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Centre Manager's Corner



Dear Partners, Stakeholders, and Aspiring Entrepreneurs,

As we reflect on the first quarter of 2025/26, I am filled with pride and optimism for the journey we are on together. This past quarter has not only marked significant milestones but has also reaffirmed our collective commitment to building a vibrant and inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Sekhukhune District and beyond.

At the heart of our mission is a belief that entrepreneurship is one of the most powerful tools for economic transformation. Over the last few months, we have seen this belief come to life—through the energy of young innovators, the resilience of Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and the strength of strategic partnerships that continue to grow.

One of our proudest highlights this quarter was the successful conclusion of the Finance and Accounting Services Sector Education and Training Authority (FASSET) funded Entrepreneurship and Financial Skills Programme.

Over 60 MSMEs were equipped with the tools and knowledge needed to thrive in today's complex economy. The accompanying pitching competition served not only as a platform for innovation but as a beacon of what's possible when opportunity meets preparation. The remarkable journey of Mr. Malatji Oscar Ntsoabapedi, who triumphed despite the odds, remains a powerful reminder of the resilience within our community.

We also hosted a dynamic MSMEs development programme in collaboration with the Sekhukhune District Municipality, ensuring that local entrepreneurs continue to access practical skills, guidance, and support. Our presence at national platforms such as the Africa Food Show 2025 and Africa's Travel Indaba further underscores our belief that our entrepreneurs deserve to be seen and heard—locally, nationally, and globally.

Another key milestone was the conclusion of interviews for our upcoming 2025 Business Incubation Cohort. The talent, ambition, and passion we encountered throughout the selection process were nothing short of inspiring. We are excited to welcome our new cohort soon and to walk alongside them as they build businesses that matter.

This quarter also gave us an opportunity to celebrate our interns, who are not only learning but actively shaping the work we do. Their stories reflect the future of South Africa—bright, determined, and driven by purpose. And as we continue to expand access to essential resources,

I'm pleased to share that our Hot-Desking and Conferencing Services are now available to the broader entrepreneurial community.

Centre Manager's Corner Cont

Whether you're launching your next big idea or meeting with investors, CfERI is here to support your journey.

None of this would have been possible without you—our College, Council, Executive, Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDFA), Banking Sector Education and Training Authority (BANKSETA), FASSET, and the entrepreneurs. Your belief in the power of entrepreneurship continues to drive our progress. As we approach the end of the year, our focus remains clear: to build not just a Centre, but a movement—one rooted in change, innovation, and opportunity.

Thank you for walking this path with us.

Yours in Entrepreneurship!

Ms. Martha Mamoepa
Centre Manager – CfERI
Sekhukhune TVET College

Editorial Letter



Dear Stakeholders,

It is my great pleasure to present to you the first edition of the CfERI Quarterly Newsletter for the 2025/26 year.

As the writer and curator of this issue, I had the privilege of capturing the latest entrepreneurial developments in and around Sekhukhune. This newsletter reflects the remarkable journeys, inspiring events, and stories of resilience that have shaped the past quarter at our Centre. With each initiative, CfERI reaffirms its commitment to cultivating a culture of entrepreneurship that transforms lives and uplifts communities.

There is so much happening that deserves to be shared, which is why we've compiled this 20-page edition—an in-depth look at the dynamic work being done to advance entrepreneurship in our region. It is not just a publication; it is a storytelling platform, showcasing the impact of our programmes and the determination of those we serve.

Each page reflects the dedication, hard work, and growth of our entrepreneurs. From the excitement of hosting the FASSET Certification Ceremony and Pitching Competition, to our presence at national platforms like Africa's Travel Indaba and the Africa Food Show, this edition captures the momentum building across our ecosystem.

You'll also find a powerful alumni spotlight on a local innovator revolutionising delivery services in rural areas, as well as coverage of our recent MSME training programme held in partnership with the Sekhukhune District Municipality.

And let's not forget the energy of new beginnings—this edition also welcomes new team members who have joined us in strengthening the Centre's mission.

We hope this issue leaves you informed, inspired, and reminded of the incredible potential that lies within our entrepreneurial community.

