

GAUTENG PROVINCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA** 

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## MEC KGOSIENTSHO RAMOKGOPA TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS FORUM

The MEC for Economic Development, Agriculture and Environment, Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa will give a keynote address at the Proudly South African (Proudly SA) Business Forum tomorrow, 24 July 2019 in Pretoria.

Proudly SA is a buy local advocacy campaign that works to influence government, business and consumers to increase their levels of local procurement. To ensure greater localisation, the campaign conducts provincial business forums and workshops to assist small to medium business enterprises to effectively leverage their roles as local suppliers by accessing support programmes and initiatives offered by government and the private sector.

In his address, MEC Ramokgopa will be pledging support and partnership with the Proudly SA campaign with the aim to grow the Gauteng economy together. The MEC is adamant that the Gauteng Government is in a position to use strategic levers to revitalize enterprise development and support to ensure growth and sustainability of SMMEs and Cooperatives in the province. In this regard, one of the MEC's strategic objectives will be to ensure that public procurement is handled in such a way that it makes significant contribution to the development and growth of local manufacturing enterprises that are able to participate competitively in the global economy

Details of the Business Forum are as Follows:

Date : Wednesday, 24 July 2019

Time : 09:00 am - 14:00 pm

Venue : Southern Sun Pretoria, Cnr. Steve Biko and, Pretorius St, Arcadia, Pretoria

Members of the media are invited.

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