domestic funding sources investing in public infrastructure," he said.

The Minister said the Department was committed to accelerating initiatives to build private sector confidence in the capacity and capability of the state to deliver bankable public infrastructure projects, promote quality and efficiency of the preparation phases of public infrastructure projects, as well as account on the progress of these projects.



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