

# Ehlanzeni TVET celebrates partnerships

MBOMBELA - Ehlanzeni TVET College celebrated strengthening the partnership between the college, Hertford Regional College from UK and the City of Mbombela Local Municipality with a leadership exchange program last Tuesday.

Ms Maryna Marais, the acting principal, declared that the night was about celebrating partnerships which aim at bridging the gap that divides their common goals as academic institutions. "In other words, academic institutions like our college must produce a skilled workforce in collaboration with local and international partners. The local municipality plays a critical role in providing integrated development planning (IDPs) which outline areas of developmental needs of the community.

"The municipality also shares common ground with Ehlanzeni TVET College in up-skilling the citizens in order to deliver on scarce skills, as per the provincial priorities in order for them to participate in the mainstream economy of the country. The partnership with Hertford Regional College comes in at the right time, as it focuses on the need to diversify our economic drivers in order to meet local and international

economic demands. Thus our collaboration with Hertford College will bring change between the two colleges in terms of skills revolution in the face of the economic

demands that matter most in our space," she said. The local economic development (LED) manager, Mr David Mabuzza, expressed his



Mr Judas Sibozza (deputy principal academic), Mr Lucky Mbuyane (college council chairperson), Mr Allias Mbuyane (DHET regional manager), Mr Essau Simelane (deputy principal corporate service), Ms Maryna Marais (acting principal), Mr David Mabuzza (Mbombela Municipality LED manager) and Ms Feltham Susan (director and curriculum developer Hertford College in UK).

gratitude towards Ms Susan Feltham from Hertford Regional College for the profound relationship displayed between the South African and British governments.

Mabuzza said, "Tourism attractions in Mpumalanga contribute immensely to economic growth of the city of Mbombela, which improves the lives of our people in terms of the value chain and standard of living. Mbombela municipality has built good roads, rails infrastructure that transport goods."

Ms Susan Feltham from Hertford College was grateful for all the speakers who showed interest in partnering with Hertford Regional College and she said, "The partnership between the two colleges is a great initiative whereby our students will get exposed to the competitive advantages worldwide in terms of skills acquisition and employability."

She further maintained that their colleges in the UK have designed a national curriculum which makes the offerings much more portable for all institutions of learning in their country.