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Unveiling of the Free State Economic Summit's Programme of Action.

The work to revive and resuscitate the economy of the Free State has started in earnest. Flowing from the MEC's 2010 Budget Speech titled "The Dawn of The New Economic Era", the Free State provincial government held a two-day economic summit titled "Unlocking the Free State Economic Potential.

Following the robust discussions at the summit, nine Think Tanks have been established. These are; Economic Infrastructure and Job Creation, Investment Opportunities and Projects and Export, Trade and International Business Opportunities, Agriculture, Agro-processing and Rural Development, Transport, Trade and Logistics, Financing and Investment Options, ICT Strategies and Projects, Knowledge Economy and Innovation and, District and Local Economic Development and Projects. These think tanks threshed out the strategies to ensure the realization of the objectives of the summit.

Considerable amount of work has been done to date culminating into the Free State Economic Programme of Action.

This Economic Programme of Action with milestones and timeframes will be unveiled at the Central University of Technology (Prosperitus Auditorium) on the 31st of August 2010 at 10:00am. On this date, the Free State government, labour, business community and civil society will come together to unveil the Free State Economic Programme of Action anticipated to fully help in realizing the objectives of the summit.

It is envisaged that this process will lead to the establishment of the Free State Business Council which will oversee the progress made by think tanks.

All members of the media are therefore invited to be part of yet another milestone in the journey to sustainable economic growth in the Free State.

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