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## Minister Macpherson Champions Women in Construction at National Women's Day Commemoration

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KwaDukuza, KwaZulu-Natal – The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), Dean Macpherson, delivered the keynote address at the Department's National Women's Day Commemoration in KwaDukuza last Friday, highlighting the crucial role of women in building South Africa's infrastructure future.

In his address, Minister Macpherson spotlighted opportunities available to women through initiatives such as the CIDB B.U.I.L.D Fund, Infrastructure SA, and the EPWP Vuk'uphile Learnership Programme.

"Women must be at the centre of South Africa's infrastructure agenda. Together, we are building a more inclusive and prosperous future," said Minister Macpherson.

The event inspired young people from the Expanded Public Works Programme's National Youth Service (NYS), encouraging them to seize opportunities in the construction industry and thrive as future leaders.

The celebration also showcased success stories from the EPWP Vuk'uphile Contractor Development Programme, which is empowering women contractors to improve their CIDB grading and grow their businesses, fostering economic participation and leadership in the sector.

