

NEWSLETTER



ON-BOARDING WORKSHOP – BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS



In our continued effort to strengthen entrepreneurship within Sekhukhune, the Centre hosted a Business Incubation Onboarding Workshop bringing together over 50 entrepreneurs from diverse sectors including agriculture, manufacturing, services, creative industries, tourism, and food production.

The workshop marked the official start of the 2026 incubation year and aimed to create a shared understanding of:

- The role of CfERI in supporting business growth
- The responsibilities of entrepreneurs in building compliant businesses
- Practical steps toward sustainability and market readiness

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CENTRE MANAGER'S CORNER

Warm greetings to our entrepreneurs, partners, stakeholders, and the greater Sekhukhune community. As we continue our journey through the 2025/26 financial year, the Centre for Entrepreneurship Rapid Incubator (CfERI) remains steadfast in its mission to nurture innovative, resilient, and sustainable enterprises that contribute meaningfully to economic growth and job creation within the Sekhukhune District and beyond.

This period has been marked by remarkable milestones, from the successful onboarding of our incubation entrepreneurs and the expansion of digital skills programmes, to international engagement through the E-Waste for Youth Employment Project and the inspiring success stories of our entrepreneurs. Each initiative reflects our commitment to equipping individuals with the skills, resources, and support necessary to thrive in today's evolving economy.

Warm greetings to our entrepreneurs, partners, stakeholders, anCfERI was established to bridge the gap between ideas and sustainable businesses. Through mentorship, shared resources, technical assistance, innovation spaces, and strategic partnerships, we continue to empower entrepreneurs at every stage of their journey, from start-up to growth and expansion.

We are proud of the impact being made by our entrepreneurs who are creating employment, driving innovation, and strengthening local communities. Their achievements reaffirm the importance of incubation support in building a resilient entrepreneurial ecosystem.

On behalf of the Centre, I extend my sincere gratitude to our partners, funders, staff, and entrepreneurs for their unwavering commitment and collaboration. Together, we are transforming challenges into opportunities and shaping a prosperous future for Sekhukhune.

With entrepreneurial regards,
Ms. Martha Mamoepa
Centre Manager

EDITORIAL LETTER



Welcome to the 3rd Edition of the CfERI Newsletter for the 2025/26 financial year.

This edition captures the energy, innovation, and progress unfolding across our programmes and communities. It highlights the Centre's continued efforts to empower youth and entrepreneurs through business incubation, skills development, digital empowerment, green economy initiatives, and innovation-driven solutions.

In this edition you will discover stories of transformation, entrepreneurs turning passion into thriving enterprises, students gaining future-ready skills, and the Centre expanding its impact through strategic partnerships and community engagement.

These successes are a testament to what is possible when support systems, dedication, and opportunity come together. Our goal with this publication is not only to inform but also to inspire, to encourage aspiring entrepreneurs, strengthen stakeholder collaboration, and showcase the positive socio-economic impact of entrepreneurship within the Sekhukhune District.

We invite you to journey with us as we continue building sustainable businesses, creating employment opportunities, and driving inclusive economic development

Together, we are shaping a brighter entrepreneurial future.

**With entrepreneurial regards,
Ms. Kwena Mehale
Marketing Officer**

"Innovation is the specific instrument of entrepreneurship. The act that endows resources with a new capacity to create wealth."
Peter Drucker

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During the session, the Centre Manager highlighted that CfERI was established to support entrepreneurs from start-up stage through to fully operational businesses by offering workspace, shared resources, mentorship, technical support, and access to funding and markets.

Entrepreneurs were encouraged to view the incubation programme as a partnership, where commitment, discipline, and continuous learning are key to success.

The workshop also reinforced the Centre's broader goal of addressing youth unemployment, reducing poverty, and strengthening the local economy through enterprise development.



FROM SEKHUKHUNE TO TOKYO – E-WASTE FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

3rd Edition

CfERI reached an international milestone when it participated in the E-Waste for Youth Employment Project Study Tour in Tokyo, Japan, from 27 to 31 October 2025, under the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Representing Sekhukhune TVET College was Mr. Godfrey Talane Marumo, Technical Officer, who joined global partners to explore innovative approaches in electronic waste recycling, green skills training, and sustainable business models.

The mission focused on:

- Modern e-waste management systems
- Circular economy practices
- Integration of green skills into training programmes
- Youth employment through recycling enterprises



Following this exposure, CfERI is preparing to roll out the E-Waste Project within the Sekhukhune region. The initiative will provide technical training, entrepreneurship support, and market access to youth, women, and persons with disabilities – creating environmentally responsible jobs while contributing to economic development.

This project forms part of the ILO's global strategy to promote green jobs and formalise waste management in developing economies.



