



## **SITA Board holds meeting to kick off new financial year**

The State Information Technology Agency (SITA) held its board meeting today, Tuesday 25 April 2017, a new financial year kick-start. The meeting was attended by the fully fledged board which was recently appointed, to take the mandate of the organization forward.

The SITA board chairman Mr. Zukile Nomvete stated that the board was comfortable with the work accomplished in the previous financial year; but as a new beginning to the financial year, there were key imperatives in the transformational journey of the organization; that needed to be built on.

Nomvete said that some of the initiatives included working closer with industry. These discussions included crystallizing equitably for all stakeholders, SITAs thinking on its network transformation strategy that feeds into the cloud programme and eGovernment programme for Government.

To kick off this line of thinking, SITA had gone around the country to meet with Information and Communication Technology (ICT) service providers to share insights on how to collaborate and create harmonies between the ICT industry, SITA and the Government.

SITA is also responding to the national call that SMME's can be a game changer for the country; through economic growth, job creation, entrepreneurial opportunities, and investment in to a new kind of workforce driven by ICT's; said Nomvete.

"Another key development has been SITAs new approach to improve participation of SMMEs in the ICT space and saw SITA training and graduating 13 SMMEs. Already, these SMMEs are reaping the rewards, for an example, one supplier after the SITA course was independently able to pitch her ideas in the North West in a multimillion rand deal and was successful in her home province", said Nomvete.

Another service provider will also be independently travelling with confidence to the South East Asia to sell their business proposition in the hope of attracting international investment into their local company.

"As SITA we are also moving to digitise procurement; and as such SITA is moving to a gCommerce platform that is an online transacting platform that provides government entities with an online buying portal for all SITA and National Treasury transversal contracts," Nomvete added.

The gCommerce platform will provide government with access to an online catalogue of pre-negotiated government transversal contracts related to the purchasing of computers, computer peripherals and consumables.

Nomvete indicated that while such developments are crucial it is important to sustain the momentum that has been created but to strive to achieve greater heights; and therefore this

particular board meeting of 25 April 2017 was pivotal in steering SITA into building on the foundation that has been set.

For example; government recently announced that within a season of deep socio-economic challenges and economic constraints SITA collaborated with National Treasury to realise a savings of R2.5 billion over the next three years; in ten largest ICT equipment contracts.

Recently the SITA board has engaged on a new business model for SITA that not only drives SITA operations for economic value for government but it will also outline a clear value proposition; corroborated with substance in the ICT value chain, so that SITA is geared for the continued service delivery.

Mr. Nomvete concluded by re-affirming the SITA board's intention to continue to drive these kinds of strategic interventions that will see government benefiting from the thrust of technology, as ICT's are used to propel continued development in the country.

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