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SUBJECT: NTINGA PARTICIPATES IN YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR

On the 23 June 2022, Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency participated in Youth Empowerment Seminar on Economic Opportunities in Coffee Bay, King Sabata Dalindyebo Local Municipality in ward 24.

The programme was organised by Government Communications and Information Systems (GCIS) in conjunction with multiple stakeholders with the aim of reflecting on Economic Opportunities, Oceans Economy and Tourism. Oceans play a key role in achieving sustainable development, economic growth and livelihoods.

Ntinga Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Mr Loyiso Mbiko was among the key dignitaries that embraced the programme. Mr Mbiko gave the young people of Coffee Bay the glimpse of what Ntinga is doing in terms of development and shed some light on how Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME's) can be supported and benefit from Ntinga services.

In his remarks, he highlighted that Coffee Bay is a traveller's destination and he acknowledged that the area is still faced with high level of poverty and unemployment.

"We acknowledge the challenges faced by our people thus we are here today, we want to understand the real issues on the ground, we want our plans to be informed by the views of our people".

"The entity is committed to work hand in hand with all the stakeholders through District Development Model (DDM) and assist in eradicating the poverty and creating job opportunities in this area"said Mbiko.

In due course, challenges such as fishing permits, access to market, fishing equipment and lack of skills will be addressed. The entity is still in the planning stages as it has been just mandated to play a role in Oceans Economy.

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Summing up his remarks, Mr Mbiko appreciated the tireless efforts done by various stakeholders in the O.R. Tambo District and beyond to ease the situation and play an important role in the Ocean's Economy.

The session was informative and government departments came in numbers. Various economic opportunities were presented, and the hope is that young people of Coffee Bay will make effective use of the opportunities presented.

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