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**MENTOR-MENTEE PROGRAMME FOR ASPIRING YOUNG BLACK AUCTIONEERS**

**MAHIKENG**-In an effort to transform the hostile industry of agricultural auctions in the province, MEC Desbo Mohono on Wednesday, 24 July 2019 announced that plans are afoot to train black aspiring auctioneers to become professionals.

This undertaking will be realised through a mentor-mentee programme to be launched by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in the province soon.

With this programme, the department seeks to increase the pool of previously disadvantaged people who own, control and manage existing and new enterprises within the auction industry.

Tabling her 2019/2020 budget and policy vote in the North West Provincial Legislature last Wednesday, 24 July 2019 MEC Mohono stressed that the deserving youth aspiring to become professional auctioneers should be afforded an opportunity to tap into the industry with the aim of influencing real and meaningful change.

"We are tapping into this glacial industry of auctions and we want our people to really penetrate this souk," MEC Mohono told the legislature.

Mohono is optimistic that piloting this programme in the province is necessary to redress past imbalances and create a climate which is conducive to the meaningful participation of blacks in untransformed industries such as auctioneering.

"In trying to address the injustices of the past in this competitive industry, we are going to have a mentor-mentee programme for four of our mentors who will then funnel and

guide the other four youth we are going to select very soon, to stimulate rural economy through black auctioneering services for black industrialists,” MEC Mohono announced.

The department sees auction industry accessibility as a great opportunity to promote sustainable development and job creation especially amongst the youth.

The scope for growth in this sector is irrefutable and it should therefore be explored.

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