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BUILT PRACTITIONERS CAPACITATED TO DELIVER ON QUALITY

Government is pulling every stop to ensure that practitioners within the built sector are well capacitated to deliver quality services and remain relevant to contribute towards development. This is in a bid to intensify the continuance of building adequate and sustainable human settlements in the province, the National Department of Human Settlements through its Technical Training and Skills Development Programme partnered with the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC) to capacitate municipal and provincial housing practitioners through a week-long Home Skills Inspectorate Programme held in Middelburg, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga.

The programme is intended to further provide a platform to all engineers; project works managers, project monitors, programme managers, and municipal Inspectors to share their daily experiences and challenges in a bid to align the training to address such identified setbacks. Speaking during the training proceedings Ms Nomonde Rozane, a coordinator from the National Department made emphasis that well equipped housing inspectors and project managers will help avoid costly mistakes.

Rozane stated that the skills programme is essential to all housing practitioners in all spheres of government working towards the development of integrated sustainable human settlements as it encompasses the need for proper improvement, adequate planning, implementation and management of adequate delivery of human settlements with probable superiority. "The programme involves insight information into geotech, foundations, superstructure, roof, applicable legislature, regulations and statutory bodies in order to deliver quality houses." It is hoped that quality challenges will be addressed by fully comprehension of this drive.

One of the Department's Cuban Technical Advisor, Mr Christian Perez appreciated the training and said this will help a great deal in skills transfer and making sure that people are equipped with the right knowledge to deliver according to government's expectations. "I am pleased with the programme and the training thereof because adequate housing protects people from myriad challenges including wall cracks, floods and associated stagnant water. One other aspect I'm grateful of is that we will be able to escalate the information down to the contractors working on site as well as share best practices with our colleagues to deliver to the best of our abilities to the benefit of the needy of houses," added Perez.

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