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KHOLWANE TO LEAD DISCUSSIONS ON GREEN ECONOMY OPPORTUNITIES IN MPUMALANGA

Mbombela – MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Mr Sikhumbuzo Eric Kholwane will next week lead discussions on opportunities afforded by the advent of the Green Economy in the Province.

The two (2) day discussions, under the theme “**The green economy as a driver of sustainable development and job creation in Mpumalanga**” are meant:

- To position Mpumalanga as the main point of focus for green economy activities in South Africa;
- To gather inputs on potential provincial priority actions for the green economy (Green Economy Sector Development Plan);
- To confirm the key elements of a green economy path (15 years horizon) in Mpumalanga’s context; and
- To start building provincial consensus on the green economy path as an innovative way towards sustainable consumption and production patterns.

“The repercussions of global warming and climate change propel us to prioritise the green economy in order to save our planet on the one hand, and create the much needed jobs for our people on the other hand. This is one of the ways through which we can deal with the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality currently characterising our communities”, explained MEC Kholwane.

Through the discussions, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism is hoping to gather valuable insight on the key focus areas that require attention, and further explore options for the implementation of some of the major interventions to bolster the sustainability of the sector in Mpumalanga.

Details of the Roundtable Discussion are as follows:

Date: 25 – 26 August 2016
Time: 08:30 – 16:00
Venue: Nkangala District Municipality Offices, Middelburg

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