



Premier Dube-Ncube meets SA Consul General in the State of New York



2022

KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube held a high-level strategic engagement with Dr Motumisi Tawana the South African Consul General, in the State of New York, United States of America, which was aimed at unlocking economic opportunities and leveraging on existing trade ties South Africa has with USA.

Premier Dube-Ncube, who was joined by MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Siboniso Duma, held constructive discussions with the Consul General on interventions earmarked to accelerate economic growth and the development of KwaZulu-Natal through employment creation, sustainable development and empowerment initiatives to support entrepreneurs.

During the meeting which took place at the office of the South African Consul General in New York City, Premier Dube-Ncube said: "We have previously held meetings with business people and investors at the South African Embassy in USA to showcase the KwaZulu-Natal Investment Book as well as to reinforce our province's position as an attractive business, investment, and tourism destination. Our visit is a continuation of the provincial government's approach of engaging with the international business community while leveraging on the good relations and partnerships that the South African Consulate-General has with USA-based businesses and investors.

"The key areas we are focusing on include trade, commerce, education (such as student exchange programmes), agriculture, health, information technology, energy generation, arts and culture."

Dr Tawana reassured Premier Dube-Ncube that his office will facilitate linkages between KwaZulu-Natal and USA-based investors and businesses, in line with their mandate to promote South Africa's interests, trade relations and foster relations within the Consulate's area of jurisdiction.

Premier Dube-Ncube and MEC Duma also interacted with Ambassador Professor Anil Sooklal, Ambassador at large for Asia and BRICS, to discuss the KwaZulu-Natal provincial government's participation next year when South Africa hosts the BRICS 2023 Summit.

South Africa, as the incoming BRICS Chair for 2023, hosted the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs and International Relations Meeting, in New York, on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA77) taking place at the United Nations headquarters from 20-27 September 2022 under the theme: "A watershed moment: Unlocking transformative solutions to interlocking challenges."



KwaZulu-Natal Acting Premier Nomagugu Simelane attends uMkhosi weLembe



KwaZulu-Natal Acting Premier Nomagugu Simelane on 24 September 2022 attended uMkhosi weLembe (King Shaka's Day) which was hosted by His Majesty King Misuzulu KaZwelithini at Stanger High School sports grounds. This was the first Umkhosi WeLembe to be led by King Misuzulu kaZwelithini.

The event celebrates the great warrior King Shaka kaSenzangakhona, Ilembe eleq' amanye

amalembé ngokukhalipha, the founder and builder of the Zulu nation who passed on 194 years ago.

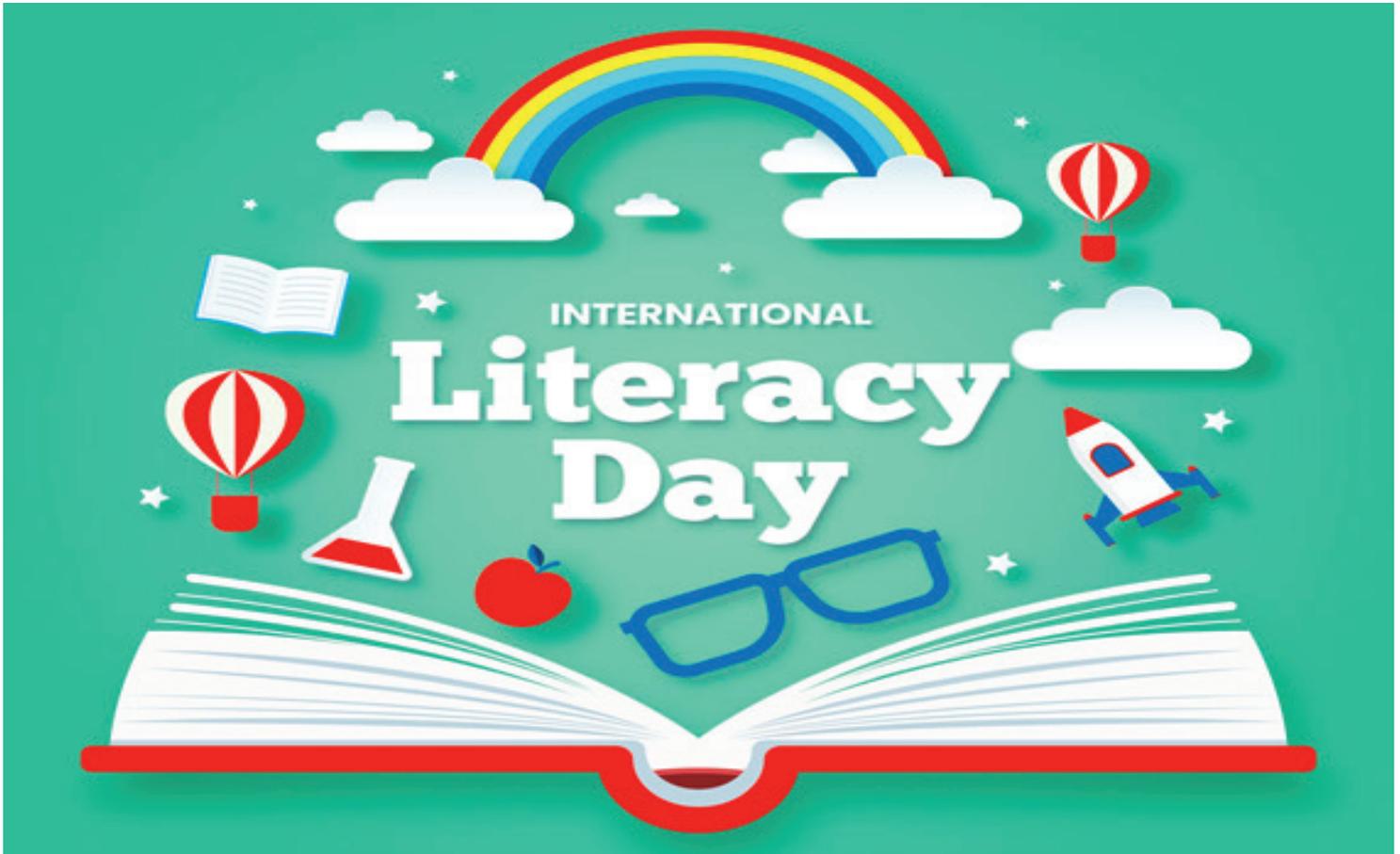
Acting Premier Nomagugu Simelane was accompanied by Sport, Arts and Culture MEC Amanda Bani-Mapena and MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs Sihle Zikalala as well as other dignitaries.

