Ms Mandisa Tshikwatamba
New SEDA CEO
Hello

Dear Reader, it is a privilege to present yet again another edition of Imbadu. We hope you have had a great year in business and achieved most of your goals. Seda would like to thank the Minister of Small Business Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu and staff, for the great support they gave to Seda during the year. We would also like to thank you our dearest customers for your support and cooperation in 2016.

In this edition, we introduce Ms. Mandisa Tshikwatamba, the new CEO of Seda. We also review the state of SMMEs around the country. The newsletter further features special articles on the Rapid Incubation Programme and Centres for Entrepreneurship, the Northern Cape Youth Summit, the International Co-operatives Day in Mpumalanga Province and the Seda Annual Stakeholder Forum. The inaugural announcement of the Top40 Gazelles was one of the highlights of the year for Seda and you can read about that too. We also report on a sector focused SMME forum i.e Cosmetics Industry, the Dunlop Tyre Initiative and graduation ceremonies for the Women’s Entrepreneur Coaching Programme, held during Women’s month.

Seda wishes you a great festive season and the very best for 2017.

Thank you.

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Meet Mandisa Tshikwatamba:
The new CEO of SEDA

In true spirit of Women’s month, Seda’s new Chief Executive Officer, Ms Mandisa Tshikwatamba, took office with effect on 01 August 2016. She becomes the fourth woman in the executive team of six. Her appointment as the new CEO at Seda was announced by Minister in the Presidency, Jeff Radebe.

Her impeccable leadership qualities and good understanding of the small business sector, government policies and programmes, the private sector and donor support programmes directly and indirectly supporting small business development will be of great benefit to Seda, most importantly to small enterprises and co-operatives.

Prior to joining Seda, Ms Tshikwatamba was Deputy Director-General for Corporate Management at the National School of Government, a position she held for more than 6 years. As Deputy Director-General, she was responsible for administrative leadership.

She held other senior management positions for more than 10 years in key areas such as organisational management. Her responsibilities included budgeting, preparing business strategies and plans, as well as setting procedures for effective implementation of corporate governance systems. She has also served in various oversight committees including boards and was part of Executive Management delegations during departmental engagements with Parliamentary structures, particularly the Portfolio Committees.

58 branches including satellite offices and co-location points in rural areas and townships as well as 57 incubation centres across the country

She holds an MBA degree, an Honours degree in developmental Studies, a BA degree, a B.Admin degree, a Post Graduate Certificate in Finance and Investments and a Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Marketing Management.

Ms Tshikwatamba joins an agency which has extended its footprint far and wide to reach small business owners across the country. Seda has 56 branches as well as 57 incubation centres across the country. These centres provide non-financial support services which include assisting small enterprises with access to markets, product improvements, coaching of business owners and interventions that seek to improve competitiveness and financial management of small enterprises.
The Rapid Incubation Programme and Centres for Entrepreneurship are Seda supported initiatives whose aim is to address the issue of youth unemployment in South Africa. It aims to partner with TVET colleges to establish incubation centres located at the said institutions of learning. Seda and the Department of Trade and Industry (dti) signed a funding agreement committing R40 million towards piloting the programme in nine TVET colleges, with one centre per province.

The Seda Technology Programme (Stp) division manages the programme, which is based on extensive research conducted by researchers in Europe and India. The objective of the programme is to utilise the skills of TVET graduates to foster and promote an entrepreneurship culture and provide the students with the necessary tools and techniques to create their own SMMEs, thereby facilitating economic growth and job creation.

The Rapid Incubation Programmes and Centres for Entrepreneurships have been aligned to enhance the impact of the assistance to the graduates and incubates. The merged programme will still remain focused on its core responsibility to develop and grow the participation of SMME’s in the South African economy.

The physical environments of these centres encourage innovation while also providing the space and necessary equipment to develop products and carry out business operations. The Rapid Incubation model is drawn from the Lean Start Methodology and the Nest Principles. These two conceptual positions are then merged together within Seda’s Technology Demonstration Model of business incubation to create a Rapid Incubation programme that is relevant to the unique South African business environment but incorporates international best practices.