Enjoy the read! and see you in the next edition!

Regards,
Ms. Kwena Mehale
Marketing Officer



MSMEs Development in Action: Entrepreneurs Trained for Sustainable Success

The Centre, in partnership with Sekhukhune District Municipality, recently hosted a dynamic three-day training programme aimed at fostering the growth and success of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the region.

Bringing together more than 20 entrepreneurs from Sekhukhune and surrounding areas, the training focused on key pillars essential to building sustainable and competitive businesses, such as cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset, business planning, financial management, marketing strategies, and long-term sustainability.



The programme was led by experienced facilitators specialising in business development, finance, and marketing. Through a mix of interactive sessions and hands-on workshops, participants were equipped with practical tools and actionable insights to help them navigate the challenges of entrepreneurship and unlock new opportunities for growth.

Entrepreneurs left the training empowered and inspired, with a stronger foundation to refine their business models, improve operations, and contribute meaningfully to the local economy. CfERI remains committed to supporting these MSMEs as they continue to grow and innovate within South Africa's evolving market landscape.

CfERI Hosts FASSET Pitching Competition and Certification Ceremony

The Centre continues to advance its mission of cultivating innovation and supporting sustainable business ventures across the Sekhukhune District. In alignment with its vision to become a leading hub for MSMEs and entrepreneurial excellence, the Centre recently celebrated a major milestone: the successful completion of the Entrepreneurship and Financial Skills Programme, funded by the FASSET.

The programme featured specialised sessions facilitated by industry experts, including guidance on intellectual property rights delivered in collaboration with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) under the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC), as well as essential tax compliance training provided by the South African Revenue Service (SARS).



This transformative programme empowered over 60 MSMEs with vital business and financial skills, equipping local entrepreneurs to navigate challenges, build resilient ventures, and seize growth opportunities.

In partnership with Daluxolo Human Capital Development, an accredited FASSET provider, CfERI also hosted a dynamic pitching competition as part of the programme. Designed to refine business models, sharpen entrepreneurial acumen, and attract investment, the competition offered participants a platform to showcase their ventures and compete for funding and business development support.

After 18 months of dedicated mentorship and business support, participating entrepreneurs completed the programme with flying colours. Among the many inspiring success stories, Mr. Malatji Oscar Ntsoabapedi stood out and was honoured with a special award in recognition of his perseverance, excellence, and resilience.

As the founder of Babinanoko Service Company (Pty) Ltd, a business consulting firm based in Sekhukhune, Mr. Ntsoabapedi has remained a beacon of determination, overcoming personal challenges with a disability to become a role model for his peers.



Speaking at the closing ceremony, Centre Manager Ms. Martha Mamoepa alluded praised to the cohort "We are thrilled to witness the growth and progress of your businesses. Your commitment to mastering financial and entrepreneurial skills has been remarkable. We believe in your potential to drive change, and we are committed to walking this journey with you as you continue to innovate, grow, and build sustainable ventures."

This event marks not just the end of a programme but the beginning of new entrepreneurial chapters—proof of what can be achieved through strategic partnerships, targeted development, and unwavering determination.



Local Tourism Talent Showed at Africa's Travel Indaba 2025



The Centre proudly represented Sekhukhune at the 2025 Africa's Travel Indaba, Africa's premier tourism trade show hosted by South African Tourism. As a vital platform for promoting the continent's rich and diverse leisure tourism, this event marked a significant milestone in CfERI's ongoing journey to empower emerging entrepreneurs.

This year, CfERI featured two standout enterprises from the tourism sector: Kopi Wines and Kgoane Travelling and Tours, both developed through the Centre's support programs. During the event, MEC Tshitereke Baldwin Mathibe from the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) visited the CfERI exhibit. He engaged directly with the showcased entrepreneurs, recognizing the Centre's impact on fostering innovation and sustainable business growth in the Sekhukhune District.

Entrepreneur Spotlight: Kopi Wines

Founded by Kopano, whose entrepreneurial roots trace back to a small atchar business, Kopi Wines reflects his growth as a strategic and visionary business leader. Today, his brand offers a refined selection of wines including Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sweet Rosé, and Sweet Red, capturing both quality and local flair.

