**MEDIA INVITE**

**TABALAZA EXPRESS GAIN SPEED**

Many enthusiastic entrepreneurs are polishing their pitching skill in preparation of the now popular Tabalaza business talent search programme of the DESTEA. Out of twenty four applicants, twelve 12 will face the panel of judges on Thursday 13th September 2018 to challenge for exciting and incentivising prizes.

This programme was initiated out of a realisation that many young people have excellent business plans but lack the skill to present to the possible funders. The grand finale of this programme will be in February 2019 where all winners will pitch their business to possible investors to take their business dream a reality.

DESTEA has put together an elaborate small business support programme aimed at providing Free State small business with a chance of success. Under this programme entrepreneur can apply for assistance from Tabalaza, Agro-processing, Risk Sharing and Incubator events.

**The details of the event are as follows:**

Venue: **President Hotel**

Place: **Bloemfontein**

Date: **13 September 2018**

Time: **09:30 – 16:00**

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