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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR CONTRACTORS IMBIZO ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN 300 DELEGATES AND KWAZULU-NATAL PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

It is all systems go for the first-of-its-kind Contractors Imbizo to be hosted by the department of KZN Public Works and Infrastructure which will host 300 contractors. This follows a record-breaking booking which saw attendance fully confirmed within 48 hours.

The eThekweni event, which is the main leg, will take place in Durban on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, with the event later to crisscross the length and breadth of the province. KZN Public Works and Infrastructure has been inundated with requests for attendance and program participation from both contractors and various interested organisations and prospective stakeholders. This is testament to the identified need to hold such an event.

KZN Public Works and Infrastructure remains committed to strengthening relations with its relevant stakeholders. This also follows MEC Martin Meyer's proclamation that the department cannot build KZN better alone.

This has already been seen in how the department launched its Public-Private Partnership (PPP), how the MEC has met with various organizations by means of his open-door policy and how the department has collaborated with stakeholders like municipalities which resulted in the emergence of working MOUs.

These initiatives happen in the backdrop of several grievances that have been raised by numerous contractors who have faced several challenges with projects, payments and legislation, among other issues, while for the longest time these had gone unaddressed.

It is in this context that the Contractor Imbizo becomes a critical and overdue event which is held under the BUILD KZN BETTER banner which delivered a successful property management conference at the Durban ICC which was attended by over 500 delegates from across the province, country and Africa with several blueprint undertakings emerging from the event.

These engagements will be thoroughly documented as part of minutes arising with certain events followed up on. The issues raised will also form part of a realigned document that will make the working environment and relations between contractors and KZN Public Works and Infrastructure more conducive.

Media is invited to RSVP via the provided link in order to attend and cover the BUILD KZN BETTER Contractors Imbizo. There will also be an opportunity for interviews and photographs.

Due to control measures and limited space no walk-ins will be allowed.

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