Travel Redefined: Kgoane Travelling and Tours

Built on a foundation of service excellence, Kgoane Travelling and Tours offers personalized travel planning—from flights and accommodations to curated experiences. With a focus on reliability and thoughtful itinerary design, the company is redefining how travellers explore and connect with South Africa.



CfERI Making an Impact

Representing the Centre at the Indaba were Ms. Martha Mamoepa (Centre Manager), Ms. Mmathapelo Motau (Business Development Officer), and Ms. Kwenha Mehale (Marketing Officer). Their participation underscored the Centre's commitment to developing sustainable tourism enterprises and providing market exposure to local entrepreneurs.

Africa's Travel Indaba continues to be a powerful platform for building connections, promoting local talent, and expanding access to global tourism markets. CfERI's participation not only strengthens its footprint but reaffirms its role as a catalyst for economic development in the region.





Empowering Enterprise: CfERI Eases Interviews for 2025 Cohort Selection

We've officially wrapped up the interview phase for its 2025 Business Incubation Cohort, marking a significant step forward in its mission to cultivate a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem across the Sekhukhune District.

This year's selection process attracted a diverse group of MSMEs from across the region—each demonstrating a strong commitment to innovation, sustainability, and local economic growth. Applicants engaged in a robust, multi-stage evaluation designed to identify high-potential entrepreneurs ready to scale their ventures through CfERI's incubation platform.

In a statement of gratitude, CfERI Centre Manager, Ms. Martha Mamoepa, shared: "We sincerely thank all applicants for their enthusiasm, commitment, and the important role they play in driving economic progress in our communities. We also extend heartfelt appreciation to our external panel members and strategic partners—particularly the SEFDA and the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality—for their invaluable support and collaboration throughout this process."

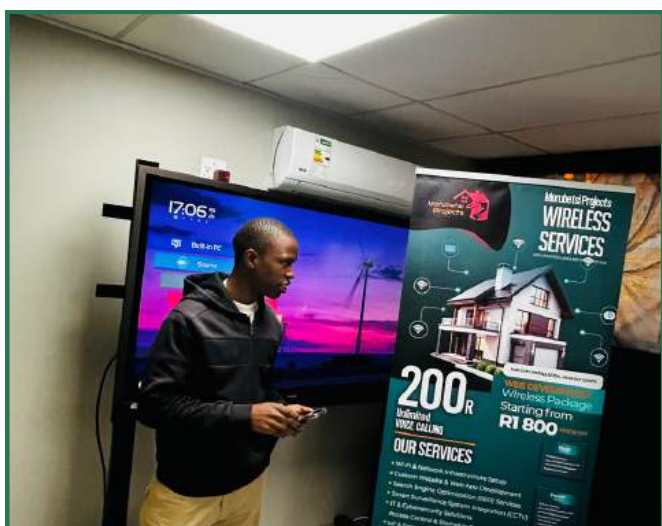


As Centre prepares to onboard the selected entrepreneurs, it reaffirms its dedication to delivering technology-enabled, innovation-driven support services that empower local enterprises to succeed in an increasingly competitive business environment.

The upcoming cohort is expected to benefit from:

- Tailored mentorship and business advisory
- Access to maker-space and co-working facilities
- Training in digital tools and compliance
- Market access facilitation and funding linkages

With each new cohort, CfERI strengthens its position as a regional leader in enterprise development, paving the way for inclusive economic transformation across Limpopo and beyond.



Alumni Spotlight: Nthoneng Molo Dinaala—Fueling Innovation in Local Delivery



Meet Nthoneng Molo Dinaala, the visionary founder of Molo Health and the driving force behind Moving Parcels—an innovative online delivery app and marketplace. A proud graduate of our Business Incubation Programme, Dinaala has turned his vision into a thriving platform that empowers multiple vendors to set up online stores, sell products, and provide seamless doorstep delivery across villages in the Sekhukhune District.

With over 100 registered drivers, the Moving Parcels app brings convenience to students, expands market access for local businesses, and plays a vital role in boosting the local economy—creating jobs and supporting small enterprises along the way.

