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the dti AND BOKONE BOPHIRIMA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO HOST BUSINESS SEMINAR ON RURAL AND TOWNSHIP INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY

The Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**) in partnership with the Bokone Bophirima Provincial Government will host an Industrial Dialogue Breakfast and Seminar on the Rural and Township Industrial Economy at Seasons Wedding and Conference Centre in Mahikeng on Monday, 2 July 2018 at 08H00.

The event will provide an opportunity for engagement between government and key stakeholders to identify areas of focus that will enable sustainable and effective interventions in township and rural economies.

According to the Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr Bulelani Magwanishe, township economies have been experiencing a decline, especially from an industrialisation perspective due to a number of factors, which include logistics, infrastructure and investment, as well as instilling values that support sustainable development and socio-economic transformation of the country.

“The Breakfast Session and Seminar will serve as a platform to deliberate imperative topical issues that impact on the rural and township economy. It will allow the gathering of intellectuals, specialists, academia, the public and private sector including individuals that have been involved in various initiatives relevant to the development of rural and township industrial development to better define ways with this decline can be arrested,” says Magwanishe.

Magwanishe further cites that the Rural and Township Industrial Economy Programme forms an integral part on the implementation of the Industrial Parks Revitalisation Programme (IPRP) of the Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**).



“The expected outcomes from the seminar will encompass partnerships between big and small business specifically township and rural business, academia and innovation focused institutions, infrastructure development, funding instruments, deliberations on policy issues and joint projects in support of socio economic and industrial development in townships economies”, indicates Magwanishe

The Bokone Bophirima seminar will be the third of a four-part seminar programme that will lead to a National Summit that will be hosted by the Presidency in July 2018.

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