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WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL OFFICE HOSTS STAKEHOLDERS IN PLANNING FOR 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Western Cape provincial office met in Cape Town to finalise the provincial strategic operations plan outlining how they will deliver poverty eradication programmes throughout the province. The provincial team, through the session is able to crystallise their operation plan and deliverables.

“It was particularly important for us on day 1, to have an internal session, with NDA departments including Stakeholder Management, Communications, and Research to streamline support processes and also to gain clarity on the portfolio of evidence and additional information required by the Office of the CEO. All of this is geared to improve internal processes, quality assurance and alignment of outcomes of our development programmes”, said NDA Western Cape Provincial Manager Mr Ardiel Soeker.

Section 41 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa states that all spheres of government and all organs of state must amongst other things cooperate with one another in mutual trust and good faith.

“Therefore on day 2, we focused on providing a collaborative platform with provincial stakeholders including Department of Agriculture, Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA), South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), Department of Social Development (DSD), Eskom Foundation, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, SanParks, National Lotteries and National Youth Development Agency (NYDA). All the stakeholders outlined their programmes and together we have identified areas of collaboration to which we will commit to. The value of this session is to share information that will strengthen government’s overall response to the provision of services to communities in reaching poverty eradication goals. This will streamline provincial grant funding and avoid double and triple dipping of government resources by the same organisations” said Soeker.

The Department of Agriculture’s Masego Moobi presented on services offered within their Agricultural Economic Services Unit which



Mr Ardiel Soeker, WC Provincial Manager



Ms Lindiwe Motsweni, SanParks Snr Manager in Resource and Mobilisation and Partnerships



Mr Xolile Brukwe, NDA Head of Stakeholder Relations

includes research, cooperation development support, agro-processing and market access – all the services available to the agricultural community in the province. Going forward, a follow up session will be held to identify specific areas of collaboration for NDA agricultural funded projects.

Mr Kiewit Mhlongo, Branch Manager at **SEDA** outlined their services available to small to medium size enterprises (SMMES) and Cooperatives. The NDA will in future further the complimentary partnership and collaboration with SEDA in outreach programmes as well as in the continued support of funded projects such as Hands and Design, Sozo and Mfesane in the Eden Garden, West Coast and City of Cape Town districts into this new financial year.

Mr Sibusiso Nhlangothi, General Grants Manager of **SASSA** reiterated the shared common responsibility with NDA to eradicate poverty and the importance of collaboration as per the portfolio mandate outlined by the Minister of Social Development. He emphasised the need for NDA to assist in the promotion of the R480.00 Grant in Aid, fairly unknown grant that many South Africans are qualify for but do not know about. He also requested, the facilitation of CSO engagements by the NDA for SASSA to share information with them.

The NDA - **DSD** partnership has secured a number of youth jobs in the West Coast town of Saldanha Bay. The partnership will continue to yield similar outcomes as the two continue to work together.

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DSD commits to assisting the NDA to identify and prepare youth who are interested in job opportunities.

The **DFFE** relationship is new. The two organisations are seeking strategic partnership opportunities to assist the small-scale fishing Cooperatives who hold 15year fishing rights and have challenges with registrations and governance structures. DFFE will share their Integrated Development Support Strategy in detail with the NDA provincial office and this will specifically outline the areas of collaboration.

SanParks, has partnered with NDA Limpopo, Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal provincial offices. Mr Xolile Brukwe, Head of Stakeholder Management at NDA states that a Memorandum of Understanding is underway to solidify the partnership at a national level. Lindi Motsweni, Senior Manager in Resource Mobilisation and Partnership division at SanParks, explains that they are committed to the development of communities surrounding its parks throughout the country and a partnership with the NDA will enrich their delivery.

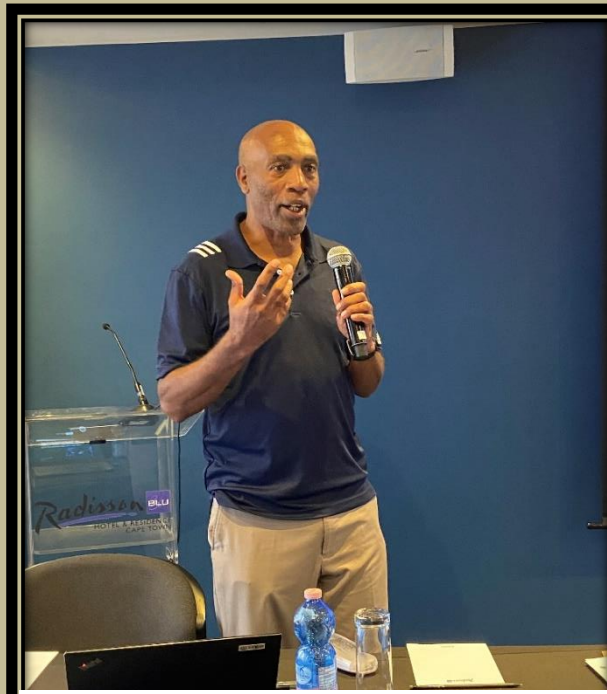
Through linkages, the **Eskom Foundation** is assisting early childhood development centres (ECDs) with the provision of learning material in the Cape Cluster covering the Western and Eastern Cape. NDA profiles under resourced ECD centres who are then assisted by the Foundation with resources.

There is duplication in the grant funding focus areas between the NDA and **National Lotteries**, that must be addressed to avoid the double dipping and misuse of government funds by organisations. In future, this gap will be narrowed down as the partnership is consolidated.

Ms Marcelle Musson, the Provincial Manager in Cape Town agrees that following a legal process of verification is a good way to move forward.

Ms Trudy Mashilwane of the Regional Outreach division of the **NYDA** outlined services available to the youth in the province.

“I am satisfied that we have met all that we set out to achieve during the 3 day session and appreciate all the inputs of all those who were involved with the planning session” concluded Mr Soeker.



Mr James Albanie, Youth Poverty and Disaster Management at DSD



Ms Marcelle Musson, Provincial Manager at National Lotteries



Ms Trudy Mashilwane of NYDA Regional Outreach



Mr Sibusiso Nhlangothi, SASSA General Grants Manager



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