Career expo - Rustenburg

In honouring its Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA), SANEDI participated at the science, technology, engineering, Mathematics and Innovation (STEMI) expo co-hosted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the North West Department of Education and the Rustenburg Local Municipality to expose learners to wider career options.

Two thousand (2,000) Grade 12 learners from, in and around Rustenburg in the North West province attended this expo on science and technology careers at Ben Marais Hall held on Friday, 1 March 2019, as they prepare themselves for tertiary education.

The DST regularly hosts such events to inform high school learners of the various STEMI career paths and to assist them in deciding which career paths to follow once their school years are behind them.

The expo feature over 30 interactive exhibitions highlighting various principles, concepts and applications of science. The learners are also afforded an opportunity to participate in the hands-on science and technology experimentation. As alluded to earlier, SANEDI was invited by SAASTA to exhibit as well as engage the learners at the event graced by the attendance of Minister of Science and Technology, Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane.

Exhibitors at this event included but were not limited to the following organisations:

- SAASTA
- University of Johannesburg faculty of science-(UJSC)
- South African Radio Astronomy Observatory-(SARAO)
- SCI-Enza
- South African National Space Agency-(SANSA)

- CSIR
- JHB CITY PARKS
- UNISA
- NECSA
- Tshwane University of Technology-(TUT)
- Vaal University of Technology-(VUT)
- WEATHER SA
The Minister of Science and Technology, Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane, mingled and addressed the learners. She was accompanied by the North West Premier Job Mokgoro, Education MEC Sello Lehare, and the Executive Mayor of Rustenburg Local Municipality, Mpho Khunou.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENTS

Figure 1: Learners from various schools around North West province gathered at Ben Marais hall in Rustenburg.
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Figure 2: Mr Bongani Xakaza from SANEDI sharing career guidance information with learners from different schools.
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Figure 3: Bongani Xakaza sharing information about SANEDI with the learners.
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Figure 4: Mr Bongani Xakaza handing out SANEDI’s communications leaflets to the learners.
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Figure 5: Mr Bongani Xakaza explaining the working for energy model to the students.
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Figure 6: SANEDI’s stand - a day before Career expo at Ben Marais hall in Rustenburg.
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