



The Human Resource Development Council of South Africa (HRDCSA) held its 11th meeting on the 14th June 2013 at the Ekurhuleni East (EEC) FET College, Kwa-Thema campus. This was the first time that the Council held its meeting at a Further Education and Training (FET) College as part of its strategy to take the country's human resource development agenda to communities.

The meeting, chaired by Deputy Chairperson, Ms Nolitha Fakude, was attended by Ministers, representatives of business, labour, academia, civil society sectors as well as the chairpersons of the HRDCSA Technical Task Teams, and the Principal of EEC College, Ms Happy Sibande.

This meeting took the form of a workshop in order to allow members more time to engage and focus primarily on human resource development for the youth in line with youth month.

The Council received three presentations. The first, by Mr Pali Lehohla the Statistician General set the scene and presented the results of Census 2011. The second presentation titled *dealing with the challenge of youth unemployment* was delivered by Mr Yershen Pillay, the Chairperson of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA).

The last presentation focused on the Strategic Infrastructure Projects (SIPS) highlighted the skills demands, opportunities for youth and its implication on youth development and human resources

The three presentations all agreed on one key issue, that skilling and educating the youth is key to reducing youth unemployment.

The HRDCSA) is a national, multi-tiered and multi-stakeholder advisory body under the leadership and stewardship of the office of the Deputy President of South Africa established in March of 2010 with the main aim of building the human resource development base required to ensure a prosperous and inclusive South African Society and the economy.