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MEDIA STATEMENT

MEC MEYER WELCOMES ANNOUNCEMENT BY MINISTER MACPHERSON ON EPWP DIGITAL RECRUITMENT WITH FIRST REGISTRATION DRIVE SET FOR KZN

The MEC for the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Martin Meyer, has expressed unwavering confidence in the announcement by his national counterpart, Public Works and Infrastructure Minister, Dean Macpherson, of welcoming the publication of the first Working on Infrastructure vacancies on the platform, Youth Mobi, marking the first transition towards going fully digital with regards to EPWP vacancies.

According to Minister Macpherson the first registration drive will take place in the Ugu district of KZN from tomorrow and will be done across a platform which is a data-free rated application, meaning the hurdle of costly data is removed for potential beneficiaries. The series of listening sessions held by the national Department of Public Works and Infrastructure shows clear intention by Minister Macpherson to make a genuine and lasting impact in the lives of potential EPWP beneficiaries across the country.

The latest development follows Minister Macpherson's announced commitment to transform the EPWP programme from a short-term offering to one which is a gateway to long-term employment with beneficiaries better equipped and qualified.

"KZN Public Works and Infrastructure stands ready to work closely with the national Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, led by Minister Macpherson, and we remain capable and willing to offer continued assistance to municipalities also", said MEC Meyer.

The prioritization by Minister Macpherson means the EPWP offering is now on its way to being a gateway to long term economic participation as well as a credible skills development and improvement model to young people of this province seeking a chance to a better future.

KZN is one of the provinces where unemployment remains problematic, therefore the developments by the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure will mean the young people of KZN will finally have access to fair opportunities while dignity is restored.

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