The Rapid Incubation programmes focuses on an 18 month incubation model allowing graduates an entrepreneurial platform to commercialise their vocational skills and move from work seekers to work creators. The CFE part will offer graduates a six months theoretical training programme focusing on Business Entrepreneurship Training, Innovation and Idea generation training and Product Conceptualisation. Once they graduate from the CFE qualifying programme the participants will be put through a 12 month rapid incubation programme.

The Rapid Incubation’s physical infrastructure is divided into two categories: Innovation Space: A space for clients to think innovatively about their products and services and receive business development support services, access conferencing and meeting facilities, and shared office space.
As the country celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the 16 June 1976 uprising, young people from all corners of the province converged in Upington on 9 and 10 June 2016 for the Northern Cape Provincial Youth Summit. They braved the cold and displayed a united front as the summit helped to kick start the Youth Month programme.

The Youth Summit was a joint initiative between the Presidency and the Office of the Premier. The objective of the Summit was to encourage debates about challenges confronting the youth of today and how they can assume key leadership positions in society. In addition, the Summit was held with a view to solicit inputs from young people so as to develop the draft Provincial Youth Development Strategy.

According to the Premier of the Northern Cape, Ms Sylvia Lucas, the ‘province undertook a study to assess what the current status of young people in the province is. The outcome of the study showed that the youth constitute 34.8% of the population in the province’.

Premier Lucas mentioned that if the youth are equipped with the right skills, it will present the province with the opportunity to boost economic growth, increase employment and reduce poverty. The study further revealed that ‘a number of young people remain without a developmental opportunity both in terms of employment; entrepreneurial and business support services, including mentorship and coaching programmes’.

The Northern Cape Province Youth Summit concluded with the Youth Career Development Expo on 11 June 2016. The goal of the Expo was to share information on government services through a collaborative approach by social partners in order to build better lives for young people in the province.

The Honourable Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, Ministers and non – governmental stakeholders attended the Expo.

In his opening remarks, the Deputy President encouraged the youth to adopt a spirit of entrepreneurship when he said ‘entrepreneurship is the heartbeat of a developing economy, it is our local entrepreneurs who will ultimately create the millions of jobs that we need to grow an inclusive economy’.

The Expo targeted out of school youth, graduates and unemployed youth. The session was also open to youths at school particularly Grade 11 – 12 learners. When learners visited the Seda stall, they enquired about how to establish businesses and what assistance they can receive from Seda. This was a clear indication that the Deputy President’s remarks on entrepreneurship were embraced by all who formed part of this programme.

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South Africa joined the rest of the world in celebrating International Co-operatives Day, which aims to highlight the significant contribution of co-operatives to economic growth and development. The International Day of Co-operatives is an annual celebration of the co-operative movement that has been observed annually on the 1st of July since 1923 by the International Co-operative Alliance. This year’s celebration was hosted by Mpumalanga Province under the theme: Co-operatives: The power to act for a sustainable future. The event was held from the 1st to the 2nd of July 2016.

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**Minister buying co-operatives products in support of the event**

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**First prize winner at the co-operatives gala awards evening**

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assist co-operatives. The REEP provides a comprehensive reference point to support implementers and others in addressing complex challenges. It enables the facilitation and development of sustainable enterprises in a way that also leads to effective empowerment of the collectives involved. All partners including the Department of Small Business, Mpumalanga Provincial Economic Development department, Seda and Sefa together carry the responsibility to ensure that co-operatives operate within an enabling environment and have access to markets. Seda has a mandate to develop, support and promote co-operatives and collectively owned enterprises to ensure their growth and sustainability in coordination and partnerships with other role players.

This is meant to ensure that co-operatives grow and increase their contribution to sustainable and equitable social and economic development, employment and wealth creation. Seda is focused on increasing the number of co-operatives trading in townships and rural areas through coordinated efforts with other stakeholders and increasing the number of co-operatives supported through supplier developments development programs and through transversal agreements generated through DSBD.