Resplendent in their traditional and cultural regalia, members of the Zulu Royal Family, dignitaries, amabutho and maidens, came in their numbers to attend uMkhosi weLembe in honour of the role played by King Shaka kaSenzangakhona in founding and uniting the Zulu nation.





Provincial Government celebrated International Literacy Month



KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government through the Office of the Premier celebrates the month of September through acknowledging achievements, innovative programmes and projects of outstanding educators and learners in the Province. The International Literacy Month is celebrated under the theme: **Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces**. This initiative is led by the Chief Directorate: Provincial Public Service Training Academy (PPSTA).

The International Literacy Day was adopted by the United Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1965 and is observed every year. During the month of September, internationally, both adult and school learners engage in literacy and numeracy campaigns to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, families, communities and society.

In line with this, South Africa in the month of September joins the international community to celebrate the achievements of those who have already taken up the challenge of lifelong learning and to further their education. This year's International Literacy Day was celebrated on 08 September 2022.

The Adult Education and Training Programme (AET) in the workplace is facilitated and coordinated by the Adult Education and Training Sub-Directorate in the Academy. While the programme continues to focus on AET for levels 1 to 4 and matric as means to uplift workers especially at the lower levels, it also focuses on financial literacy, computer skills and short skills development. Over the past years, the demand for AET has decreased and focus has been extended to Artisan Development to uplift artisan aids through Recognition of Prior Learning.

Due to the pandemic of COVID-19 the theme encourages communities to advance their way of learning with no limitations. This has allowed communities and public servants to find new ways of learning and encouraging quality distance learning through dedication and resilience. Empowerment of communities through literacy will alleviate poverty, decrease unemployment and strengthen the country's economy.

DEPARTMENT	NO OF EMPLOYEES REGISTERED PER YEAR							
	2008	2009_	2010	2011_	2012_	2013_	2014	2015
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Agriculture	496	496	493	144	101	343	97	57
Art and Culture	06	06	07	05	07	04	02	03
COGTA	22	22	12	17	09	10	09	10
Education	67	95	228	136	107	-	-	-
Health	2026	2139	1455	1035	795	505	368	421
Human Settlement	165	104	102	107	46	34	32	22
Public Works	326	326	290	179	73	91	82	47
Social Development	148	149	149	72	56	33	20	19
Transport	792	653	637	618	100	351	290	217
Total	4048	3991	3375	2313	1294	1371	900	796

Statistics for 2019:

Department	AET Level 1	AET level 2	AET Level 3	AET Level 4	Matric writing in 2019	Matric writing in 2020
DARD	-	-	-	-	53	-
Health	-	-	-	-	-	573
Human Settlements	-	-	-	04	-	-
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Dev	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport	-	07	12	18	10	-
Total	-	07	12	19	10	573

Departments that have no AET learners participate in skills programmes.



Remembering our colleague Phumzile Manyathi



Ms Phumzile Manyathi was employed within the Internal Control Directorate as a Deputy Director. She passed away with one of her siblings on 16 September 2022 in a car accident around Limpopo Province.

Phumzile worked as a Social Worker at Ulundi and Estcourt. She also worked for the Department of Labour. She then joined the Office of the Premier.

Phumzile was born in on 29 December 1971. She completed her matriculation at Pholela High School in Bulwer. She obtained her tertiary qualification at the University of Zululand.

She is survived by her daughter, Siyamthanda.

May your soul rest in eternal peace
Senzela, Donga, Ndlazi, Jola,
Mbhense, Nyathi emnyama ingaba
mhloph' ifuze ekhaya konina.

