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Public Works imports Cuban Technical Advisors and Professionals into the country

The Minister of Public Works, Ms Thoko Didiza, MP, will be welcoming 51 Cuban built environment professionals and technical advisors into the country on **Friday, 25 January 2008** at **St George's Hotel** in **Centurion, Pretoria**.

The decision to invite the Cubans follows the conclusion of a Professional Skills Audit carried out in **all** the Departments of Public Works in late 2006 and is in response to the growing public sector demand for infrastructure procurement (and delivery) under the Accelerated and Shared Growth Initiative of South Africa (ASGISA).

Once in the country, the Cuban professionals will be deployed to various Provincial Departments of Public Works for three years to help alleviate the shortage of skills in the built environment sector.

The exchange programme is part of a bilateral between the South African and Cuban governments and it is intended to contribute to skills development and economic growth.

Date: Friday, 25 January 2008

Venue: St George's Hotel in Centurion, Pretoria

Take Irene off-ramp on R21 (Albertina Sisulu Highway)

Time: 13:00 for 13:30

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