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World Consumer Rights day

The Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism jointly with Lephalale Local Municipality, celebrated World Consumer Rights Day at Mogol Club Hall in Lephalale on 28 March 2018.

World Consumer Rights Day which is recognized by the United Nations is celebrated annually on the 15th of March since 1983 by all the member states throughout the world. The event was celebrated with the participation of various consumer protection institutions, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders.

Speaking on behalf of the MEC, Seaparo Sekoati, the Department’s Findo Motimele, said the Office of the Consumer Protector within LEDET is tasked to ensure that consumers within the province are adequately protected against unfair business practices.

“Over the years this office has protected consumers in the province through consumer education awareness campaigns and resolution of complaints lodged by the public. For this year (2018) alone this office has conducted over 560 outreach programs in its endeavour to educate consumers and has resolved over 118 o the complaints lodged” said Motimele.

The 15th of March is recognised by the United Nation as the World Consumer Rights day which is celebrated by all the UN member states throughout the year. The Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) has been celebrating this day over the years in various forms and in different districts.

The event was also used as a platform to capacitate communities in Lephalale on money scams dominant in the province, to empower them on money saving methods and ways to avoid over indebtedness.

In her words of welcome, the speaker of Lephalale Municipality, Cllr Regina Molokomme on behalf of the mayor indicated that the event is very important to their community because it is their daily challenges that they are facing, so they appreciate the initiative by LEDET.

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