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SAFETYTECH STAKEHOLDERS INVITED TO JOIN WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT IN CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR INVESTMENT

With the aim of developing an environment where adverse incidents are minimised and where citizens are free to lead lives free from personal harm or asset loss, the [Western Cape Government Department of Economic Development and Tourism](#) (DEDAT) has been hosting a series of Community of Practice workshops to galvanise the SafetyTech sector. Interested startups, corporates, industry organisations and experts operating in any facet of the SafetyTech space ranging from cybersecurity, private security, and community safety, to food security, water safety and natural disaster prevention are invited to participate in the upcoming third workshop:

Date: 24 February 2021

Time: 10:00 AM

Venue: Zoom

Register at <https://www.siliconcape.com/safety-tech/>

Hosted in partnership with [Loudhailer](#) and [Silicon Cape](#), the workshops provide a platform for participants to engage in open discussions with the purpose of learning from and sharing information with each other centred around their common concerns and passion for what they do. From these events, DEDAT will be compiling an annual State of the Ecosystem report, which will help guide future initiatives aimed at promoting the growth and development of safety-related technologies in Cape Town and the Western Cape.

Already, these events are yielding fascinating insights into the challenges and opportunities that currently exist for stakeholders in this sphere. Participants have shared that their top pain points include insufficient integration, lack of access to inclusive markets and scarcity of resources.

However, they do acknowledge that these workshops offer crucial opportunities for networking, knowledge and resource sharing, learning as well as collaboration across stakeholders and communities.

The SafetyTech initiative forms part of DEDAT's Dash-Tech Project which aims to harness the strengths and interconnectedness of the local tech ecosystem to solve some of the province's most pressing problems and open up opportunities for the Western Cape digital economy.

DEDAT is also supporting three additional technology ecosystem verticals over the next few years; namely: Fintech, TownshipTech and 4IR technologies. Each ecosystem coordinator will undertake unique and bespoke programming such as events, webinars, roundtables, challenges, etc., tailored to the needs of the sector.

Should you be interested in joining any of DEDAT's other technology sector ecosystems, please email Dedat.Broadband@westerncape.gov.za.



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