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FIRST TECHNICAL MINMEC UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY

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The Director-General of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), Mr Sifiso Mdakane, led a Technical MinMec meeting at the Birchwood Conference Centre in Boksburg, earlier today.

The meeting was attended by a host of Heads of Departments from all the Provincial Departments of Public Works, Client Departments like Border Management Authority, SALGA, as well as Deputy Director-Generals from DPWI.

The aim of the meeting was to set the tone for the sector, taking cue from the Statement of Intent that is produced to direct the 7th Administration under the Government of National Unity (GNU).

The meeting was also aimed at mining the views of client departments and provinces on how Public Works, as a sector, can continue to remain relevant in the midst of pressure on the mandate of the sector.

The buzz word of the Technical MinMec was "turning South Africa into a construction site," a message that is drummed by both the Ministry of Public Works and Infrastructure as well as the State President, Cyril Ramaphosa in public platforms. Attendees at this MinMec converged to device new or refresh ways of doing things, looking at how the provinces are structured to respond to the mandate of the state.

Professionalisation and capacity building that is linked to resources came out strongly from the MinMec as one of the issues that need zooming in urgently. In his remarks, DG reminded the MinMec members about the importance of this particular meeting. He also reminded the members that these MinMec meetings are audited. Issues that impact service delivery, such as the turnaround time on the payment of invoices, were also central at this MinMec.



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