

# Garden Route Skills Summit 13 July 2023 The Next Level for the Skills Mecca



  
**GARDEN ROUTE  
SKILLS MECCA**



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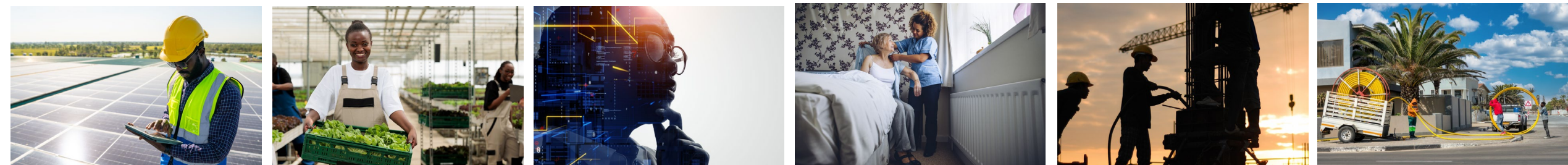
Skills Mecca Next Level



**Garden Route District Municipality,  
the leading, enabling and inclusive  
district, characterised by equitable and  
sustainable development, high quality  
of life and equal opportunities for all.**

# What will take the Skills Mecca to Next Level?

- **Dedicated Logo and Branding and Copyright**
- **Vision**
- **Mission**
- **Networks and Partnerships**
- **What Else?**



# Dedicated Logo and Branding and Copyright



The words

**“Skills Mecca”**

used together at all times  
now belongs to the GRDM

As per DTIC

# Vision.... A long-term View...

## But start with what is a “Skills Mecca”?

Chat GTP says....

As of my knowledge cutoff in September 2021, the term "Skills Mecca" is not a widely recognized or established term. However, based on the words themselves, it could be inferred to refer to a place or region that is known for its abundance or concentration of highly skilled individuals or a thriving ecosystem for learning and developing various skills.

Just like how Mecca is a city in Saudi Arabia that holds great religious significance as the birthplace of Islam, a "Skills Mecca" could be a metaphorical term used to describe a location that is considered ***a hub or center for honing and showcasing specific skills or expertise. This could encompass a range of fields, such as technology, art, science, sports, or any other area where a particular set of skills is highly valued or sought after.***

It's important to note that the term "Skills Mecca" may not have a standardized definition, so its meaning may vary depending on the context in which it is used.



# Proposed Vision

So:

- ✓ considering what Chat GTP says
- ✓ the Theme of this Summit and
- ✓ the needs of our country

We propose the following Vision:

***The Garden Route Skills Mecca is a preferred destination for developing and honing specific skills and expertise that leads to increasing employability.***

# Mission.... i.e what will get us there.. the how?

We as a minimum, propose the following Mission Statement that can and must be “measured” ....

- ❖ **Continuous collaboration, cooperation and integration of skills development activities across all Garden Route Skills Development Role Players.**
- ❖ **Continuous ever-increasing numbers of Partnerships at Local, District, Metro, Provincial, National, Sectoral and International Level in support of Skills Development.**
- ❖ **Continuous ever-increasing number of industry-based occupationally based programmes are being implemented across the Garden Route.**

# Networks and Partnerships....

## Absolute Key To Growth and Sustainability

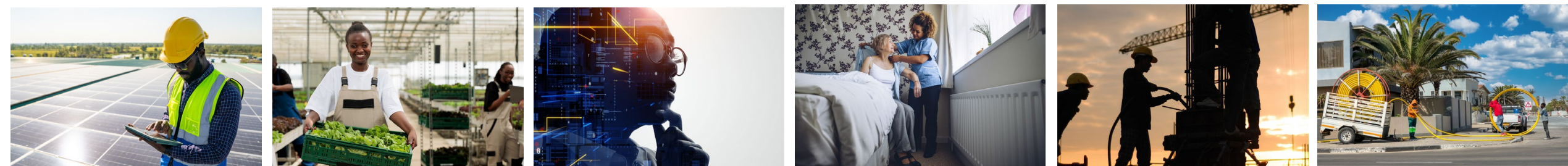
- 1) SETAs – a growing number already involved – welcome ALL
- 2) National Skills Fund – Tourism and Hospitality Project as start
- 3) TIRISANO, Division of IDC
- 4) Quality Council for Trades and Occupations
- 5) Providers
  - a. Public: South Cape College, WC-Community College, NMU
  - b. Private: Eleven already on a pre-approved panel with a larger group in process
- 6) Development Agencies: GIZ initially
- 7) Western Cape Government
  - a. WCED, DEDAT,....
- 8) Local, Provincial National Business Chambers & Their Members
- 9) Public and Private Sector Employers Directly..
- 10) An international partner.... TBA





# GARDEN ROUTE SKILLS MECCA

**What else can we do  
to take the  
Garden Route Skills Mecca  
to Next Level ?**





**Your route to prosperity**

**Jou roete na vooruitgang**

**Indlela yakho eya empumelelweni**