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MEC Makume hosts Post Budget Business Breakfast

Free State MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Ketso Makume will host a post budget breakfast engagement session to unpack and reflect on the implications of the Budget Vote presented at Legislature on June 2025.

This engagement reaffirm the department's ongoing efforts to offer further insight into the department's plans, strategic priorities towards youth empowerment & mobilize private sector funding and progress made during the previous financial year, including the policy direction for 2025/26 financial year.

The said session will be done in collaboration with the Business School from the University of the Free State and Black Management Forum (BMF) for stakeholders to analyze the departmental budget, identify opportunities for private public partnerships to grow the economy, create much needed jobs and improving service delivery.

This session is in line with the apex priorities of the 7th Administration-driving inclusive growth and job creation; reducing poverty and high cost of living and building a capable, ethical, and developmental state.

The event is planned as follows:

Date: Friday, 12 September 2025

Time: 08h00

Venue: Navall Hill Platinum Arium, Bloemfontein.

Media is invited to attend.

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