



*Equipping Career Development Practitioners*

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Thank you everyone. Today marks the dawn of a new era for career development in our country. We are celebrating a new professional designation, whose sole purpose is to support career development of our people. Ask a person, especially the youth, to tell you about their skills and you too will see the challenge that we face as a collective. As a collective, we are responsible to ensure a nation of people who are connected to their skills and enable to put them to work. The right to decent and meaningful work is a basic human right for all those who are willing and able.

For those being conferred the professional designation of career development practitioner in South Africa, do not take your responsibility lightly. We are facing tough times and we need you to get out into our communities and work like never before. Seated in this room here today, are the most influential stakeholders in the entire skills pipeline in South Africa. If you knew the representation that is here today, you would be very, very, very happy. We, in this room and as a collective country, commit to equipping you as career development practitioners with ethics, access, quality and growth. By coming together to equip career development practitioners, we are coming together to equip our communities and our country. So may the first to be conferred, the first professional designation of career information officer, prepare yourself to come up to stage. Please hold your applause until the end.

Ms Mompe Christa Rapoo. Okay, you can applause all the way. Ms Ncobokazi Mzenze; Mrs Gillian Dona; Mrs Mercyful Mathebulu Lekolene; Ms Nathasia Naidoo; Mr Lazarus Sithago; Mr Paul Gavin West; Mrs Portia Khombuza Mothiba; Ms Thandikele Nonkululeko Langa; and last, but definitely not least, Ms Wendy Ninge. Okay, so may we all stand give the first registered career development practitioners in South Africa, a round of applause. Thank you everybody.



Life must not be about trying to stay alive like that is the reality for so many. Life must be about finding ways to thrive. Through career development practitioners, together with all parts of society, psychologists, social workers, everybody's responsibility, we will do just that. A vision of our President is, we are going to build a great country because we will be doing so, standing on the shoulders of our people. Thank you.