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Premier Dube-Ncube delivers address at Former President Motlanthe's annual Kgalema Motlanthe Foundation Inclusive Growth Forum



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube on 23 October 2022 delivered a powerful address at Former President Kgalema Motlanthe's annual Kgalema Motlanthe Foundation Inclusive Growth Forum under the theme: **"Rethinking Pathways to Economic Growth: Taking Stock and Moving Forward"** at the Drakensburg.

The Premier spoke about the recovery of Kwa-Zulu-Natal after the devastating floods of April and May this year, but also from the negative impact of overall lag in economic growth around the world which preceded these tragic events.

Premier Dube-Ncube also gave the following update on the Current Status Quo on the Kwa-Zulu-Natal Rebuilding Programme: In total, the recovery programme has been made possible because of the collaboration and close working relationship between government and all our partners and stakeholders.
Most insured small businesses have

- reopened;
- The rebuilding of most Mega Malls such as Edendale and Bridge City is in progress;
- The rebuilding of the Mandeni Industrial Estate is in progress with some businesses still planning to rebuild;
- Toyota South Africa reopened in August 2022 and some major factories such as Defy have reopened;
- Some Makro shops have reopened and rebuilding is yet to commence of some sites;

• Several Infrastructure (such as water, electricity and Water Reticulation) has been restored;



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• Bayhead is back to Normal, running 2 lanes in and 2 lanes out and the reconstruction of the Bay Head Road Bridge will be completed in the medium term;

• The Beach Clean-up is ongoing with the city attending to the recent environmental issues such as high E-Coli levels.

The Premier also said the flood damage to roads and critical infrastructure such as railways, powerlines, businesses were the most visible, but the human element of suffering and displacement has been incalculable and even more resistant to quick resolution.

"As we tried to move displaced people into government halls in suburbs, we met with

•fierce resistance from local communities who protested that this would lower property values. As we try to build temporary and permanent accommodation in land parcels owned by government in suburbs, we have also encountered resistance. We are also having to face unscrupulous private property owners who are ready to inflate prices when government is the client. The overall impact of this has been that six months after the disaster, we still have people in temporary accommodation especially in eThekwini and we are frustrated by the speed at which we have been able to permanently resettle all the victims of the April-May floods," elaborated Premier Dube-Ncube.



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Premier Dube-Ncube meets with Izinduna zamabutho at Moses Mabhida Stadium



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube toured Moses Mabhida Stadium on 25 October 2022 to monitor preparations and met with teams responsible for logistics to ensure that the ceremony to handover the certificate of recognition to the AmaZulu King is a resounding success.Premier Dube-Ncube also had a meet and greet with Izinduna zamabutho kaZulu at the stadium as they are also preparing for this historic ceremony.

The handover of the certificate of recognition to the AmaZulu King Misuzulu KaZwelithini will take place on Saturday, 29 October 2022, at Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban.











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Premier Dube-Ncube leads project to drive innovation and digitisation in the agriculture sector



As part of rolling-out the SMART Province Programme which will inspire the use of technology and digital solutions in the Agriculture sector, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube on 22 October 2022, launched the SMART Agriculture Project in KwaXimba in the eThekwini Municipality.

This project will ensure the implementation of SMART technology to agriculture with a view to growing and developing the sector in African rural areas and townships. Rural women were taught to apply technology such as drones and other equipment to monitor their crops and livestock. These projects indicate the entry of KwaZulu-Natal into the digital era.

The focus was on ensuring that no one is left behind in the KZN Fourth Industrial Revolution that is being unleashed by the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government.









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Premier Dube-Ncube participates in an intensified law enforcement operation to ensure the consistent enforcement of traffic laws to improve road safety in KZN

KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube on 22 October 2022 joined law enforcement officials during a multi-disciplinary roadblock on the N3 which forms parts of the October Transport Month road safety campaign in the eThekwini Metro.

This operation is part of the Provincial Government's ongoing initiatives to increase police visibility and reduce fatalities on the road. Premier Dube-Ncube called on motorists to drive with caution as roads were extremely slippery due to rains. Premier Dube-Ncube urged law enforcement authorities to deal with motorists who do not obey the rules of the road.

"We appeal to motorists and pedestrians to continue to exercise extreme caution and call upon all road users to remember to adhere to the rules of the road," said the Premier.

This operation is part of government's ongoing initiatives to increase police visibility and reduce fatalities on the road.



KwaZulu-Natal Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube during the multi-disciplinary roadblock on the N3 in the EThekwini Metro.





