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DEDAT INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE NEXT SCREENTECH COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE WORKSHOP

The [Western Cape Government Department of Economic Development and Tourism](#) (DEDAT) – in partnership with [Loudhailer](#) and [Silicon Cape](#) – invites startups, corporates, industry organisations and experts operating in any facet of the ScreenTech space to take part in their next Community of Practice workshop:

Date: 22 January 2020

Time: 10h00 – 11h30

Venue: Zoom

Register [here](#)

These workshops are a space for knowledge-sharing, discussion and collaboration for all stakeholders operating in innovative fields ranging from animation, gaming, and interactive reality, to social networking, streaming and television – essentially, any sphere of technology utilising a screen. From these events, DEDAT will be publishing an annual State of the Ecosystem report, which will help guide future initiatives aimed at promoting the growth and development of screen-related technologies in Cape Town and the Western Cape.

From previous sessions, DEDAT has learnt that screen-centric small businesses and startups in the Western Cape are in dire need of more support from government to expand and overcome current challenges. Participants called for improved legislation governing the creation and use of intellectual property to better enable new businesses. This was paralleled by growing concern for outdated regulations concerning taxation and labour, with their current format impeding the ability of local small-to-medium sized enterprises (SMEs) to secure foreign investment and grow. Moreover, attendees observed the need for increased public and private funding for ideation creation and skills development. DEDAT now wishes to expand on these concerns and to learn more about the ecosystem.

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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