

Media Advisory

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Att: News Editors

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MEC Maile and Mayor Ramokgopa Launch Youth FabLab and Kusile Labs

20 June 2014

The Innovation Hub and the City of Tshwane cordially invite you to join Gauteng's MEC for the Department of Economic Development Mr Lebogang Maile, and the Executive Mayor of Tshwane Councillor Kgosientso Ramokgopa, at the launch of the Youth FabLab, eKasi Labs and that of Kusile Mobile Science Labs on Monday 23 June 2014 at 10h00 at The Innovation Hub.

A FabLab is a fabrication laboratory that allows small-scale production of prototypes and designs. It gives communities access to equipment that they would not ordinarily have and allows for creative thinking, experimentation, personal expression and invention.

eKasi Labs will be piloted at the Garankuwa Arts and Crafts Centre in an area that can be easily accessed by the broader community where young people will create tangible solutions that address their community's problems.

Kusile Mobile Science Labs are an innovative and cost-effective solution to the inadequate science laboratories available in most underprivileged primary and secondary schools. These mobile labs were designed and manufactured by local entrepreneurs incubated at The Innovation Hub for a fraction of the price of normal laboratories. Fourteen (14) mobile laboratories will be distributed at various local disadvantaged schools in Tshwane from 23 to 27 June.

The media will have the opportunity to interview both MEC Maile and Tshwane Executive Mayor Ramokgopa on their involvement with youth science and innovation projects in Gauteng.

Date: Monday, 23 June 2014

Time: Media roundtable, 10h00 – 11h00

Venue: The Innovation Hub, Videoconferencing room (Map:

http://www.theinnovationhub.com/docs/TIH_Map.pdf)

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