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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT PUTS TRANSFORMATION ON THE FRONT BURNER

Great strides have been made by the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport in Mpumalanga as employment of people with disability has improved as it stands at 2,06%. This was revealed at the Employment Equity and Disability Indaba which was held at Nkangala District Municipality, Middelburg on 29-30 September 2016. According to a report presented by Mr Petros Du-Toit Nkambule, Manager for persons with Disabilities, the department is on the right track. He strongly condemned Companies which get tenders by using information with persons with disabilities and witchdoctors that kill people with albinism for mutilation.

During the indaba MEC Sasekani Manzini delivered a keynote address. She said that the introduction of the Employment Equity by government was meant to address the consequences of decades of racial oppression and exploitation.

“Government’s transformation agenda is meant to transform the organ of the state especially its labour force, which had been built for years through the job reservations act, so we want to transform the labour force to reflect the demographics of our country and represent the society, we seek to build which is non-racial, non-sexist and democratic. The Employment Equity act means ensuring that all prospective employees have a fair chance in the

workplace and that no person is denied employment opportunities for reasons unrelated to ability,” said Manzini

The MEC acknowledged the department’s performance in relations to employment equity after receiving a Special Award recognising innovation and special projects in dealing with disability in workplace within the public sector awarded by the Commission for Employment Equity in 2015. It was competing against one hundred and thirty one (131) other institutions in the sectors such as private, state owned enterprise, educational institutions, non-profit organisations, National, Provincial and Local Government department.

The aim of the Indaba was to develop a response to the National Employment Equity Targets and EAP Targets in implementing the approved Successive Employment Equity Plan for 2013-2018. Furthermore, it was meant to develop Departmental Employment Equity Agenda with clear indicators and deliverables, which can be use for accountability.

MEC Manzini was in the company of the Executive Mayor of Nkangala District, Cllr Lina Malatjie and the Executive Mayor for Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Cllr Mike Masina.

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