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DEPARTMENT EMPOWERS WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

Klerksdorp- The Department of Local Government and Human Settlements in the North West Province has created a platform for woman empowerment in the construction industry on Friday.

The Department has taken decision to address the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups through the policies which put more emphasis on empowerment and the participation of women in construction industry.

The critical issues which the seminar dealt with was the fact that how department can best implement 30% allocation of projects to women own entities. What are the obstacles and risks associated with the achievement of 30% targets? What are the strategies which must be implemented and be put in place to realize 30% allocation to women own entities? How do we structure support for small and medium women own entities?

In her remark, the MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements Motlalepula Rosho reminded the seminar with passion about what the late President Mandela said during his address to the world women's day in 1996 "as long as women are bound by poverty and as long as they are looked down upon, Human Rights will lack substance; as long as old-fashioned ways of thinking prevent women from making a meaningful contribution to society, progress will be slow" charged Rosho. Her remarks just came after the country has celebrated Human Rights Day on Thursday.

She continued to emphasize the fact that woman must be courageous, persistent, and enthusiastic in making meaningful contribution to the society.



Lebo Zulu Chief Executive Officer of Tshitshirisang Company spoke on behalf of woman during the seminar appreciating the initiative created by the Department " We remain privileged for this platform which has been created by the department led by MEC Rosho; not many leaders who would make women empowerment a priority and we want to commit ourselves to work with government to make a meaningful contribution in construction industry, as women we must be disruptors to move forward and succeed in our businesses".

A PhD candidate on women empowerment who is also an employee of the department, Josy Scholtz, made a presentation during the seminar and remarked that "Women in construction must have a passion to succeed; construction industry is not only about making money rather grow business and make a difference in our communities" MEC Rosho commits amongst others to use her academic input to roll out women empowerment programme.

The Department has taken a decision to address the needs of vulnerable and marginalized groups through the policies which are going to put more emphasis on empowerment and the participation of women in construction industry.

Rosho vowed to escalate women participation in human settlements value chain to realize radical socio-economic transformation.

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