Dinaala's journey is a powerful example of purpose-driven entrepreneurship, and we're incredibly proud of the impact he and his business partners continue to make.



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Sekhukhune TVET Young Entrepreneurs Explore!

Africa Food Show 2025

The Centre proudly took part in the Africa Food Show 2025, held over three vibrant days at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC). This premier summit brought together leaders and innovators to explore the future of food and beverage in Africa—offering a powerful platform for collaboration, innovation, and growth.

Among the attendees were three emerging entrepreneurs supported by CfERI, each managing cafeterias and tuck-shops at our CS Barlow, CN Phatudi, and Apel campuses. Their presence at the event reflects the Centre's ongoing commitment to nurturing youth-led businesses and building a more sustainable, forward-thinking food sector.

Meet Our Young Changemakers



Thabang Patjee – representing CN Phatudi Campus – brought passion and purpose to the summit. With a love for culinary arts and a keen eye on trends shaping African cuisine, Thabang views food as more than just nourishment—it's a medium for connection and creativity. His participation highlighted the importance of innovation and resilience in the food industry.



Alex Thobejane, Co-director of Neo's Kitchen at CS Barlow Campus and founder of Chill n Grill Fast Foods, proudly showcased his ventures at the show. Reflecting on his experience, Alex shared:

"Being part of this event is a real privilege. It's opened doors for us to learn from established players, spot areas for growth, and gain valuable insights into the business. The Africa Food Show has truly inspired me to stay focused and consistent on my entrepreneurial journey."

He also extended heartfelt gratitude to CfERI: "Thank you for believing in us and offering this amazing opportunity. Your support means so much at this crucial stage of our development."



Tlhologelo Ntshweng from Apel Campus brought her deep-rooted passion for food, culture, and community to the Africa Food Show. As someone who believes in the power of food to bring people together, her attendance was both empowering and eye-opening.

She noted several key takeaways:

- Discovering new recipes and cooking techniques
- Gaining insight into food trends and industry shifts
- Building a strong professional network
- Connecting with reliable suppliers
- Enhancing her culinary skills
- Strengthening her knowledge of food safety

"This experience has truly inspired me and equipped me to take my business to the next level," she shared.

Shaping the Future of African Food

The Africa Food Show 2025 offered more than just exhibitions—it was a springboard for young entrepreneurs to explore industry trends, forge partnerships, and access new investment opportunities. With continued support from CfERI, these trailblazers are well on their way to shaping a dynamic, inclusive food and beverage landscape across the continent



Meet the Interns: Voices Behind the Vision at CfERI

At the heart of CfERI's mission to empower entrepreneurs lies a team of passionate and dedicated individuals. In this feature, we shine the spotlight on three interns whose energy, drive, and unique talents are making a meaningful impact: Mancoba Samson Sengwayo, Nkayiso Tshepo Dlamini, and Oupa Luther Mothapo.



Mancoba Samson Sengwayo – Administration Officer Intern

Tell us a bit about yourself

I'm Mancoba Samson Sengwayo from Mpumalanga. My academic journey began at Mzinti Primary and Mahhushe Agricultural High School. I went on to study at the University of Limpopo, earning a degree in Administration and graduating with distinction in Consumer Behavior. I completed my Honours in Public Administration in 2024, also with distinction. Through God's grace and my commitment, I've actively contributed to various academic support initiatives along the way.

What's your role at CfERI

As the Administration Officer Intern, I serve as Secretariat to the Centre Manager. My day-to-day involves organizing files, managing communications, scheduling meetings, and maintaining databases related to entrepreneurs and our programs. I help ensure smooth coordination between the Centre, stakeholders, and partners.

How do you connect with the Centre's vision and mission?

I strongly resonate with CfERI's commitment to economic growth, job creation, and poverty reduction. By supporting MSMEs and promoting innovation, the Centre plays a crucial role in building a resilient and inclusive economy.

What's your take on the Centre's motto?

"Becoming an entrepreneur's best friend" truly speaks to me. It highlights how the Centre goes beyond offering services—it builds lasting, supportive relationships with entrepreneurs, offering trust and guidance every step of the way.

