National Skills Conference

Commission 5
Socio-Economic emancipation through Rural Development and Green Economy
Aim: Fast-tracking Development and Training for informal economy

- FOCUS
  - SMME and Co-operative Development
  - NSF Rural Development Projects
  - Green Economy and Implication for Skills Development

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SMME and Co-operative Development

• There is a general support for this sector by government and the private sector in South Africa. The are a number of support programmes initiated since the dawn of democracy.

• The current status is that we have about 3.5 Million small businesses in South Africa, both formal and informal businesses.

• 90% of those in the INFORMAL space are BLACK owned, whiles 85% to 90% of those in the FORMAL space are WHITE owned.
SMME and Co-op cont...

• Rural areas are characterized by: High unemployment, skills leakages, and migration.
• Skills development should happen within a planned and well coordinated environment.
• 70% of South African workforce in within small businesses with less than 50 employees
• The entrepreneurship should be an integral part of the basic schooling system to nature entrepreneurs.
NSF Projects

• The NSF in partnership with a range of stakeholders embarked on a number of rural development projects throughout South Africa. All the projects initiated are mainly in realization of the objectives of the NSDS III.
Green Economy

• The EWSETA together with the GIZ are currently working on a National Green Skills Development Strategy for Energy and Water Sector.

• The strategic objectives thereof include renewable energy, waste water treatment, and efficient energy.

• Critical issue remains the readiness by stakeholder in skills development to respond to the requirements of the green economy.
Green Economy

• Green Skills Planning is reactive and not proactive. There is a need for a holistic approach taking into consideration all requirements of the green economy.
Summary

• There is a strong need to stimulate the rural economies so as to create jobs
• Encourage a holistic and developmental approach to entrepreneurship
• Green economy should be a permanent feature in the work we do.