



**STAY INFORMED**  
Pulse! is the quarterly e-newsletter of the NWDC. It is distributed four times per annum to our newsletter subscriber base.

- HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE**
- New borehole for innovator
  - China visit grows SEZ capacity
  - SA has risen!
  - NWDC at Broadcasting Colloquium
  - Lives touched by Mandela Day
  - Economic Data Report

**SMME FEATURE:**  
• BA-RAMOKGADI  
• MACHARORHA SMME DAY



BaRamokgadi Pty Ltd manufactures and distributes tissue products and toilet paper for the consumer market at affordable prices. They are a tenant of the NWDC in the Tlhabane small industries

Read more about the brand and view their product list.

NWDC participated as an exhibitor of services at the Macharora Business Entrepreneurial Day, hosted by Royal Bafokeng Platinum in Phokeng, on 3 August 2018.

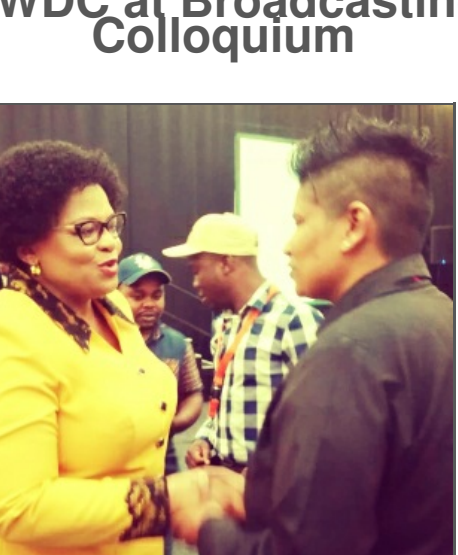
Read more about this event



f t in

## Economic Data Report

Quarter 1 of 2018/19



Download the full report

The upswing in global investment and trade continued in the second half of 2017. At 3.8%, global growth in 2017 was the fastest since 2011. With financial conditions still supportive, global growth is expected to tick up to a 3.9% rate in 2018 & 2019. South Africa's GDP growth rate declined by 2.6% in the first quarter of 2018. This can be attributed to decreases in manufacturing of 6.4%, mining and quarrying by 9.9% and the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry by 24.2%. The annual consumer price inflation was 4.4% in May 2018, down from 4.5% in April 2018. While the official unemployment rate remained unchanged at 26.7% in Q1: 2018 compared to Q4: 2017, it increased in seven of the nine provinces and it decreased in two of the provinces. The expanded unemployment rate increased by 0.4 of a percentage point in Q1: 2018 to 38.7% quarter-to-quarter. Also find updated 2017 North West Trade information in the document.

## NWDC at Broadcasting Colloquium



On 6 and 7 September 2018 the National Department of Communications (DNC) convened key role players at the Gallagher Convention Centre for the South African Public Broadcasting Policy Review Colloquium. The event was hosted by Minister of Communications Nomvula Mokonyane. NWDC was among the delegates and made meaningful contributions.

Click for the full story

### NWDC SINKS BOREHOLE FOR DEBRAK INNOVATOR

Cheers and libation rang out in the village of Debrak as a strong stream of crystal-clear water flowed from an irrigation pipe. This occurred during the official handover of a borehole that was recently sunk on the farm of Mr Khupeni Mpona, an innovative and ingenious farmer in the village of Debrak. The borehole, procured by the NWDC was the coming to fruition of Khupeni's first prize which he had won in the North West Innovation Competition presented by the NWDC and its partners in 2016/2017.

READ THE FULL STORY

### CHINA-HOSTED SEZ SEMINAR BUILDS LOCAL CAPACITY

The NWDC recently attended an SEZ capacity building mission to the host city of Tianjin, China. The di-funded programme is called the Seminar on the Construction and Management of the Development Area for South Africa. The seminar focuses on building capacity on SEZs, in particular the attraction of foreign direct investment (FDI) into an SEZ.

ACCESS THE FULL ARTICLE

### SOUTH AFRICA HAS RISEN

September is tourism and heritage month. Whether you are a regular South African, we all have a role to play in building the brand that is South Africa. In doing so, we all contribute to creating a tourist-friendly SA, and thus, boost our economy. Read this inspirational article inspired by recent events.

READ FULL STORY

### MANY YOUNG LIVES TOUCHED ON MANDELA DAY

Mandela Day 2018 saw two separate schools in different districts of the North West Province benefit from the generosity of the NWDC and its subsidiary Diapeng. The NWDC gave the rural Sirkhout Primary near Zwartst a facility, while the staff from the Christiana All Seasons Resort drove away the winter cold by serving soup at Rutlatse Creche in Ullwazi.

READ FULL ARTICLE

### NEW ADDRESS FOR NWDC RUSTENBURG

The Rustenburg branch of the NWDC recently relocated to new open-plan offices. The new address is 209 Beyer's Naude Drive.

Click the link to learn more of what experts say on the benefits of open plan offices.

MORE

### HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATIONS & CANCER AWARENESS DRIVE AT CHRISTIANA.

A feast of Heritage Day celebrations are happening at the Christiana All Seasons Resort on 24 September 2018. The festivities shall commence at 13:00 and will include Best Storyteller, Morabaraba and Dikoko competitions. Great discounts for early table bookings.

MORE ON HERITAGE DAY

The Christiana All Seasons Resort will host its 2nd Annual Cancer Awareness Campaign on Saturday, 27 October 2018. The day consists of a fun walk in the morning and a fund-raising dinner in the evening.

MORE



A PUBLICATION BY THE NORTH WEST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (NWDC) LTD  
WWW.NWDC.CO.ZA

