

**NORTH WEST
AGRI-FUND TO BACK
PROVINCE'S FARMERS**

The future in assisting farmers with loans and grants arrived through the launch of the North West Agricultural Fund on 13 February 2018. The NWDC is an implementation partner to READ. The NWAF is geared at mobilising financial resources and providing financial and supportive services to farmers and agribusiness entrepreneurs and towards rural, environment and agricultural development in Bokone Bophirima Province.

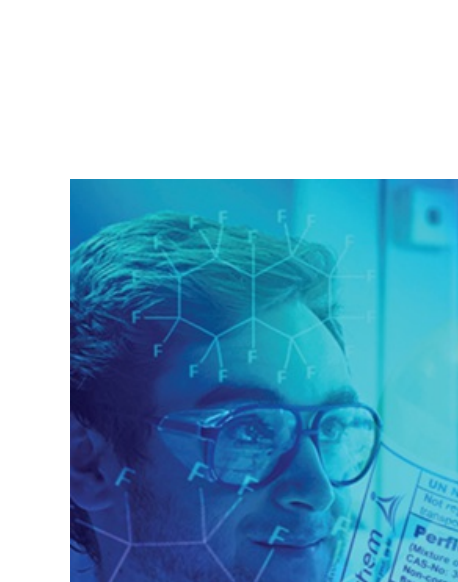
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**NWDC TO CONSTRUCT
NEW LIBRARIES FOR
CATA**

The Department of Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs (CATA) requested the NWDC to construct two libraries using an Alternative Building method. The beneficiaries of this programme will be the local communities in the VTSO areas of Stella and Derby. On 14 February 2018, the first soft-turning ceremony took place at Stella, to the great joy of learners and the local community.

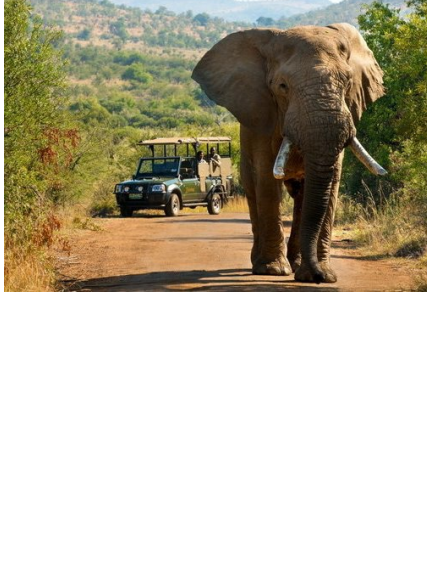
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**NEW MEDIA SEE THE
LIGHT IN BOKONE
BOPHIRIMA**

A number of new publications have come on board in the province. And what is more, they have been conceptualised and are owned by SMMEs from the province. The new-comers to the media stall of the province are Naledi News, Northwestnews.com, Platinum TV, North West Insider and Kgwele.

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GLOBAL LEADER**

With a proud record of more than three decades of experience in locally produced fluoropar benefitation, Pelchem produces and sells a large portfolio of fluorochemical products. The company boasts a total of 14 products and services being delivered to various local and international specialty gas markets in 27 countries.

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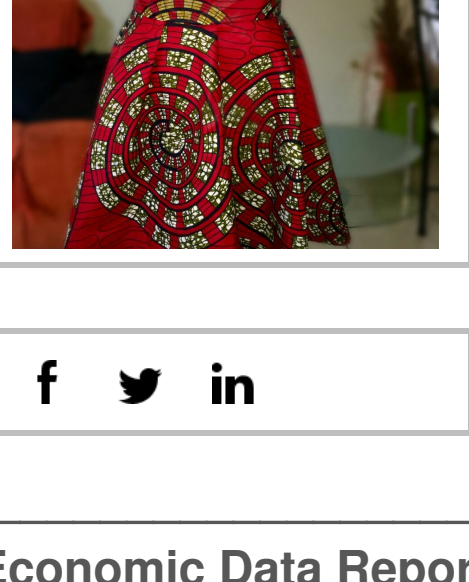
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Quarter 3 of 2017/18



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The global upswing in economic activity is strengthening. Global growth, which in 2016 was the weakest since the global financial crisis at 3.2 %, is projected to rise to 3.6 % in 2017 and to 3.7 % in 2018. South Africa's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 2.0% in the third quarter of 2017. The largest positive contributor to growth in GDP in the third quarter was the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry, which increased by 44.2% and contributed 0.9 of a percentage point to GDP growth. The mining and quarrying industry increased by 6.6%, and contributed 0.5 of a percentage point to GDP growth. The manufacturing industry increased by 4.3% and contributed 0.5 of a percentage point to GDP growth. In contrast general government services, electricity, construction and trade industries all decreased in the third quarter of 2017. Annual consumer price inflation was 4.0% in November 2017, down from 4.8% in October 2017. The consumer price index increased by 0.1% month-on-month in November 2017. Food, beverages and transport are still the main contributors to inflation. The North West province had the highest increase year on year in employment with a 9.3% increase in July to Sept 2017.

