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Appointment of Acting CEO at Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency.



Mr. Sandile Sentwa, Acting CEO

The Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Sandile Sentwa as the Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective from 01 March 2026.

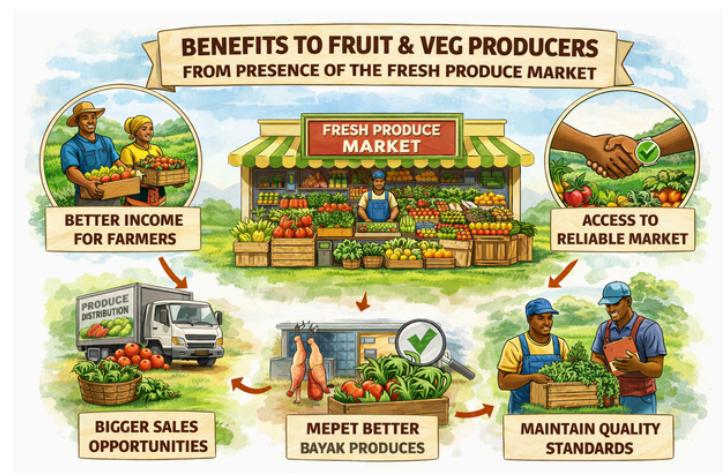
This appointment follows the departure of the former CEO, Mr. L. Mbiko, who successfully concluded his tenure after four years of dedicated service to the Agency. During his leadership, Ntinga made significant strides in advancing key strategic programmes focused on strengthening local economic development across the O.R. Tambo District. His contribution has left a solid foundation upon which the Agency will continue to build.

Mr. Sentwa steps into the role at a pivotal time as the Agency continues to drive its core mandate of supporting enterprise development, promoting agricultural commercialisation, and attracting investment into the region. His appointment is expected to ensure continuity, stability, and sustained momentum in the implementation of ongoing projects and initiatives.

The Board and Management of Ntinga have expressed full confidence in Mr. Sentwa's ability to guide the organisation during this transitional period while the process of appointing a permanent CEO is underway.

Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency remains committed to upholding the principles of service excellence, transparency, and inclusive, sustainable economic growth for the communities it serves.

Further updates and stakeholder engagement opportunities will be communicated in due course.



72 Learners Graduate from New Venture Creation Skills Development Programme.

A total of 72 learners have successfully graduated from the New Venture Creation Skills Development Programme, an initiative led by the Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency in partnership with the Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency (SE DFA).

The graduation ceremony, held at the O.R. Tambo Hall, marked the culmination of a six-month intensive training programme aimed at equipping participants with essential entrepreneurial and business management skills.

Mr. Zandisile Kanise, Manager for Project Management Office said the programme, which commenced on 28 July 2025 and concluded its training phase on 28 November 2025, focused on three key areas: starting and running a new venture, managing finances within a business, and overall business management. Internal moderation of the programme was completed in December 2025 to ensure the quality and readiness of the graduates.

Ntinga CEO, Mr. Loyiso Mbiko, said that throughout the programme, participants were provided with stipends to support their learning journey. In addition, each learner received a laptop and a data card, enabling access to online learning resources and ensuring digital inclusion in the training process.

Speaking on the significance of the initiative, MMC Mvuyisi Mbede highlighted that the programme was designed not only to develop entrepreneurs but also to nurture future business coaches and mentors who can contribute to the broader economic ecosystem of the O.R. Tambo District.



MMC CLLR M. Mbede is presenting a certificate of completion to a beneficiary.

“This graduation represents more than just the completion of a course. It is a celebration of empowerment, opportunity, and the beginning of new entrepreneurial journeys,” said MMC Mbede.

The initiative forms part of ongoing efforts to stimulate local economic growth within the O.R. Tambo District by fostering entrepreneurship and supporting small business development. Graduates are now equipped with practical knowledge and tools to establish and manage their own ventures, contributing to job creation and sustainable development.

Vibrant and Sustainable Communities Mission Statement

The mission “Vibrant and Sustainable Communities” reflects the core purpose and long-term vision of Ntinga O.R. Tambo Development Agency SOC Ltd. It highlights the agency’s commitment to improving the quality of life of people in the O.R. Tambo District Municipality through inclusive economic development, social upliftment, and responsible use of resources. Below are some meaningful notes that explain this mission:

1. Building Vibrant Communities.

A vibrant community is one where people are active participants in economic and social life. It is a place where businesses grow, farmers produce, young people find opportunities, and communities are empowered. Through its development initiatives, Ntinga works to stimulate local economic activity, support emerging enterprises, and encourage innovation that benefits communities.

2. Promoting Sustainable Development

Sustainability means ensuring that development today does not compromise the needs of future generations. The agency promotes projects that protect natural resources, encourage responsible farming practices, and build long-term economic resilience. Initiatives such as livestock development, agricultural support, and rural enterprise development contribute to sustainable livelihoods.

3. Supporting Local Economic Growth

The mission focuses on unlocking the economic potential of the district by supporting sectors like agriculture, agro-processing, and rural enterprises. By strengthening value chains and creating market opportunities, Ntinga helps communities move from subsistence activities to commercial participation in the economy.

4. Empowering Communities.

A vibrant and sustainable community is one where people have the skills, knowledge, and confidence to drive their own development. Ntinga promotes empowerment through training, mentorship, and capacity-building programmes that enable farmers, entrepreneurs, and community groups to grow and succeed.

5. Improving Livelihoods and Reducing Poverty.

At the heart of this mission is the goal of improving livelihoods. By supporting job creation, strengthening local industries, and enabling community participation in economic activities, the agency contributes to poverty reduction and social stability in the district.

6. Partnership for Development

Achieving vibrant and sustainable communities requires collaboration. Ntinga works with government institutions, private sector partners, community organizations, and farmers to ensure that development initiatives are inclusive and impactful.

Conclusion

The mission “Vibrant and Sustainable Communities” represents more than a statement—it is a commitment to creating thriving rural and urban communities where economic growth, environmental responsibility, and social development work together to improve the lives of the people of the O.R. Tambo District.

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