"It is always the start that requires the greatest effort." **James Cash Penney**

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL GAP – EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH TECHNOLOGY



Ya Rona Digital Skills Programme

Digital skills are essential in today's economy, and CfERI continues to empower communities through the National Electronic Media Institute of South Africa (NEMISA) Ya Rona Digital Skills Programme.

Recently, more than 40 students from CS Barlow Campus completed hands-on training delivered by Sekhukhune NEMISA Ambassadors. Participants learned how to use digital tools for communication, job searching, online business, content creation, and innovation.



The programme aims to:

- Improve digital literacy
- Increase employment readiness
- Support digital entrepreneurship
- Encourage creativity and innovation
- Reduce inequality in access to technology



The success of the programme has led to its expansion across the district, with new rollouts planned at CN Phatudi and Apel Campus in 2026, targeting both students and educators.

SUCCESS STORY LANZI BILTONG – PRESERVING TRADITION, BUILDING A THRIVING ENTERPRISE IN LEEUWFontein



What began as a small venture driven by commitment and cultural pride has grown into a fully operational and expanding enterprise, thanks to strategic business development support from the Centre.

Challenges Along the Journey

Like many emerging entrepreneurs, Lanzi Biltong initially faced significant challenges in business management, operational systems, and overall business skills development. Limited exposure to markets, lack of structured processes, and insufficient tools also constrained growth.

Recognising the need for professional support, the business applied to the CfERI incubation programme, seeking guidance to strengthen operations and unlock new growth opportunities.

Lanzi Biltong is a proudly South African speciality meat product business based in Leeuwnfontein, founded by Ally Yusuf Maila in 2022. Built on a passion for authentic local flavours and homemade recipes, the business was established with a clear mission, to craft mouth-watering biltong while sharing the rich culinary heritage of South Africa with broader markets.



CfERI Intervention & Support

Through CfERI's incubation programme, Lanzi Biltong received:

- Business development and mentorship support
- Skills training in business operations and management
- Exposure to exhibitions, trade shows, and market access platforms
- Stakeholder engagement aimed at unlocking funding and growth opportunities



Additionally, support from the Municipality in the form of production machinery strengthened the company's capacity and efficiency.

Results & Impact

The impact of CfERI's support has been both measurable and transformational:

- Employment growth from 2 to 6 employees
- Expansion to 7 active distributors across Burgersfort, Pretoria, Polokwane Turfloop, Tsanini, and local markets

- Supplying taverns and pubs, increasing product visibility and demand
- Turnover growth to approximately R170,000

Continuous development of new market strategies to expand nationally

Looking Ahead

Lanzi Biltong continues to pursue new distribution channels and marketing strategies aimed at placing its products across South Africa. While challenges remain in marketing tools and advanced equipment, the business is steadily positioning itself as a recognised local brand within the meat products sector.

A Testament to Entrepreneurial Growth

The journey of Lanzi Biltong is a powerful example of how targeted incubation support can transform passion into a sustainable business. Through CfERI's commitment to enterprise development, entrepreneurs like Ally Yusuf Maila are building resilient businesses that create jobs, strengthen local economies, and preserve South African traditions.

CfERI remains dedicated to nurturing high-impact entrepreneurs and unlocking opportunities across the Sekhukhune District and beyond.

ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT: FROM KITCHEN PASSION TO COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE VELLY MAMAILA, FOUNDER OF RAGOSEBO'S BAKERY



interview with Radio 2000 team

In the heart of Sekhukhune, where community, tradition, and resilience intersect, a young entrepreneur is quietly building a brand that speaks to quality, dedication, and local pride. Ragosebo's Bakery, founded by Velly Mamaila, is fast becoming a household name for delicious baked goods and dependable event catering.

From birthday parties and weddings to corporate functions and year-end celebrations, Ragosebo's Bakery has earned its reputation for consistency, flavour, and professionalism. Every product reflects a commitment to freshness and craftsmanship, values that have become the foundation of the business.

Velly's journey began long before the first official order. As a child, he spent countless hours in his mother's kitchen, learning the art of baking through observation, practice, and love. What started as a family tradition soon became a personal passion. After completing high school, Velly made the bold decision to transform this passion into a full-time enterprise.





Specialising in custom birthday and wedding cakes, biscuits, scones, and event catering, Ragosebo's Bakery steadily grew its customer base through word of mouth and consistent service delivery. That dedication soon caught national attention, earning Velly an interview on SABC Radio 2000 and the prestigious opportunity to cater the international wedding of Gogo and Mo, globally recognised TikTok content creators.

