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## **MEDIA INVITE**

## MINISTER SIHLE ZIKALALA UNVEILS CAPACITY TO ADDRESS SCARCE SKILLS IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure adopted a built environment skills pipeline strategy which sought to improve the number of professionals with scarce skills in career fields pertaining to engineering and the built environment.

The intention is to ensure an increase of the number of young professionals within the built environment, but in particular, to empower and uplift those who come from disadvantaged communities.

Tomorrow the Minister will unveil the skills pipeline programme and opportunities given to thousands of deserving students and professionals who are being unveiled to support the industry struggling with scarce skills and those being supported to pursue careers within the built environment.

South Africa's development prospects, especially in the construction, engineering and infrastructure roll-out, are heavily reliant on the availability of skills and young professionals to drive the country's growth agenda.

The media fraternity are kindly invited to attend this event.

## **Event Details**

**Date:** 03 April 2024

**Venue:** Protea Hotel Fire and Ice, Menlyn, Pretoria

**Time:** 09:00

## **ENDS**

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