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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Virtual Dialogue on Township and Rural Economies**

The National Planning Commission (NPC) invites you to participate in a dialogue on **“Township and Rural Economies”**. The dialogue is part of the NPC campaign to communicate and engage with key stakeholders on the work that it has done.

According to research conducted by the NPC on SMMEs and township economies, there is a need for more focus on the revitalisation of township and rural economies. The paper intends to enable the NPC and its stakeholders amongst others to gain deeper insights into the context of and challenges faced by township and rural economies. It recommends institutional support for small business development, that local economic development be decentralised, and that infrastructure and technology development be enabled. The NPC has been working with the Office of the Deputy President to develop an effective strategy to be taken forward. Increased money circulation in townships will revitalize and generate further economic activity as more entities emerge. Furthermore, more financial support and empowerment of SMMEs will contribute to the creation of the 11 million jobs outlined in the NDP.

The dialogue will chaired by Commissioner Themba Dlamini

**Date: 08 December 2020**

**Time: 09:00 until 12:00.**

**Please ensure you RSVP by 07 December 2020 to Lelo Ndzimela [lelo@hotheadmedia.co.za](mailto:lelo@hotheadmedia.co.za) or Dakalo Netswera [Dakalo@dpme.gov.za](mailto:Dakalo@dpme.gov.za)**

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