Beyond recognition, Ragosebo's Bakery is making a tangible impact in the community. The business has already created four employment opportunities in Sekhukhune this year, proving that youth-led enterprises can be powerful drivers of local economic growth.

Today, Ragosebo's Bakery stands as a symbol of what is possible when passion meets perseverance, and when local talent is nurtured into sustainable business success.



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CfERI Entrepreneur honored at the 2025 Limpopo Arts and Culture Awards



CfERI proudly congratulates Mr. Ramatsetse Frank, Founder of CanDId Fashion and CfERI incubation graduate, who received the Outstanding Fashion and Textile Designer Award at the 2025 Limpopo Arts and Culture Awards in Polokwane.

His achievements include international showcases at Africa Fashion Week London and participation in the Malawi Arts Festival, demonstrating how local talent can reach global stages with the right support.



“Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.” – Henry David Thoreau

Entrepreneur Spotlight: Turning Travel Dreams into Seamless Experiences

Thabiso Paul Makuwa, Founder & CEO of White Eagles Tours



From the town of Monsterlus to destinations across Southern Africa and beyond, White Eagles Tours is redefining how travellers experience convenience, comfort, and curated adventure. Founded in 2023 by Thabiso Paul Makuwa, the company has quickly positioned itself as a trusted travel solutions provider and an official Shot Left partner.

White Eagles Tours operates as a one-stop travel hub, offering fully packaged experiences that include transport, accommodation, flights, and unique activities. Whether serving families, schools, churches, or leisure travellers, the business removes the stress of planning and replaces it with personalised, memorable journeys.

Paul's inspiration came from firsthand experience. As a passionate traveller, he encountered repeated challenges when organising trips, from fragmented bookings to unreliable service providers. Recognising a gap in the market, he envisioned a business that would simplify travel while maintaining quality, affordability, and personal attention.

Since its launch, White Eagles Tours has experienced steady growth, supported by a strong digital presence and strategic partnerships with trusted hotels and transport providers. A verified Google business profile with positive customer reviews reflects the company's commitment to service excellence.

Minimum of R250 per month. R50 once off registration fee

About the club
 R250 equals to 250 points. The day you decide to go on vacation you use your points.
 Example if you accumulate 2500 points, you can go on vacation worth R2500
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 NB: No refunds (can choose anyone to continue)
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- Boat cruise
- Snake&animal park
- Little Paris
- Quad biking, Paintball
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What truly sets White Eagles Tours apart is its innovative local touch. Customers often enjoy complimentary Kopi wine or baked treats from Ragosebo's Bakery, small gestures that connect visitors directly to the culture and businesses of Sekhukhune. The company has also expanded its offerings to include international destinations such as Mozambique, broadening travel horizons for local clients.

Beyond tourism, White Eagles Tours plays an important role in boosting the local economy by promoting homegrown enterprises and showcasing Sekhukhune as a destination of opportunity.

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- Hotel room
- Return Transport

Trip to Graskop

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Package Include

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- ✓ 2Nights and 3days
- ✓ Return Transport
- ✓ Tour Guide

Specialist

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- ✓ Berlin falls
- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ God's window

MakerSpace: Where Ideas Take Shape and Innovation Comes to Life



At the heart of the CfERI lies a powerful engine of creativity and production, the MakerSpace . More than just a workshop, the MakerSpace is a vibrant innovation hub where entrepreneurs, students, and community members turn ideas into real-world products and solutions.

Whether for business development or personal projects, MakerSpace offers customised production services supported by specialised machinery available per service. The space is designed to inspire collaboration, hands-on learning, and forward-thinking problem-solving, making it the perfect launchpad for transforming concepts into market-ready products.

From early-stage prototypes to fully developed solutions, MakerSpace empowers users to explore creativity while building practical skills in design, manufacturing, and innovation.



Innovation in Action

The Centre has already showcased the power of MakerSpace through impactful projects that blended technical excellence with community development. One such initiative included the precision engraving of three tender boxes for Waterberg TVET College, demonstrating the unit's ability to deliver professional, customised products for institutional use.

In a meaningful social responsibility project, MakerSpace played a central role in the design, manufacture, and installation of home furniture for a family in the Letaba District Municipality. This included:

- Kitchen units
- Wardrobes
- A TV stand
- Headboards



Two COS students actively participated in the project, gaining hands-on experience in furniture making and interior design, turning learning into practical empowerment.

More Than a Workshop – A Launchpad for Opportunity

MakerSpace is where creativity meets craftsmanship, where skills become businesses, and where innovation fuels economic growth. It supports:

- Product development and custom manufacturing
- Entrepreneur innovation and prototyping
- Skills training and experiential learning
- Community upliftment initiative

Get in Touch with MakerSpace

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"Everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it." – Andy Rooney