

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, CONVENES 21ST HRDC MEETING AT ORBIT COLLEGE, RUSTENBURG CAMPUS

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The Deputy President, Honourable David Mabuza, pictured here with several Ministers and Deputy Ministers, The Principal of ORBIT TVET College, Mr Dika Mokoena and SRC Executive Members, during his visit to the College

The Deputy President, Honourable David Mabuza convened the 21st Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) meeting held at ORBIT College, Rustenburg Campus B on 21 September 2018.

Mr Mabuza, who is the Chairperson of the HRDC of South Africa launched in 2010, was accompanied by North West Premier, Prof. Job Mokgoro, Minister of Higher Education and Training, Ms Naledi Pandor, Minister of Basic Education, Ms Angie Motshekga, Minister of Communications, Ms Nomvula Mokonyane, Minister of Small Business Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu, Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mr Buti Manamela, Deputy Minister of Labour, iNkosi Phathekile Holomisa, the Premier of the Eastern Cape Province, Mr Phumulo Masualle and other senior government officials including the Principal of ORBIT TVET College, Mr Dika Mokoena.

As part of the visit to the College, the delegates were taken on a tour of the Platinum Incubator (TPI), The Jewellery Manufacturing workshop and the Centre for Entrepreneurship, where local SMMEs exhibited their products. The tour was aimed at showcasing innovation, partnerships, entrepreneurship and the transfer of skills to students.

Amongst other important issues discussed in the HRDC meeting, was an update on Student Funding in Institutions of Higher Learning and plans to support academically capable poor and working class students to access higher education.

Going forward, the Deputy President said he will visit other provinces from time to time, to assess their functionality and to promote among provinces, the cross-sharing of best practice models for human resource development.

A day leading to the HRDC meeting, NW Premier, Prof Mokgoro officially launched the North West Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) at Rustenburg Civic Centre. The new provincial HRD Council consist of members from organised labour, government, business, civil society and academics, who will serve for a period of five years. ORBIT College Principal, Mr Mokoena was amongst those elected.

The Premier emphasised that South Africans must start focusing on building a skilled and professional public service. “The National Development Plan is very clear that we need to make sure that we make public service and local government a career of choice. South Africans must focus on building a skilled and professional public service from top to bottom”, Prof Mokgoro said.



A Jewellery Manufacturing student at ORBIT College, taking the Deputy President and his entourage through the process of making jewellery



Deputy President thanking ORBIT College Principal, Mr Dika Mokoena and CEO of The Platinum Incubator, Ms Sibogile Shongwe after they presented him with a platinum lapel pin bearing his initials, as a token of appreciation. They are surrounded by the College SRC members.



Minister of Higher Education and Training, Ms Naledi Pandor, marvels at a jewellery piece made by one of the College students, during a tour at the exhibition stalls

Newly elected Provincial HRDC



The newly appointed HRDC North West Provincial members. They were appointed during the Launch held on 20 September 2018 at the Rustenburg Civic Centre, and will serve for a period of five years. The Principal of ORBIT TVET College, Mr Dika Mokoena, was elected as one of the members