

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

MEDIA ALERT

Tuesday: 02 September 2025

Launch of E-Waste Project for Benefit of Youth, Women and Persons with Disabilities

The official launch of E-Waste for Youth Employment in Limpopo Province, is a collaborative initiative aimed at addressing challenges of youth unemployment and environmental degradation through a structured e-waste recycling and entrepreneurship programme. The event is planned to take place on the 3rd of September 2025 in Polokwane.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) in partnership with the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and the Environment (DFFE) and the Limpopo Department of Economic Development Environment and Tourism (LEDET) are to host the E-Waste for Youth Employment in Limpopo Province Project.

The project is a one-year initiative implemented by the International Labour Organization (ILO) with funding from the Government of Japan. The project addresses challenges of high youth unemployment and environmental degradation by promoting sustainable e-waste management and creating economic opportunities within the circular economy. It is designed to empower youth, women, and persons with disabilities through technical training, business development support, and market linkages in the e-waste recycling sector

The event will bring together stakeholders from the public and private sectors, development partners, and non-governmental organizations to explore innovative solutions for e-waste challenges in the province.

Training youths in e-waste recycling not only addresses the growing challenge of e-waste but also provides valuable job skills in a growing green circular economy. This project will foster innovation, encourage responsible e-waste handling, and promote the circular economy, ultimately contributing to the well-being of communities and the environment.

Twenty-two (22) youths, being one from each Local Municipality, including at least 60% women and person with disabilities (PWD) will be trained under the proposed project

You're invited to the Event as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 3 September 2025

Time: 10:00am -14:00pm

Venue: The Ranch Protea Hotel, Polokwane, Capricorn District

For attendance confirmation and more information, please contact:

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