

# **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SEKHUKHUNE CAREER EXPO REPORT**

**SUBMITTED BY:**



**IN ASSOCIATION WITH:**



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**VENUE: PETER NCHABELENG SPORTS GROUNDS,  
SCHOORNOORD CIRCUIT, SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT,  
LIMPOPO**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The career expo is an information sharing platform where learners who are the seekers of information and opportunities meet with providers of information to facilitate career guidance, correct choices, and financial assistance opportunities. The expo encourages companies and other organisations across the country to develop and offer career guidance and bursaries or other forms of financial assistance to learners in rural and disadvantaged areas. It is envisaged that through the expo, learners will have clear and well informed career choices. A better country is a well resourced country in terms of human capital and materials.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sekhukhune Career Expo took place on the 11-12 May 2011 at the Peter Nchabeleng Sports Grounds, within Makhuduthamaga Municipality under the ambit of the Department of Education's Schoornoord Circuit. This expo was hosted for two days and was organized by the Centre for Mathematics, Science and Commercial (AMSCED) partnership with Pearl Edu Vision. It is our belief that through education we can eradicate poverty, illiteracy and other social ills associated with the Sekhukhune District. We are encouraged by the saying that "it is through education that the daughter of a mine worker can become the Mine owner and the child of an orphan can become the president of the country."

## **2. PROCEEDINGS**

The 1<sup>st</sup> day started well, with exhibitors and some schools arriving as early as 08h00. The positioning of the stalls in the hall which was supplied by the Makhuduthamaga Municipality commenced smoothly as planned. . The day was divided into two parts - the presentations and the exhibitions. The exhibition took place in the Hall while presentations were conducted in the erected tents, during the opening ceremony. The presentations were in the form of information sharing session whereby speakers motivated and career information. Two tents were erected for VIP and educators caterings.

The event was a resounding success and in summary the following were achieved:

- Different institutions of higher were represented i.e. University, University of Technology, FET College, Private College.
- Application forms for the following Universities were issued to learners: Wits University, University of Limpopo, Tshwane University of Technology, Vaal University of Technology, University of North West, they were however insufficient in terms of numbers of learners attending the event.
- Large number of schools did attend;
- Presence of National Department of Higher Education.
- Some Presenters did come in their personal Professional capacity( encouraging) in sharing the information with learners (e.g Nurse, Dentist.)
- Private Members (Learners who passed their Grade 12) did attend, seeking information.
- Creation of business opportunities for local hawkers, taxi and bus drivers.

- Creation of work opportunities to the local youth, 14 girls and 6 boys were hired to clean the Hall, Ushering, registrations, etc. They have indicated the interest in the project as they fill part.
- This was a business opportunity for local Service within the duration of the event.

### **3. PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION**

*The following organisations and institutions formed part of the programme:*

<b>ORGANISATION/INSTITUTION</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVES/SPEAKERS</b>
NEMISA	Mr Maimane K Ms N.P Teyise
North West University	Mr Morena Tsotetsi
MerSeta	Mr Aphane T.J
MARULA PLATINUM MINE	Ms Mampuru Elizabeth Mr Mathole M Mr Grant Gabriel
Vaal University Of Technology	Mr Masake Piillip
Wits University	Ms Diale C Ms Kgwete T
LoveLife Trust	Mr Moloko Joseph
Vodacom (Pty) Ltd	Lerumo Kgoahla M.R
Sekhukhune FET College	Mr Kgolane A
UNISA	Thobejane M.R
SK FM	Mr Makgoga T J
Department of Health – Nursing Profession	Mohlahlo E.M
Department of Health - Dentistry	Dr A M Mtlejoane
SisweNtsaluba VSP	Nyatlo T Mahlaule B
REAP/Ngaka Nkalafe	Dr Sathekge Mr Manamela M.P
Mpjane Travels n Tourism	Mr Maganyela Charles
Pearl Edu Vision	Ms Dinao Lerutla Ms Mmathabo Moahi