“The South African National Apex Tertiary Co-operative (SANACO) pledged to work closely with the government to facilitate economic participation in historically disadvantaged communities: “We the co-operative Movement are blessed to have a caring government and we are committed to working close with our government in response to the current challenges that are facing the country, these are

Runner-ups and winner at gala Awards

unemployment, poverty and inequality.

We will go throughout the country mobilizing primary and secondary co-operatives to participate in mainstream economy. We will engage young people to ensure that their future is safe through co-operatives.”

The National Co-operatives Apex Forum (NCAF) highlighted the importance of women in the co-operative movement: “The role of women, youth and people living with disabilities is a core function of NACSA’s commitment to address the plight of historically disadvantaged individuals. Sustainable environmental practices are envisaged. With some of its members involved in manufacturing of buses, fixing of trains and high-value addition in agriculture value chains, the co-operators under NACSA envisage to increase the share of co-operative business enterprises to the country’s GDP beyond the current estimate of 1%.”

Delegation at the main stand

Seda acting CEO with minister disicussing how the co-op can be assisted with pricing
“74% of the SMMEs surveyed during the period reported increased turnover. Seda supported incubators created 497 new SMMEs in the year under review and in the process created 2331 new jobs.”

Seda’s annual Stakeholder Forum (ASF) marked 12 years of Seda support for small enterprises and co-operatives. The ASF took place on the 7th of October 2016 in Kimberley, Northern Cape. 200 National and Provincial Stakeholders of Seda were invited to this event.

The Honourable Minister of Small Business Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu, provided the keynote address on the overall performance of Seda and provided a way-forward regarding its mandate and objectives. The MEC for Economic Development and Tourism in the Northern Cape, Mr Mack Jack spoke about the provincial support and relationship with Seda NC.

The period under review has proven to be one of the most challenging however some really good developments emerged during this period. Seda emerged with an unqualified audit from the Auditor General South Africa. Seda and the Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) launched the business acceleration programme, Gazelles for Top 40 businesses which have been in existence for two years, turning over R1 million per annum and employing 2 or more people.

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In the year under review 10679 small enterprises were supported by Seda through its branches. Of these clients 910 are from the Northern Cape Province. 74% of the SMMEs surveyed during the period reported increased turnover and a 51% increase in the number of jobs created.

Co-operatives face some challenges which affect their survival in the current economic climate. Seda managed to increase the number of secondary co-operatives supported to 40 and the number of primary co-operatives supported stood at 166.

Seda, DSBD, USAID, Institute of Business Advisors of South Africa (IBASA) and the Human Resource Development Council launched an online platform for SMMEs and Co-operatives seeking finance. Finfind is an online finance readiness portal in which business owners can meet potential financiers both in the public and private sectors. Finfind was launched in October 2015.

Section 13E (6) of the National Small Business Amendment Act, Act 29 of 2004 requires that Seda through its Board of Directors, organise a yearly consultative meeting with stakeholders where they report on the Agency’s performance achievements.
The Top 40 Gazelles Profiles

The Minister of Small Business Development, Ms Lindiwe Zulu announced the Top 40 Gazelles at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Rosebank in Johannesburg.

The National Gazelles is an initiative of the Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) and the Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda). It was launched as a 10-year programme to accelerate the growth of 40 high growth potential small businesses each year.

The current Top 40 National Gazelles hail from all nine provinces and were selected through a stringent scoring and interview process from almost 1,700 applications in partnership with KPMG, Ernest & Young and Sizwe Ntsaluba Gobodo.

This year’s top 40 includes enterprises involved in agriculture and agri-processing, Construction and development, Creative and media, Energy and green economy, Health and bio-sciences, Information and communication technologies, Manufacturing, Mining, metals and resources, Tourism and Hospitality, Transport and logistics Applications for the next group of 40 Gazelles were opened and closed on the 22 November. Aspiring Gazelles completed an online form available at https://www.nationalgazelles.org.za/ or connect from www.seda.org.za. Should applicants have queries or encounter technical problems, they must contact helpdesk@nationalgazelles.org.za.

