



## THE EPWP'S KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT FUNCTION IS OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY, SAYS DDG ABRAHAMS

By Michael Mokoena, picture by EPWP Communications

The Knowledge Management function of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) is every official's responsibility, said the Deputy Director General of the Expanded Public Works, Ms. Carmen-Joy Abrahams.

Opening the virtual workshop of the EPWP Knowledge Management Unit (KMU) earlier this week, Ms Abrahams urged all officials in the Branch to support the work of the KMU including saving all valuable EPWP documents and records in the EPWP Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).

The EDMS (also known as Papertrail) is a central electronic repository that was established by the KMU to store all valuable EPWP records and documents.

“If there were to be a fire in our building, what would happen to all the EPWP records and documents? Would the public be kind to us if we lose valuable documents and records in fire? It is therefore important that we all take responsibility for the knowledge management function of the Branch by also saving valuable EPWP information in the EDMS to ensure its preservation,” DDG Abrahams said.

The KMU virtual workshop also provided a platform to various Knowledge Management Committee (KMC) members to deliver reports on the work of the Committee. The

Committee's Ms. Andiswa Qiqimana provided an overview of how officials can save documents and records on the EDMS. She also pointed out that work on training officials on the use of the EDMS was ongoing.

The Committee's Mr. Tjaart van der Walt unpacked the link between knowledge management and innovation within the Branch, while another committee member – Dr. Mapule Mkhathswa-Ngwenya delivered a report on the performance of the Committee during the 2021/22 financial year.

The KMU virtual workshop was attended by EPWP Branch officials from the national office and regional offices across the country as well as an official from the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA), Ms. Sebenzile Zibani.

Ms. Zibani congratulated the EPWP-KMU for the work the unit was doing to ensure the mainstreaming of the knowledge management function in the Branch.



## DDG ABRAHAMS WISHES STAFF A SUCCESSFUL 2022

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The Deputy Director General (DDG) of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), Ms. Carmen-Joy Abrahams has wished the staff in the branch a successful 2022. Speaking on the sidelines of the EPWP Knowledge Management Unit Workshop earlier in the week, Ms. Abrahams wished the staff success in the work of driving the EPWP mandate of alleviating poverty through the creation of work opportunities for the poor and unemployed South Africans.

“Colleagues I trust that you will have a wonderful year. I wish during this year we all recognise once again that we can make the change that we want,” she said.

Ms Abrahams also encouraged staff to continue to work as a collective, across all units within the Branch, to ensure a successful implementation of the EPWP. She added that working together and learning from each other across all units

will contribute to the career development of the staff as well as expose staff to different fields within the Programme.

The DDG explained that she has had some of the colleagues opening up to her that they wish to gain exposure in other areas within the Branch. She urged managers to look at ways to provide such colleagues with an opportunity to learn, contribute and develop their skills in various fields of the Programme.

In conclusion, Ms Abrahams thanked the staff for making the EPWP a well-run Branch in the Department. “We have many officials who give in extra hours in the Branch...that is much appreciated. With those few words, I wish you all well for the year ahead,” she said.

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