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## SAFETYTECH STAKEHOLDERS INVITED TO HELP DEVELOP SOLUTIONS FOR WESTERN CAPE CITIZENS

The Western Cape Government has the stated vision of the province being a place where residents and visitors feel safe. To this end, the [Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism](#) (DEDAT) is looking to technology to address safety-related challenges within the Province.

Towards this, DEDAT – in partnership with [Loudhailer](#) and [Silicon Cape](#) – has begun hosting a series of Community of Practice workshops for all stakeholders operating in the field of safety technology, the second of which will be taking place next week:

**Date:** 21 January 2021

**Time:** 10h00 – 11h30

**Venue:** Zoom

**Register** [here](#)

These workshops are an opportunity for representatives from various government departments, municipal offices and law enforcement agencies, as well as entrepreneurs and thought leaders from safety-technology companies, to connect with, support, challenge and learn from each other for mutual benefit.

During previous events, participants highlighted the need to develop greater networking infrastructure and surveillance capacity, specifically in areas identified as criminal hotspots. It was also revealed that infrastructure would allow Provincial authorities to better integrate data-collecting technologies such as drones and remote cameras, which would subsequently improve monitoring and surveillance efforts. Officials could, in turn, harness this data to track emerging security trends and respond to them more appropriately. In order to achieve the above, the consensus was that there needs to be greater collaboration and resource-sharing between various authorities.

These insights – and those garnered from upcoming events – will be used to generate an annual State of the Ecosystem report, to help guide DEDAT's future initiatives affecting stakeholders in the safety technology space.

DEDAT is also supporting three additional technology ecosystem verticals over the next few years -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](mailto:Dedat.Broadband@westerncape.gov.za).

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