Top 40 Gazelles

Name of Business: Flat – Foot Engineering
Email: zwesta@flatfootgroup.co.za

Name of Business: Fred Footwear
Email: Rollandi@fredfootwear.co.za

Name of Business: iGREEN
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Name of Business: Urth Garden Centre
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Name of Business: FUTURENT Consulting
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Name of Business: Natural Medicinal Services
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Name of Business: Gridbow Engineers and Technical Services
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Name of Business: TCM Development
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Name of Business: The Vaalnest Boutique Hotel
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Seda’s Innovation programme foster diversification through SMME’s development of new and unsaturated sectors of the economy such as cosmetics and cosmeceuticals while contributing significantly to the economy. Thus providing a platform in a form of innovation forums for SMMEs to engage industry experts, researchers and buyers. The innovation forum was about cosmetics and cosmeceuticals industry innovation, knowledge sharing forum. We start by defining the two terms which are cosmetics and cosmeceuticals:

A “cosmetic product” means any substance or mixture intended to be placed in contact with the various external parts of the human body such as skin, hair, nails, lips. Mainly to clean them, perfume them, change their appearance and/or correcting body odours and/or protecting them or keeping them in good condition.

The cosmeceutical are defined as unregulated area of dermatology that is yet in its infancy. Traditional cosmeceuticals involve the topical application of biologically active ingredients that affect the skin barrier and overall skin health.

SMME Forum for Cosmetic Industry a success

Seda Technology programme has recently embarked on knowledge sharing on the topic of cosmetics and cosmeceuticals and the new trends and challenges in the sector. The innovation forum pulled in some of the leading experts in cosmetics. Among organisational stakeholders present was The CSIR biosciences – Bio Industry Development Centre [BIDC], Cosmetics Toiletry and Fragrance Association of South Africa [CECOSAI], Tshwane University of Technology – Technology station chemicals, Seda incubator – Egoli bio, Tswane University of Technology – Centre for Marketing, The dti – cosmetic desk and a former Incubatee entrepreneur who has gone to become a leading force in the innovation of cosmetics, Eye Slices founder Ms Kerryne Neufeldt. Ms Neufeldt was incubated at Egoli Bio and she came to share her journey with the aspiring SMMEs.

The forum managed to attract 25 SMMEs in this sector among the Dermacell, Mamoa, Bioseal, Kenny Posh, Afro Bhan Thai Spa, Yivani, Aurelle, Sister Jenny, Hairtural and Chemfresh. The interaction was mainly about the opportunities the sector provides and the new trends.

Mpumalanga Department of Finance, Dunlop and SEDA launch tyre scheme in Bushbuckridge

SEDAMESSAGEOF SUPPORT –
Dunlop Tyre Initiative [Sumitomo Rubber SA] Tyre Service Equipment Handover Ceremony Skroof Tyres - Thulamahashe

On the 19th of July 2016 a handover ceremony was held in Thulamahashe – Bushbuckridge, at Skroof Tyres, one of the beneficiaries of the three year partnership signed between Sumitomo Rubber SA and the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development & Finance in 2015.

The occasion was graced by the MEC of Economic Development & Finance, Mr Eric Kholwane, the Executive Mayor of Bushbuckridge Municipality Mr. Renias Khumalo, Sumitomo Rubber SA Representatives, government officials, entrepreneurs, the media and community members. Ten SMMEs across three district municipalities stand to benefit from this partnership annually.

The initiative will see the sponsorship of tyre and wheel fitting and repair equipment worth R1,5 million, being donated to ten small tyre service centres across Mpumalanga.

In phase one of the roll-out plan the businesses supported were based in the following local municipalities: Bushbuckridge, Nkomazi, Thembisile Hani and Mbombela. Seda has provided Business Plan Development, Development and implementation of Financial Management Services, Marketing Materials Development and technology services.

