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MEDIA STATEMENT

MEC MEYER RALLIES PRIVATE SECTOR STAKEHOLDERS DURING KEY INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE GATHERINGS

This week, KZN Public Works and Infrastructure MEC Martin Meyer took part in two key strategic infrastructure gatherings on the importance of infrastructure investment in KZN.

Today MEC Meyer engaged during a conference gathering hosted by Master Builders SA where he spoke extensively about the underlying prospects of broader infrastructure development, ranging from logistics to buildings to water infrastructure to energy supply and trade overall. This was very important to highlight for the MEC, as KZN is positioned as a key province, as far as movement of goods and infrastructure linkage is concerned, in relation to other provinces and even countries.

For instance, the MEC highlighted that KZN is the only province which borders regionally and provincially, and it also borders neighbouring countries. This sees KZN play a key integral role in the movement of goods, which has seen the province contribute a staggering 16% towards the R8 Trillion national GDP.

Yesterday the MEC attended the Standard Bank Infrastructure Conference, where he addressed delegates on KZN Public Works and Infrastructure's goal to strengthen relations with the private sector, which includes major financial institutions, investors, developers, contractors, and other stakeholders who were all gathered in the room. This is very important because, as a custodian of provincial government assets, the department cannot finance all projects by itself, therefore, it is important to bring private sector players on board to explore prospects of innovation, catalytic project expansions, and other avenues which have positive spinoffs, such as job creation and economic stimulation.

MEC Meyer has been rigorously campaigning for the ongoing venture between the public and private sector through the public-private partnership model, also known as Triple P, led by the department.

The reality is progress cannot be separated from infrastructure investment. For KZN Public Works and Infrastructure, infrastructure development is the concrete foundation upon which GDPs are built along with much-needed services like schools, clinics and hospitals which are to the benefit of the people of KZN.

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