Something people might not know about you?

I'm passionate about storytelling. I enjoy writing and sharing real-life experiences that inspire and connect people. I believe there's power in every story to teach and uplift.

What keeps you motivated?

My faith keeps me grounded. Daily affirmations and scriptural reflections help me stay centred, motivated, and optimistic.

How do your personal goals align with the Centre's work?

My dream has always been to make a positive impact, particularly through public administration. Supporting entrepreneurs helps strengthen the economy and improves service delivery—values that mirror both my goals and CfERI's mission.

And if you had one wish?

To earn a PhD one day! (Laughs) Becoming Dr. Sengwayo would be a personal milestone and a way to deepen my impact in the field.



Nkayiso Tshepo Dlamini – Graphic Design Intern

Tell us about yourself

I'm a recent graphic design graduate with a passion for visual communication from Gauteng. While I don't have prior corporate experience, I've worked as a freelancer designing logos, motion graphics, and promotional materials. Those experiences taught me how to work with clients, meet deadlines, and turn ideas into effective visuals.

How do you interpret the Centre's vision and mission?

CfERI envisions a thriving entrepreneurial landscape built through tech-driven business development. I see it as a hub that equips entrepreneurs to grow sustainable and competitive enterprises.

What do you think about the motto?

"An Entrepreneur's Best Friend" is simple but impactful. It reflects the Centre's role as a trusted partner throughout an entrepreneur's journey.

One thing we might not know about you?

I'm always curious. I enjoy blending creativity with technology, which helps me stay innovative and responsive to new design challenges.

What does your internship involve

As part of the marketing team, I design visual content like posters, social media graphics, and promotional materials. My goal is to help communicate the Centre's mission in a creative and engaging way, while strengthening its visual brand.

How does your work support CfERI's goals?

Through strong, engaging visuals, I aim to attract more entrepreneurs and partners. Good design builds trust and makes information more accessible—which is key to expanding the Centre's reach.

What motivates you each day?

The chance to learn something new and create designs that make a difference. Knowing that my work can help entrepreneurs succeed is deeply rewarding.

If granted a wish?

It would be to inspire and empower more young people to become confident entrepreneurs. This could spark a ripple effect of innovation and self-reliance in our communities.



Oupa Luther Mothapo – Finance Intern

Tell us a bit about yourself.

I'm Oupa Luther Mothapo, a finance intern with a deep interest in financial systems. I'm eager to grow in this field and appreciate every learning opportunity. Outside of work, I enjoy singing and reading. I'm also someone who values continuous learning and teamwork.

What does your role entail?

I'm involved in financial analysis, data management, budgeting, and reporting. I also support financial planning, compliance, and audits. My role helps ensure the Centre's finances are well-managed and transparent.

What's your view of the Centre's mission and vision?

The Centre empowers and educates small business owners, helping them understand how to build and sustain successful businesses. It aims to grow local enterprises in Sekhukhune and beyond, nurturing strong entrepreneurs who drive economic progress.

Your thoughts on the motto?

It's brilliantly phrased. If you're starting or running a business, having a friend like CfERI makes the journey much smoother and more meaningful.

From administration to design to finance, each intern brings something invaluable to the CfERI team. Their stories remind us that when passion meets purpose, meaningful change is possible. We're excited to see how their journeys continue—and how they'll continue to shape the future of entrepreneurship in our communities.

How do you contribute to the Centre's goals?

By ensuring accurate financial records and contributing to a successful audit, I support the Centre's operational excellence. I also enjoy working with the team to help others succeed.

How does this experience support your growth?

It aligns with my goal of understanding how people manage money and changing the way we perceive financial literacy in South Africa. I hope to take what I learn here and make a broader impact on communities through education and awareness.

What inspires you?

My siblings. I want to set a strong example for them—one where education and hard work open doors for future generations.

Your one wish?

I'd wish for everyone to have strong financial literacy. If people understand how to manage, grow, and protect their money, they're more likely to build secure lives and communities. It's a tool for empowerment and a step toward reducing crime and poverty.

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