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Attention: News Editors

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**MEC Parks Tau to speak at the eKasi Labs Webinar in Soweto hosted by The Innovation Hub**

Gauteng MEC for Economic Development, Environment, Agriculture & Rural Development, Parks Tau will on 13th May 2021, participate in a panel with other officials from the Department of Economic Development's Agencies.

The panel will be led by Ms Matsi Modise, who is a Board Member of The Innovation Hub and MD of Furaha as the Programme Director and moderator for the day. Other panellists will be Mr Saki Zamxaka, CEO of Gauteng Enterprise Propeller, Ms Nothile Mpsi, GM for eKasiLabs, Mr Tumelo Dichabe, Business Advisor Technoserve and Mr Oscar Monama, co-founder of "I am Merge", an eKasiLabs entrepreneur will also be participating on the panel session.

The panel will center their discussions under the theme "Government driving Township Economy Revitalisation Strategy as a vehicle to address challenges that are faced by Township entrepreneurs".

MEC Tau will start the day at a HotDesk pilot in Senoane where digitally capable young people are trained in technology, software skills and entrepreneurship.

The eKasi Labs Webinar will take place as follows:

Date: Thursday, 13 May 2021

Time: 10h00 until 13h00

Location: Soweto Empowerment Zone, Chris Hani Road, Soweto.

To join the Webinar, click on this link and register - <https://ekasilabsengage.co.za/event-registration-2/>

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