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### EPWP upcoming event

The Department of Public Works will on 11 October 2018 host the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) National Youth Service (NYS) graduation ceremony in De Aar in the Northern Cape.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works will on 11 and 12 October 2018 host the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Indaba and Kamoso Awards ceremony in Durban. The events will be led by the MEC for Human Settlement and Public Works in the province, Mr Ravigasen Ranganathan Pillay.

Both events will witness senior government officials and representatives of civil society that are participating in the implementation of the EPWP come under one roof to celebrate the work done under the EPWP as well as discuss issues that relate to the Programme.

### President Cyril Ramaphosa to close the two-day Job Summit in Midrand in Johannesburg today

Article by Emmanuel Jiyane

Picture by Emmanuel Jiyane



The President of South Africa, Honourable Cyril Ramaphosa will today close the second day of the government's Job Summit in Gallagher Conference Centre in Midrand, Gauteng. Opening the summit yesterday, President Ramaphosa announced that the partners at the summit have resolved to push for the creation of 275 000 jobs per year.

The aim of the summit is to find sustainable solutions to the challenge of unemployment in the country as well find solutions to the current economic challenges that the country is facing.

The government, business organizations, labour

formations as well as civil society partners who attended the summit also signed the Job Summit Agreement yesterday.

Senior officials in the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Branch in the Department of Public Works (DPW) are also contributing at the summit. The Acting Deputy Director General of the EPWP in DPW, Mr Ignatius Ariyo explained that the Department is contributing to the summit through its Public Employment Programme (PEP).

“Some of our proposals are included in the draft Job Summit Agreement. We are contributing to the summit through programmes such as the Vuk'uphile Contractor Development Programme as well as our National Youth Services (NYS) programme. We are looking at expanding both these sub-programmes to respond to the challenge of work creation,” Mr Ariyo explained.

The DPW is driving the government's EPWP initiative. The EPWP as one of the government's programmes that fights against poverty through the creation of work opportunities using labour intensive methods.

Some of the senior officials from DPW who attended and contributed at the summit included the Chief Director for EPWP Partnership Support, Ms Carmen-Joy Abrahams; Chief Director for EPWP Operations, Ms Pearl Lukwago-Mugerwa as well as the Chief Director for Monitoring and Evaluation, Dr. Eric Musekene.

The EPWP Communications Directorate also exhibited at the summit.

### EPWP graduate gets permanent employment with an auto house in Mafikeng

Article by Emmanuel Jiyane

One of the 200 young people who have been trained by the Department of Public Works (DPW) through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) has recently been appointed on a permanent position as an artisan by the Supreme Auto (Western Ford) in Mafikeng, North West. Mr Tholang Enele, 27, was recruited into the EPWP in 2014 under the EPWP Artisan Development Programme. The EPWP Artisan Development Programme is an initiative between the DPW and the Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education Training Authority (merSETA) that is aimed at training artisans. Mr Enele was exposed to both theoretical and practical training in motor mechanics.

Speaking to EPWP Communications recently, Mr Enele explained that the training that he was exposed to in the

EPWP was extensive and taught him a lot about fixing and maintaining motor vehicles

“I am happy to have participated in EPWP. Because of this wonderful Programme, I am now a qualified artisan. I thank the government for providing me with an opportunity to make a success of my life. The EPWP has indeed changed my life for the better,” Mr Enele said. After completing the three year training under the EPWP, Mr Enele was appointed permanently by the Supreme Auto (Western Ford) in Mafikeng.

“The work that I have been hired to do includes fixing and maintaining motor vehicles for our customers,” he stated.

He added that he intends to further his studies.

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