



Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Madala Masuku, visited Bloemfontein, Free State, to interact with different stakeholders and discuss economic development initiatives.

He met local authority representatives and business operators to thrash out how best to implement and reach the targets the country has set itself as per strategic policies such as the National Development Plan and New Growth Path.

He told the local councilors in all projects undertaken by municipalities that key decision-makers must assess whether these projects would create more jobs for South Africans or not.

He also visited a number of small business operators to find out what their challenges were and how best the government could assist them to grow their businesses, so that they can make a meaningful contribution to the development of our economy.

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