

## NEWSWATCH



## Thumbs up for growth hub

The Cabinet has approved Minister of Trade and Industry Rob Davies's decision to designate for development the Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Vhembe in Limpopo province.

The department of trade and industry said yesterday this SEZ was anchored in an investment of over R40 billion in an energy and metallurgical industrial cluster, with the implementation of various other projects over the next five years expected to create over 21 000 jobs.

The designated zone would promote industrial development in the region with a specific focus on mineral beneficiation, agro-processing, petro-chemicals and other light industries.

Steel producer Hoi Mor Consortium was appointed to plan, develop, manage and market the energy and metallurgical industrial park in the zone.

According to Davies, pictured, the proposed designation was in line with the Industrial Policy Action Plan, which had identified SEZs as strategic interventions to accelerate economic development.

"In alignment with the National Development Plan, this development is intended to accelerate economic growth, attract foreign and domestic direct investment, expand the manufacturing sector and mineral beneficiation, as well as create employment in the region," Davies said.

He added that the Musina-Makhado region was also part of the Trans-Limpopo Spatial Development Initiative and that it was well-positioned for regional integration and linkages with Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Botswana.

Musina is also the main-land-based trade route between South Africa and the broader African continent.

The designation of the zone was preceded by an extensive public consultation process that was undertaken by the department in April this year.

The department said that during public hearings and meetings in Musina, Makhado and Nzhelele local communities had expressed their support for the new SEZ.

They were particularly keen on the job creation, capacity building and skills development aspects of the new Special Economic Zone.

They were also enthusiastic about the small, medium and micro co-operatives and empowerment deals facilitating equitable ownership that could spring up in the area as a result of the new initiative.

-ANA

## KZN crash claims 11 lives

Eleven people have died and seven others injured in an accident near Harding in southern KwaZulu-Natal, transport officials said yesterday.

KZN Road Traffic Inspectorate spokesperson Zinhle Mngomezulu said that a bakkie overturned late on Sunday afternoon along the D1079 road, about 10km southeast of Harding.

10 of the deceased were female, of which two were children.

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## Drugs swoop on shop owner

A clothing shop owner who was arrested for possession of the designer drug Cat valued at R28 million, was expected to appear in the Boksburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The 34-year-old man was arrested by the Ekurhuleni metro police on Friday.

"A Nigerian man was found with drugs, 26 large blocks of Cat and 23 zip lock bags. He was immediately apprehended and charged," the metro police statement said. -ANA

## New lead in body parts case

Police yesterday discovered the burnt body of a woman under a bridge in Mahwelereng, suspected to be linked to the arrest of two people found in possession of a woman's head in Polokwane, Limpopo.

Police said the woman's identity was not yet known and that investigations were continuing to determine whether the head found on Sunday was hers.

Police followed up on a tip-off about human body parts being sold. -ANA

## Medics robbed while saving life

Six paramedics from the Johannesburg Emergency Services were robbed of their belongings at gunpoint while attending to a victim in Jeppestown.

The paramedics had responded to a stabbing in the CBD at about 4am on Sunday, and were treating a patient inside the ambulance when two armed men pointed a firearm at them.

They demanded their belongings including wallets and cellphones. The robbers also took a medical bag and a two-way radio.

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# Security tight for Aids conference

**HIGH-PROFILE:** 18 000 DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED

» The theme for this year, the 21st such assembly, is 'Access Equity Rights Now'.

### Citizen reporter

The inter-ministerial committee (IMC) on the 21st International Aids Conference to be held in Durban from next Monday has given assurances that the event will be safe and efficient.

Close to 18 000 delegates are expected at the conference, which was previously staged in the same host city in 2000.

"Security agencies have developed detailed plans for high-visibility deployment of police and other personnel who will ensure the safety of delegates and minimal disruption of traffic and other services and amenities around the host city," the IMC said.

"Plans are also in place to facilitate secure passage of conference delegates through South Africa's major airports and land borders."

### YOUNG PEOPLE OPEN UP THE ISSUE

## Pop-up radio station at summit

### Constance Raletjena

South Africa and young African reporters will host a pop-up radio station at this year's global Aids conference in Durban from next Monday to July 22.

The radio station, to be hosted by young reporters from the Children's Radio Foundation (CRF) from South Africa, Zambia, Tanzania, Ivory Coast and the Democratic Republic of Congo, will share their experiences of HIV/Aids in live broadcasts from the conference venue for eight hours each day, reaching conference-goers and streaming to eight million listeners across Africa.

"It's extremely important to support platforms that encourage youth to share their experiences and perspectives on issues that matter to them," said Mike Rahfaldt, executive director of Children's Radio Foundation. "Across Africa, in most communities, radio is the most powerful medium to achieve this. Radio gets youth together to learn



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#### Call for all of SA to acknowledge importance of the summit

Cabinet has called on all South Africans and all sectors to participate in the 21st International Aids Conference, the theme of which is Access Equity Rights Now.

► It will be held from July 18 to 22 at the Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban.

► As part of the build-up to Aids 2016 and to mobilise all sectors, Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, as chairperson of the South African National Aids Council, will lead the five-day countdown at the

The committee is chaired by Minister in the Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Jeff Radebe.

Several other ministers, Premier of KwaZulu-Natal Willies Mchunu and James Nxumalo, mayor of eThekweni, are also on the committee.

The official opening address on Monday evening will be delivered by Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa. The opening ceremony will also include a presentation

Union Buildings starting tomorrow, Cabinet said.

► #5Days to #AIDS2016 has been created to ensure a platform of interaction. In addition, #1Day to #AIDS2016 will be used from Sunday (July 17) which will mark the one day count down. Cabinet encouraged citizens to wear red, white or black clothing, organisations to display educational material and condoms and places of worship to conduct special prayer services. - Citizen reporter

on Youth and the HIV Response by Kweku Mandela and the Aids 2016 Youth Ambassadors, an address and presentation of the Elizabeth Taylor Human Rights Awards by Oscar-winning South African actress, Charlize Theron, of the Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project, and a welcome message by Aids 2016 International chairperson Professor Chris Beyrer (US) and local co-chairperson Dr Olive Shisana of South Africa. - news@citizen.co.za



**TALK THERAPY.** The Children's Radio Foundation talks to the youth at Nolungile Youth Clinic in Khayelitsha, Cape Town, in the Future Positive project. Picture: CRF

from each other's challenges, and to come up with local solutions to local problems. Radio is also local, and can therefore dig deep on issues in ways that resonate," he said.

One of the young reporters living with the virus is 24-year-old Nolutindiso, from West-

bank, Cape Town. She was gang-raped and was infected with the virus by the father of her baby.

She says: "It is important for young people to speak out because when you keep it inside, that is when it kills you."

The young reporters will interview leading scientists and policy-makers from around the world who are at the conference.

International Aids Society executive director Owen Ryan said dialogues by youth about HIV and sexual and reproductive health kick-start difficult conversations about specific adolescent needs.