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Quarterly e-newsletter of the NWDC



Tshepo Phetla appointed as CEO



Tshepo Phetla has been appointed as the CEO for the NWDC. Phetla brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise in the industry. Before joining the NWDC, he was Group Chief Operations Officer of the Limpopo Economic Development Agency, known as LEDA.

[Read the full article to learn more](#)

NWDC clients to benefit from CIPC self-service terminals

The NWDC and CIPC have joined forces, and soon entrepreneurs and business owners alike will benefit from CIPC self-service terminals, to be erected at the NWDC head office, its Rustenburg branch and in its mobile office. The self-service terminals will allow clients to perform as many as nine different transactions at these terminals



[Read more about this exciting project.](#)

Insights offered in NWDC's latest economic data report



With buoyant financial markets and a long-awaited cyclical recovery in manufacturing and trade under way, world growth is projected to rise from 3.1 % in 2016 to 3.5 % in 2017.

South Africa's GDP grew by -0.7% in Q1 2017. With the CPI at 5.4% for May 2017 and the Production Price Index at 4.6% in April 2017 there might be a

positive impact on future growth. With regards to the unemployment rate the North West province had unemployment of 26,5% in the first quarter of 2017, slightly lower than the National figure of 27,7%.

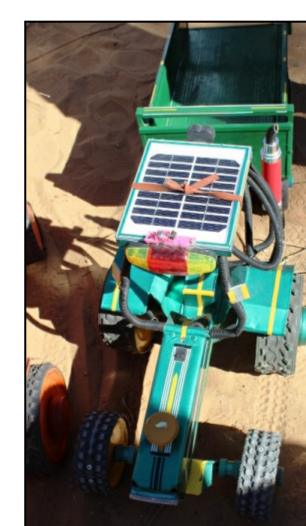
[Click here to download the comprehensive economic data report for the first quarter of 2017.18](#)

SMMEs Feature: Genesis Pharmaceuticals and Thabang



Ditaba Mohapi is the CEO of the Genesis Pharmaceuticals. He was born and bred in Bokone Bophirima, in the small town of Schweizer-Reneke and aims to launch a pharmaceutical business in the North West Province for the people of this community and beyond.

[Read more about this company.](#)



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Have you had your say?

The NWDC runs a continuous snap survey to monitor how we are doing in terms of meeting your needs - our most valued stakeholders. The survey link is permanently available on our website and at the bottom of all outgoing emails.

Please take three minutes to rate us - either a feather in our cap, or tell us where we can improve - we would love to hear from you! [Complete survey](#)



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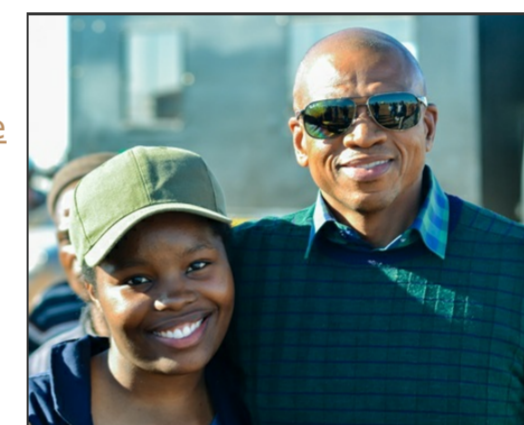
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VTSD Outreach tour successfully concluded

The NWDC was a key participant in a province-wide series of roadshows during which all 18 municipalities in the province were visited. The roadshows were a drive by the Office of the Premier. The extensive tour of VTSD Economies & Entrepreneurship Outreaches was successfully concluded after four months, to great benefit of local business owners and entrepreneurs.

[Read the full article here to learn more about the VTSD Outreaches](#)



NWDC and partners enrich lives on Nelson Mandela Day



In commemoration of Nelson Mandela Day, the NWDC, local business and its two tourism resorts of Christiana All Seasons Resort and Golden Leopard resorts joined forces to make a difference in the lives the Senior Citizens in Utwanang (Christiana) and a primary school near Mogwase.

[Click here to read the full stories of the two inspiring outreaches held on the day](#)

Innovation winners receive ongoing support - report

Significant progress was made the past few months to develop the ideas of the top winners of the North West Innovation Competition, with the aim of commercialising the ideas into tangible business ventures.



[Click through to the latest progress report outlining the most recent developments in this inspiring project](#)

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