Seda will also help with Quality Management Systems and provide customer services training, mentorship and Training and referrals to funders

The success of this initiative will ultimately be defined by the extent to which it makes a practical difference in the sustainability of SMME’s in Mpumalanga.
Supporting women-owned Enterprises through targeted coaching

In celebration of women’s month, the Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda) hosted a series of graduation ceremonies for the participants of the Women Entrepreneur Coaching Programme (WECP). The first event held in Brits, in the North West province; followed by Welkom in Free State; and lastly Mthatha in the Eastern Cape.

The WECP is a fully funded coaching programme which specifically supports small business owners who are women. The Women Enterprises Coaching programme is fully funded by Seda and was launched in 2011.

Brits WECP Graduates

The objectives of the programme include the creation of an enabling operating environment for women-owned enterprises; building sustainable and competitive women-owned enterprises; allow women-owned enterprises to share experiences, network and learn from each other; and facilitate access to non-financial resources, capacity-building services and products. The programme is done through a series of 10 coaching sessions over a period of 7 months to groups of between 20-30 women who are owners of small businesses. Coaching sessions were facilitated by some of the leading business coaches like Bev Hancock, Dr Ricardo Dames, Nazette Wilson and Vani Moodley. These coaches help women to design growth strategies for their individual businesses.

A group of qualifying women-owned enterprises in a town or city were selected following invitations in local newspapers etc. These are women who have been running their businesses for two years or more with a turnover of R1 million or more and employing five or more people. At the end of the programme success of the programme is determined through any of the following increased turnover; Retained/Increased jobs; improved efficiency and effectiveness; and improved compliance.

Welkom WECP Graduates

The last coaching sessions have taken place in Brits, North West Province; Welkom, Free State; and Mthatha, Eastern Cape. A total of 85 business owners participated in the programme. With the help from the coaches the women got a chance to reflect on their businesses, reflect on the business strategies, and in the process developed new strategies and plans and implemented some of the new learnings in their businesses. A significant number of participants reported positive growth results in terms of turnover, jobs created and efficiency in their businesses. The next awarding of certificates will take place during the month of August, the next being Kimberley 12 August 2016.

Mthatha WECP Graduates

Participants in Brits reported increased turnover by 37% the women reported. In Welkom participants reported 37 new jobs created and in Secunda business owners reported 72 new jobs created.

Since inception 272 women owned enterprises have benefited from the programme and these enterprises created 605 jobs and many of the beneficiaries reported a tremendous turnover increase.
Mrs Mphika awarded second place for Best Female Entrepreneur in Agriculture. She is an incubatee from the Seda supported Incubator, Mobile Argri Skills Development and Training (MASDT).

AGRI SA FARM TO FORK INFORMATION DAY

AgriSA together with the Black Business Council (BBC) hosted an information day in Centurion on the 23rd of September 2016 in Centurion. The aim of this day was to share related information and presenting empowerment workshops to young aspirant and emerging farmers. Central to this venture is to bring a wide spectrum of farmers together to promote networking amongst participants, to share information about various agricultural institutions, to empower them with in-depth knowledge about specific agricultural aspects and to foster greater agricultural unity within the sector. The show was a great success with more than 300 aspiring and practising agriculturalists attending the day.

MASDT was invited to attend and present their services to the groups and Managing Director – Mrs Lynette Bezuidenhout delivered her detailed presentation to a packed hall of interested youngsters and farmers. The feedback was overwhelming and the Mobile Lab, which was stationed in the reception hall, was a great hit as it is the first of its kind as a mobile training facility and therefore made a main attraction at the event.

Many other associated businesses presented workshops on generic topics about the financing, quality standards, agricultural value chain, legislation, asset protection and mechanisation of the agricultural business. More such workshops would be hosted during the year, to check for future events, please visit the AgriSA website at www.agri.co.za/events/list/?tribe_event_display=list&tribe_page=1.

It certainly is an event worth attending and MASDT felt privileged to have been part of a movement that want to broaden South Africa’s agricultural scope.