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Expanded Public Works Programme Welcomes 35 Participants to Cape Nature Skills Training Initiative – Western Cape

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The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) branch, in collaboration with the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure in the Western Cape, has successfully enrolled 35 participants from the Overstrand Local Municipality into an Integrated Grant (IG) skills training programme. This initiative aims to address poverty and unemployment through structured skills development.

The programme began in July 2025 and will run until June 2028. It is designed to equip participants with both soft and technical skills in the following key areas:

Eco-Tourism: Promoting responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment, supports the well-being of local communities, and fosters education and awareness.

Fire Breaks: Training participants to create and maintain firebreaks—strategic barriers that slow or stop the spread of wildfires, protecting both property and ecosystems.

Ecological Infrastructure: Focusing on the restoration and maintenance of natural systems such as mountain catchments, rivers, wetlands, coastal dunes, and ecological corridors that deliver essential ecosystem services.

Mr. Madoda Mfene, Manager responsible for the Environment and Culture Sector in the Western Cape, expressed optimism about the initiative. “We are confident that this training will empower participants with valuable skills, making them more employable upon completion of the programme,” he said.

