



# ARTISANS TRAINED FOR NORTH WEST PROVINCE

**ELECTRIFYING SKILFUL FUTURES:** The NSF is funding a new project that has provided the North West Province with skills it sorely requires in local government accounting, mechanical, electrical and construction disciplines and textile and energy sector skills.

**A**N NSF-funded R42.8-million programme to train artisans has integrated the needs of North West Province with sector development needs and the skills training needs of its people.

The Sizimisele-Seto Joint Venture North West Discretionary and Innovation Project put in place various training interventions between April 2012 and March 2016 to create a pool of artisans.

The programme targeted 483 employed and unemployed people across four district municipalities in the province, and achieved a high level of success with a 91% completion rate.

The average competency rate attained by apprentices across all trades was 80% for learnerships and 89% for professional qualifications.

Specific objectives included the delivery of 240 apprenticeships, 242 learnerships/professional qualifications and the training of 42 people with disabilities.

The programme was aligned to the National Skills Development Strategy and other skills development initiatives.

Sizimisele-Sesto identified and delivered on a number of scarce and critical skills including professional skills (local government accounting and clothes manufacturing) and technical skills (mechanical, electrical and construction artisans, welding and radiation protection specialists and engineering technicians).

The project also identified North West Province for the development of critical skills, and its strategy was aimed at providing communities in the province with the opportunity to develop their skills and work ethic to gain meaningful employment once the project was complete.

Sizimisele-Seto garnered input from training providers, the North West Department of Public Works and Roads, the North West Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, host employers and artisan-monitoring specialists to ensure it was delivering the correct training.

The Sizimisele-Seto JV has laid the foundation for training and development of previously disadvantaged individuals, set up a network of host employers and built and maintained relationships with stakeholders.

As the project ran in conjunction with a slowing economy, the joint venture implemented a number of contingencies including learner

work rotations, assertive negotiation tactics to ensure timeframes and budgets were adhered to, successful discussions with the province to augment learner stipends and budget management.

The skills interventions of this project placed the province in a favourable

position to enlarge its local and global market share in business, markets and industry.

It has provided the province with skills it sorely requires in local government accounting, mechanical, electrical and construction disciplines and textile and

energy sector skills.

It is expected the project will result in increased employment opportunities and enable beneficiaries to improve their personal and economic welfare in the longer term.

They have completed the project well-equipped to enter

the job market with sought-after skills, and are also now in a position to further their education after gaining national qualifications as professionals and getting exposure to various industries and sectors.

Source: National Skills Fund Annual Report



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The following stakeholders are invited to register to participate in their provincial leg of the roadshows:

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- ORGANISED LABOUR
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDERS (Private and Public)
- GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS (all tiers of government)
- OTHER ARTISAN RELATED STAKEHOLDERS
- TRADE TEST CENTRES
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321 ZK Matthews Road  
Glenwood,  
DURBAN

**Western Cape**  
08-09 Sept 2016  
Northlink TVET College  
Protea Campus Hall  
80 Voortrekker Road  
Bellville  
CAPE TOWN

**Eastern Cape**  
15-16 Sept 2016  
Buffalo City TVET College  
East London Campus  
Lukin Road  
EAST LONDON

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22-23 Sept 2016  
Protea Hotel Witbank  
167 Jellicoe Str  
Emalahleni  
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29-30 Sept 2016  
BON Hotel  
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06-07 Oct 2016  
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72 Du Toitspan Road  
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Rustenburg Campus  
Fatima Bhayat Str  
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POLOKWANE

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03-04 Nov 2016  
INDLELA Trade Test Centre  
Ukhozi Hall  
Old Pretoria and  
Kempton Park Road  
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**“IT’S COOL TO BE A 21ST CENTURY ARTISAN”**

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