



VHEMBE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

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VHEMBE DISTRICT LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

This is the first Energy and Industrialisation Summit in the District and it is aimed at laying the foundation in order to seek solutions created by global warming which resulted in droughts, famines, flooding and heatwaves in our areas, as a country, we are also faced with the challenges of electrical load shedding which has a negative impact on our economy" said the sitting Executive Mayor, Cllr. Joyce Bila.

The Sitting Executive Mayor, Cllr. Joyce Bila further highlighted that the initiative will provide a platform to provide skills amongst the youth and also to create jobs for young people in the district.

The following are some of the resolutions taken during the summit;

the promotion and the implementation of renewable energy sources such as solar, biomass(biogas), geothermal, hydro and hydrogen, awareness campaigns be initiated to educate residents, businesses and local authorities on energy-efficient practices and technologies, comprehensive study be conducted to identify key industries suitable for District, considering local resources and market demands. Industrial development fund be established to provide financial support and incentives for entrepreneurs and businesses willing to invest in the project, community forums be established to ensure active participation of residents in the planning and implementation of the project and skills training programs to equip local communities will be introduced.

The evaluation framework to assess and impact of energy and industrialisation initiatives will be developed. The two days Energy and Industrialisation Summit was held at Nandoni River View lodge on the 23-24 November 2023, It was arranged by Vhembe District Municipality, in partnership with the University of Venda.

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