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MEDIA ALERT

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LEDET MEC APPEALS TO RESIDENTS NOT TO LEASE OUT LICENSES TO ILLEGAL FOREIGNERS

The Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism MEC, Tshitereke Matibe, has appealed to local residents to stop leasing out their properties and spaza shop licenses to illegal foreign nationals to conduct their businesses.

MEC Matibe met with local residents in and around Seshego at the Ngoako Ramatlhodi Sports Complex as part of his department's Limpopo Spaza Shop Registration Drive **#RegisterYourSpaza** in an effort to put a halt to stubborn illegally-ran businesses and permanently curb the surge in non-compliant food-handling facilities.

During their discussion, the MEC told residents that lending non-compliant business people their licenses is against the law, and that renting out space and buildings for illegal foreign merchants to conduct their businesses has negative consequences on them as well.

“Our view is that during this process of registering businesses, is for our people to reclaim the township and rural economy in terms of businesses and to assist them to take ownership of local businesses and what is sold in their communities,” says MEC Matibe.

The MEC again lamented the low registration turnout, “we wish to appeal to the community to use this opportunity to register their businesses when the drive comes visits their district and community. We want this process to assist them and make registration easier for them.”

The campaign drive is as follows:

DISTRICT	LOCAL MUNICIPALITY	VENUE	DATE	TIME	TARGET AUDIENCE
1.Capricorn	Polokwane	Ngoako Ramathlodi Sport Complex	26 /11/2024	09H00	1.Formal, Informal Businesses 2.Councillors 3.Ward Committees 4.SALGA
		Ngoako Ramathlodi Sport Complex	28/11/2024	09H00	1. Municipal Managers 2. LED Managers 3. Environmental Health Officials 4. SALGA
		Sebayeng Assemblies of God Church, Mankweng	29/11/2024	09H00	1.Formal, Informal Businesses 2.Councillors 3.Ward Committees 4.SALGA
2.Vhembe	Thulamela	George Pataki Town hall, Thohoyandou	02/12/2024	09h00	1.Formal, Informal Businesses 2.Councillors 3.Ward Committees 4. SALGA
1. Sekhukhune	Fetakgomo – Tubatse	Sekuhukhune TVET College, Dr C.N Phatudi campus	03/12/2024	09h00	1.Formal, Informal Businesses 2.Councillors 3.Ward Committees 4. SALGA
2. Waterberg	Mogalakwena	Waterberg TVET College, Mokopane campus	04/12/2024	09H00	1.Formal, Informal Businesses 2.Councillors 3.Ward Committees 4. SALGA
3. Mopani	Giyani	Giyani Community Hall	05/12/2024	09H00	1.Formal, Informal Businesses 2.Councillors 3.Ward Committees

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