

AgriSETA launches its 5th Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) centre at Potchefstroom College of Agriculture

Thursday, 20 February 2020 - AgriSETA today launched its fifth Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Centre in partnership with the Potchefstroom College of Agriculture.



Figure 1: The launch of AgriSETA 5th RPL centre , at Potchefstroom College of Agriculture.

RPL provides an alternative access route into a learning programme when a candidate does not meet the academic entry requirements for admission into an educational institution. This applies to learning programmes that are obtainable by accredited institutions (including adult education and training centres) or by workplace-based training providers.

Mr Zenzele Myeza, AgriSETA's Chief Executive Officer says, "AgriSETA, in partnership with colleges of agriculture is creating an enabling environment to enhance effective progression and articulation of RPL practices and services in and across different learning and qualification pathways. In this regard, the organisation is passionately driving the administrative and logistical systems and the staff capacity to deliver quality RPL to scale".



Figure 2: Potchefstroom College of Agriculture choir entertains the guests .

This partnership program, among other agricultural initiatives by AgriSETA addresses our president's reference that "agriculture is one of the industries with the greatest potential for growth and to transform the industry" [bit-urls.com/dUVy2].



Figure 3 AgriSETA Executive Managers ; Mr Fanny Phetla (Quality Assurance) and Mr Frikkie Fouche (Skills Planning) at the unveiling of RPL Centre at Potchefstroom College of Agriculture.

The RPL process also directs the likelihood for social transformation to allow access to all individuals regardless of gender, race or disability. The program and associated funding by AgriSETA of R1.3 million will benefit some 200 learners including and among others, emerging and commercial farmers, and cooperatives who fit into the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) system, levels 1 to 4. The NQF system records the credits assigned to each level of learning achievement in a formal way to ensure the recognition of skills and knowledge acquired on the job.

“To this end, we must accept that “recognition of prior learning is a prerequisite and not a privilege” says Myeza.

AgriSETA will further support the implementation of RPL annually and according to the determination of the program.



Figure 4: Mr Frikkie Fouche addressing the guests at the launch of RPL Centre.