

DPWI equips emerging women contractors with valuable information

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The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure's Gender unit has partnered with the Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) department and the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) to offer a 4-day-long training to some of the emerging women contractors and emerging women farmers in KwaZulu-Natal and in the Eastern Cape. The training aimed at providing the women with foundation information, also forms part of the Women's Month commemorations.

During the training, the women will gain information on the DPWI economic empowerment programmes as well as the Supply Chain Management processes. Other objectives of the training include creating a viable environment for the participation of designated groups in the EPWP Enterprise Development, Vuk'uphile and emerging contractor learnership programme as well as capacitating the designated groups on business processes. The training also aims to help the women navigate their way in their chosen industries so they can establish themselves.

"As women in this industry, we need to stop emerging at some point but finally claim our position and take on equal opportunities in what is usually labelled as a male dominated industry," said Gender unit's Chief Director Rev Naledi Stemela while opening the training for the emerging women contractors at the Ray Nkonyeni Council Chambers in Port Shepstone, on the South Coast of KwaZulu-Natal.