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### USE YOUR INTERNSHIP TO BETTER YOUR SKILLS”, INTERNS TOLD

“One of the biggest challenges confronting Governments in the majority of developing countries is how to provide sustainable employment for the youth, today and in the future. In today’s inter-dependent world, no one country can solve this problem on her own, for this is indeed a global issue which can only be dealt with through concerted efforts by both the public and private sectors. Inter-dependence and globalization also dictate that no company or employer, no matter how affluent or distant, can insulate itself from the misfortune of our youths”, MEC told Department of Finance intern-staff during her outreach programmes which took her to Vryburg last week.

“Government is quite well aware that economies which grow together allow people especially their youths, to prosper together. It is in the light of this that Government is doing all it can to ensure that young men and women from our tertiary institutions gain ample practical experience or become exposed to the realities of the world of work, so that with the practical knowledge gained during internship programmes, our youth can enter the labour market without many hindrances. For this to happen, you must all act to make a difference. To make such a difference, you should not contemplate your internship programme as a job offer and relax on your oars. You need to work harder, emulate all the aspects of the job-sections you have been placed” the MEC told the interns.

“Over the past few years the Department of Finance has succeeded in assisting youths fresh from our universities and other higher institutions of learning by placing them on our internship programmes. In some cases we have been able to absorb a few who excelled during this programme. Apart from the training you are undergoing, we expect you to serve as part of the machinery that will assist us to realize the fulfillment of government’s side of the bargain as stipulated in the people’s contract. This will demand that you extend yourselves from the traditional comfort zone of having secured a job to becoming more and more involved with the programme. By so doing you will not only be using your time wisely, but you will be learning the practical aspects of the courses you pursued at your various institutions”, added MEC Modiselle.

“Be mindful of the fact that during these twelve months, there will be challenges on the way among which will include anxiety regarding your future. It will be very crucial that you start making the right decisions during this twelve months period so

that at the end of your internship, you will all be marketable”, concluded MEC Modiselle.

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