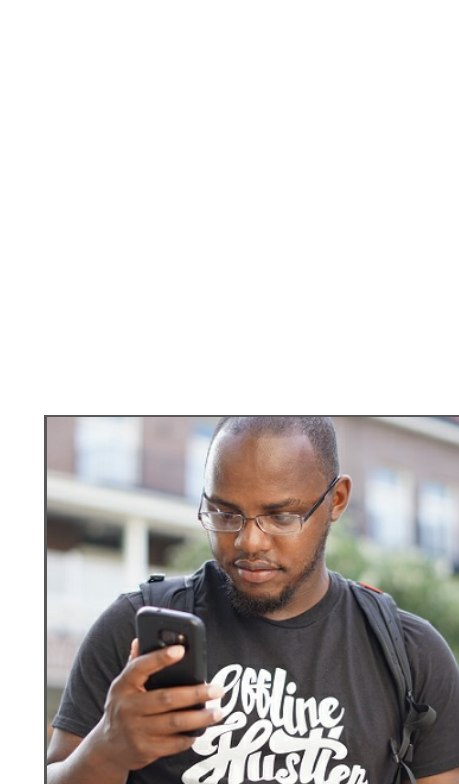


#### TERM OF OFFICE COMMENCES FOR NEWLY-APPOINTED NWDC BOARD

In April 2021, a new Board of Directors for the NWDC commenced their term, which will run until 31 March 2024.

The Board comes with a wealth of experience and expertise and the NWDC is excited to welcome their valuable presence and input.

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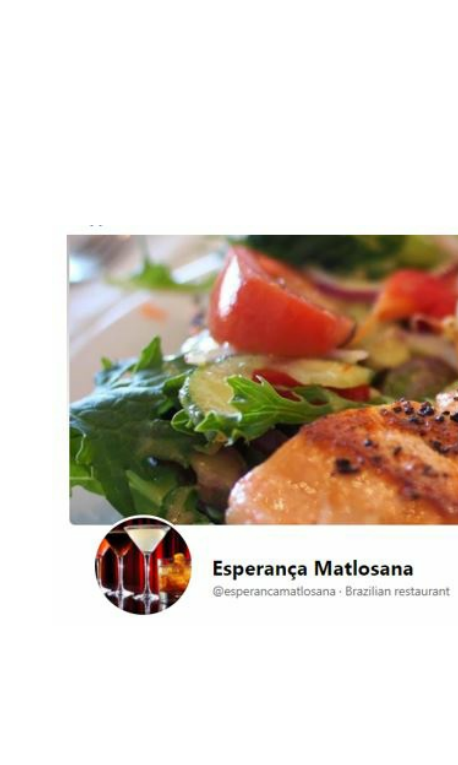


#### NWDC APPOINTS ASSET MANAGER

The NWDC appointed Kudakwashe Mpotu in May 2021 as Asset Manager. He reports to the NWDC's Chief Financial Officer. His responsibilities include asset management, compiling and updating the fixed asset register and overseeing the audit process.

Keep an eye out for the Pulse Spring 2021 edition for more new appointment announcements.

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#### NORTH WEST MEDIA AWARDS 2021 TO REWARD PASSION

The 2021 North West Media Awards season was officially opened on Friday, 29 May 2021 at a launch function held at the Rustenburg Golf Club.

In the coming months leading up to the awards function in December 2021, the Media Awards team will, as they put it, unapologetically go knocking on the doors of corporates and businesses in the province to obtain as many prize sponsors as possible.

Are you a North West or national business? Consider a prize or product or service sponsorship for a well-deserving journalist to keep independent media alive whilst building your brand.

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#### SMMEs INVITED TO VIRTUAL SMME ROADSHOW

SMMEs – Global Africa Network invites you to attend the SMME Virtual Roadshow to be held in July 2021. Attendance is free for SMMEs who will receive advice, information and practical support on a number of key topics.

The roadshow will showcase incentives, access to funding, access to markets, services and opportunities available to SMMEs in each of the nine provinces.

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#### EXPERIENCE PORTUGUESE CUISINE AT ESPERANÇA IN MATLOSANA

Esperança in Matlosana is an upmarket restaurant owned by Mxolisi Phakade. This Klerksdorp restaurant has been in operation since October 2017.

Esperança is the place to go to enjoy good Brazilian food and top notch drinks.

Esperança is a recipient of the NW Covid-19 SMME Relief Fund.

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#### STAY INFORMED

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#### HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

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- Economic Data Report

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#### African Dish Restaurant

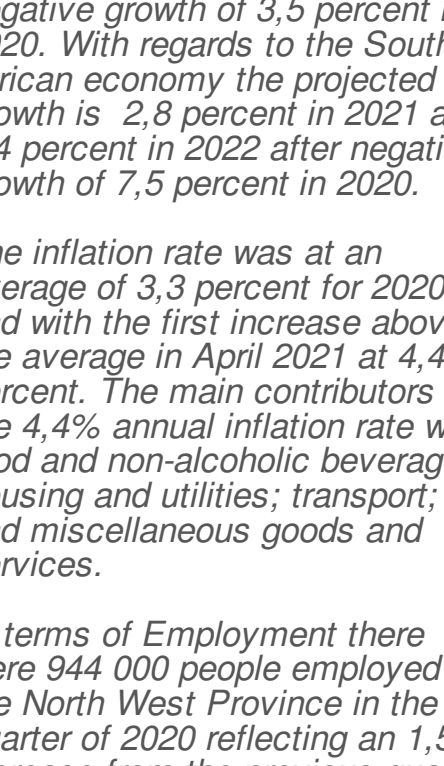
Hundred percent black- and family-owned, Poppy's African Dish Restaurant in Zeerust has a delightful African ambience which is evident upon entering. A recipient of the NW Covid-19 SMME Relief Fund.

[Read more about African Dish](#)

#### One Stop Takeaway

One Stop Takeaway is a formal, private business in Mahikeng serving strictly Isiala food, proudly owned by Gulam Malek. A recipient of the NW Covid-19 SMME Relief Fund.

[Read more about One Stop Takeaway](#)



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#### Economic Data Report

Quarter 4 of 2020/21



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Although recent vaccine approvals have raised hopes of a turnaround in the pandemic, later this year, renewed waves and new variants of the virus pose concerns for the outlook. Amid exceptional uncertainty, the global economy is projected to grow 5.5 percent in 2021 and 4.2 percent in 2022 after negative growth of 3.5 percent in 2020. With regards to the South African economy the projected growth is 2.8 percent in 2021 and 1.4 percent in 2022 after negative growth of 7.5 percent in 2020.

The inflation rate was at an average of 3.3 percent for 2020 and with the first increase above the average in April 2021 at 4.4 percent. The main contributors to the 4.4% annual inflation rate were food and non-alcoholic beverages; housing and utilities; transport; and miscellaneous goods and services.

In terms of Employment there were 944 000 people employed in the North West Province in the 4th quarter of 2020 reflecting an 1.5% increase from the previous quarter and a loss of 4.8% from the previous year.

In terms of Global Competitiveness, the 2020 special edition of The Global Competitiveness Report (GCR) series considered a very difficult and uncertain historical moment. The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic has led to a global health crisis and deep economic recession—deeper than the downturn during the 2008-2009 financial crisis—but has also created a climate of profound uncertainty about the future outlook.

An initial assessment of countries on readiness for transformation is also provided that converts key priorities into quantitative measures for 37 economies. Please note that South Africa is included in the group of 37 economies that are more developed.

Report indicates that global growth is forecast at 3.0 percent for 2019, its lowest level since 2008-09, projected to pick up to 3.4 percent in 2020.

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