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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT TAKES EMPLOYMENT EQUITY TO ANOTHER LEVEL.

The Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport in Mpumalanga is taking employment equity to another level after it received accolades for Best Implementation of Employment Equity within the public sector. The awards related to accommodation and catering for the needs of people living with disability and reaching the national target of employment for people living with disability. It is against this light that the Department will host the Employment Equity Indaba on **29-30 September 2016 at Nkangala District, Steve Tshwete Municipality.**

The objective of the Indaba is to develop a response to the National Employment Equity Targets in implementing the Successive Employment Equity Plan for 2013- 2018. In addition, the Indaba will assess the state of transformation in the Department in relations to gender, race, and access for persons with disabilities. It will be hosted under the theme “Employment Equity beyond compliance”, during which MEC Sasekani Manzini is expected to deliver a keynote address.

A delegation from various institutions which includes amongst others the National Department of Labour, Department of Public Services and Administration and Employment Equity Commission etc will grace the occasion. Employment Equity Act, no 55 of 1998 promotes equality and the protection

of human rights, dignity of employees as well as the creation of an environment that allows officials to reach their full potential for the social and economic benefit of the country.

The Department was awarded the Special Award recognising innovation and special projects in dealing with disability in workplace within the public sector 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.

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