



# NORTH WEST CLIMATE CHANGE

## AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR 2011

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL, BE RESPONSIBLE BY ACTING NOW

North West Provincial Government is regarding Climate Change as a threat to human development hence it has initiated a Green Friday Awareness campaign to create awareness to the citizens of the North West Province. The campaign is led by MEC Tebogo Modise for Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism.



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**EVERY CITIZEN CAN CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE BY:**

- SWITCHING OFF ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES WHEN NOT IN NEED OF THEM;
- SWITCHING OFF GEYSERS WHEN GOING AWAY FOR LONG PERIODS;
- USING SHOPPING BAGS INSTEAD OF PAYING FOR PLASTICS;
- FIXING DRIPPING TAPS
- USING GAS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO ELECTRICITY-SWITCH TO IT ESPECIALLY ON FRIDAYS(between 12H00-13H00);
- SWITCHING TO ENERGY SAVING LIGHT BULBS;
- SEPARATING WASTE FOR RECYCLING.



**BE RESPONSIBLE AND STOP THROWING WASTE ON ILLEGAL DUMPING SITES. AS BUILD UP TO COP 17 IN DURBAN, AND CREATING AWARENESS ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO CITIZENS OF THE NORTH WEST, MEC TEBOGO MODISE EMBARKED ON GREEN FRIDAY INITIATIVES BY CLEANING ILLEGAL DUMPING SITES AND PLANTING TREES IN PUBLIC AREAS AND SCHOOLS AROUND THE FOUR DISTRICTS OF THE NORTH WEST.**

**1. LAUNCH OF GREEN FRIDAYS IN MAFIKENG:09 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Approximately 1000 people inclusive of Members of the Executive Council, Mayor of Mafikeng, councilors, public servants, university staff and students and community members participated in the launch of Green Fridays. An illegal dumping site next to North West University was cleaned and trees were planted alongside the University fence.

The launch was done by MEC Tshwene on behalf of the Premier at Ga-Rona Square. MEC'S Tebogo Modise, Boitumelo Tshwene, Louisa Mabe and Mayor Lena Kgama ended the day by switching off lights and replacing bulbs with energy saving bulbs at the Ga-Rona Building. This forms part of government's commitment in encouraging the public to save electricity and resort to use of energy saving bulbs.



MEC Tebogo Modise planting a tree next to North West University during the launch of Green Friday Launch in Mafikeng

**2. GREEN FRIDAY CAMPAIGN AT MATLOSANA: 23 September 2011**

The Department partnered with Matlosana Local Municipality and Dr Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality. A clean up exercise and tree planting were done at Old Alabama Extension 21, near Klerksdorp (along the N12 highway towards Wolmaranstad) and was well supported by community members.

The MEC visited neighboring houses to exchange electricity bulbs with energy saving bulbs.

MEC Tebogo Modise taking part at cleaning of illegal dumping site during Green Friday at Matlosana.



**3. GREEN FRIDAY AT WONDERKOP:14 October 2011**

The event was a partnership between the Department, Lonmin, the Madibeng Local Municipality and it was held on the 14th of October 2011, at Wonderkop Sports Ground. Approximately 500 people inclusive of councilors, government officials, and community members participated in the cleaning of the area.

MEC Tebogo Modise, accompanied by Mr. Victor Tseka of Lonmin and MMC for Community Development from the Madibeng Local Municipality planted trees at Wonderkop Grave side and Rakgatla High School. The delegation proceeded to neighboring houses to exchange electricity bulbs with energy saving bulbs. Ms Basadi Moselagomo educated the families on the use of the energy saving bulbs.



MEC Modise with Mr Victor Tseka (LONMIN) and learners from Rakgatla High School @ Wonderkop.

**4. GREEN FRIDAY AT HUHUDI : 28 OCTOBER 2011**

The Department partnered with Naledi Local Municipality. Approximately 300 community members inclusive of women and young people participated in the event.

A cleaning campaign was conducted at Sports Ground next to RDP houses in Huhudi.

Later that day, sod turning of Vryburg Buy a Bag Centre was done by delegations comprising of MEC Tebogo Modise, MMC for LED and Departmental Senior Managers.



MEC Tebogo Modise together with MMC for LED:Dr Ruth Mompoti District and learners from Thuto Lesedi Primary School during Huhudi Green Friday Campaign

**5. CLIMATE CHANGE TRAIN: MATLOSANA STATION: 04TH & 5TH NOVEMBER 2011**

On the 04 November 2011, National Department of Environmental Affairs in partnership with Indalo Yethu, Lottery brought a Climate Change Train to Klerksdorp Station. The train was to make its way through 16 towns and cities in an attempt to facilitate dialogue on climate issues under the theme "Mobilizing, Dialogue & Climate Justice."



Dylan McGarry with learners from Sediko Primary School in Climate Change Train, after Theatre Class at Matlosana Station

The train remained for two days and members of public including learners from Sediko Primary School were educated on Climate change issues through Forest theatre, poetry and painting. Representatives from Department and Matlosana Local Municipality planted trees at the station and 20 trees were donated to the city of Matlosana by Indalo Yethu. Learners from Sediko Primary School at Jouberton were the lucky ones to experience this brilliant initiative. Learners could not hide their joy when they were taken through different lessons on how climate change impacts on our daily lives. The train was used as resource hub showcasing low carbon technologies, presenting information and learning experiences regarding climate change mitigation, adaptation and innovation.

Dylan McGarry, Doctoral Student in Environmental Education was impressed by the how learners were actively participating in his theatre class which took about 15 minutes.

The Climate change train left on the 05th November 2011 for Krugersdorp. The train arrived in Durban on the 27th November 2011, just in time for the events ahead of COP17, where it parked at the station for visits by delegates, learners, the public and activists.

**COP 17: EXHIBITIONS**

DEDECT participated at the Climate Change Expo showcasing the Province's best practices related to greening and awareness programmes, projects, research and environmental tools that have been developed in support of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

**"WORKING TOGETHER, SAVE TOMORROW, TODAY"**