ORGANISATION/INSTITUTION	REPRESENTATIVES/SPEAKERS
Royal Bafokeng Holdings	Ms Nkadimeng Refiloe
Reshoma Community Development Agency	Mr Chidi Matungoe Mr Raselebane Johannes
National Department of Higher Education & Training	Ms Thembisa Futshane Ms Lebogang Mokoena
Member of Mayoral Committee (Office of the Executive Mayor, Sekhukhune District)	Mr Morewane Sekhukhune

#### 4. ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

In total, 11 Department of Education Circuits within the Sekhukhune District attended the Career Expo, i.e Ngwaabe, Malegale, Schoornoord, Mmashadi, Glen Cowie, Lobethal, Ngwaritsi, Phokwane, Mhlaletse, HloogoTlou and Masemola.

The following table depicts a breakdown of attendance statistics:

<b>Total number of Schools that attended</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Total number of Educators that attended</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Total number of Learners that attended</b>	<b>2189</b>
<b>Total Numbers of Learners that already passed Grade 12</b>	<b>64</b>

#### 5. CHALLENGES

The planning and organising of the career expo was marred by a number of challenges, The following are some of the problems experienced:

- The Career Expo dates clashed with some other expos in other areas and some institutions failed to attend. In addition, the date had to be changed to accommodate the local government elections which took place on the 18 May 2011.
- Mostly government department failed to avail themselves due to lack for budget to cover the nominal presentation fee.
- Most institutions/departments want to exhibit for free.
- The organisers do not have an office fully equipped with requisite office equipment.

## 6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A special thanks goes to all those who contributed their time, financially, logistically and otherwise for this function to happen. The organiser in (AMSCED, PEARL Edu Vision) thank all the stakeholders who assisted with the logistical arrangements and those who made the event a success. The donation received from the institutions that pledged their support for the event is also appreciated. We hope to maintain continued relationship with these sponsors for their commitment to education and nation building is commendable.

Much gratitude goes to the exhibitors, presenters, educators, learners and schools who over the two days made it a success. We urge all exhibitors to come in years to come together in this nation building programme. We hope to work together in 2012 and beyond. The proposed date for 2012 is 09-10 May, please save the date!

***A special thanks goes to the following organisations and individuals:***

ORGANISATION/INDIVIDUAL	ROLE PLAYED/TASK
ROYAL BAFOKENG HOLDINGS	Main sponsor of the event for the past 3 years and hoping for a lasting relationship!
LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	Authorisation of the event, invitation of schools, distribution of circulars to schools and hoping for the same partnership in years to come.
MAKHUDUTHAMAGA MUNICIPALITY	For providing the exhibition hall and grounds.
VOLUNTEERS	Logistic preparation of the event, cleaning, etc.
NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER - EDUCATION & TRAINING	Mr Richard Mediroe for appointing and arranging a key note address speaker.
DR SATHEKGE(REAP)	Presentation on life skills and career guidance.
SCIBONO	Donation of career expo material for the learners and educators
MR Z MABHOZA	Motivational talk
WITS UNIVERSITY, UNISA AND TUT	Provision of application forms for the learners.
ACCENTURE (PTY) LTD	Donation of pencil cases and career expo material for learners.
INSETA	Donation of career expo material for the learners.

## **7. RECOMMENDATION FOR FUTURE EVENTS**

Taking into account the key learnings from the previous careers expo hosted in previous years, the following recommendations are put forth:

- The Career Expo may need to be for an entire week to accommodate more learners and are suppose to cover all Grades, Day 1 for Grade 9, 10 , 11, 12 etc.
- A special expo or information session for Grade 09, especially for subjects choices, most are lost in Grade 12.
- Amsced / Pearl Edu Vision to seek a long term, sustainable partnerships on sponsorship of this annual event.
- Need for information session for Life Orientation Educators so as to prepare learners well. Conduct workshops for Educators in the FET Band on Career Choices
- More participatory session for learners, including professional in various fields of study.
- In determine the date, this clashes need to be looked into.
- More participations for companies and institutions based in Limpopo/Sekhukhune.

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