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MKI HELD IT FIRST INNOVATION DIALOGUE AT UNIZULU



Dr Sakhile Ngcobo, addressing attendees

The Moses Kotane Institute (MKI), in partnership with the University of Zululand (UNIZULU) held the Innovation Dialogue at UNIZULU on Tuesday, the 30th of April 2019. The purpose of the event was to 'push entrepreneurs towards innovation, and to push innovators towards entrepreneurship'.

The Chairperson of the Board, Dr Sakhile Ngcobo's core message was to encourage students to participate in the entrepreneurship space through innovation. He said, "*MKI is open to everyone that have ideas to enhance the KwaZulu-Natal economic development.*" Dr Ngcobo further spoke to entrepreneurs about Radical Economic Transformation, which he says will be achieved through small businesses that are created by entrepreneurs.

He further encouraged students to seize opportunities presented by KZN government in terms of SME development and entrepreneurship.

The Acting Head of Department in EDTEA, Mr Siza Sibande emphasized the point made by Dr Ngcobo, on government having open arms for Innovators and Entrepreneurs.

Dr Simphiwe Buthelezi, MKI's Head of Research further elaborated on strategies for sustainable business. Dr Buthelezi said, "collaborative work is key for a sustainable business, if you a computer specialist, and you develop a business professional skill, you will need to collaborate with someone with financial understanding, someone with legal mind and so forth".

A panellist, Professor Sibusiso Moyo, the deputy Vice Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Engagement from Durban University of Technology- added that, "a sustainable business needs four Ps. People, Plan, Pennies and Product". It simply re-iterates what Dr Simphiwe Buthelezi said about collaborative work. The first P, which is people, speaks to the principle of knowing how to work with people. Secondly, you always have to have a plan, and of course, you have to have Pennies/monetary and your product have to stand out because this is a competitive market.

Professor Lorraine Greyling, Vice Chancellor of UNIZULU, expressed her gratitude to MKI for partnering with them.



THE PRINCIPAL OF LANGALAKHE HIGH SCHOOL WAS SHORT OF WORDS TO THANK MOSES KOTANE INSTITUTE



Dr Sakhile Ngcobo alongside Dr Thembinkosi Twalo both explaining how the kit works.

The Moses Kotane Institute (MKI) continues its series of supporting previously disadvantaged schools with Science Kits. On Friday, 26 April 2019 MKI donated a set of science learning equipment to Langalakhe High school to allow learners to gain immense knowledge and practical learning.

During the handover, Dr Sakhile Ngcobo the Chairperson of the Board gave a heart-warming speech as he encouraged all Learners to take every advantage of this donation seriously as MKI expect only outstanding academic results from them.

The School Principal, Mr Colville was short of words to thank the Moses Kotane Institute (MKI) for their generosity.

The Institute was represented by the Chairperson of the Board, Dr Sakhile Ngcobo and Dr Thembinkosi Twalo; the MKI's Skills Development, Research and Partnerships Manager.

Dr Ngcobo promised to monitor the progress of the school closely. The Chairperson of the Board further encouraged all learners to strive for excellence as he will award top three learners that will produce outstanding matric results this year.

MOSES KOTANE MARITIME ACADEMY WINS KZN CANOE UNION AWARD

The KwaZulu-Natal Canoe Union (KZNCU) organises the world renowned Dusi Canoe Marathon. The Dusi Canoe attracts between 1600 and 2000 paddlers each year, making it the biggest canoeing event on the African continent.

The KZNCU has a development arm that assists previously disadvantaged people to participate in this race. Many African youngsters lack the resources to enter the race. The Watersports Team at MKI Maritime Academy (MA) thus provided logistics support like transportation of the paddlers, their equipment, cooking and providing meals for the paddlers and seconding the paddlers. Each of the team members spent on average thirteen (13) hours over the three-day race plus the penultimate day before the race to ensure all is in place (such is the complexity of the logistics involved).

The KZNCU held its Awards Gala on Saturday, 12 May 2019 and MKI MA's extra-ordinary support was commended with the awarding of the Special Award. This was accepted by Swelihle Ndlovu on behalf of MKI MA.



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