

FORUM FOR ENTREPRENEURS WITH DISABILITIES LAUNCHED

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The Forum for Free State Entrepreneurs with Disabilities was launched on 22 February 2013 in Bloemfontein, hosted by Seda in conjunction with the Dept. of Economic Development, Tourism & Environmental Affairs (DETEA) and the office of the premier. It is found that often enterprises owned by people with disabilities lag behind when it comes to access to information and participation in the economy. Hence entrepreneurial education and enterprise development support are some of the mechanisms to draw people with disabilities into the mainstream economy and to encourage them to participate fully.

Some of the challenges the newly founded Forum will be addressing, are: Lack of training / Unemployment and decent job opportunities / Limited access to information (FET colleges, bursaries, educational opportunities, etc.) / Lack of infrastructure (indigenous policy top up policy, recreational, youth centres, etc.) / Access to community information (Braille facilities, services of interpreters, etc.) / Institutional support e.g. all government departments to follow Annual Disability Calendar.

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