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VUT on the road to empowering local communities and businesses in Sedibeng

**Vanderbijlpark, 02 September 2025** – The Vaal University of Technology (VUT) is stepping up its commitment to transformation and inclusive growth by creating new opportunities for local communities and businesses in the Sedibeng region.

In June 2025, the University Council approved a reviewed Procurement Policy designed to enhance transparency, agility, and compliance. Importantly, this policy emphasises inclusivity by prioritising local procurement where possible, thereby opening more doors for Sedibeng businesses to participate in the University's supply chain. This is aligned with VUT's Strategy 2033+ commitment to transformation, sustainability, and community empowerment.

To give effect to this policy, VUT will embark on a series of engagement roadshows across the Sedibeng region during September and October. In parallel, these initiatives will be shared through VUT FM and other local media platforms to ensure broader reach and accessibility. The sessions will provide local enterprises and community stakeholders with insights into upcoming opportunities, procurement requirements, and practical ways to partner with the University in delivering services and solutions.

VUT remains steadfast in its mission to serve as a centre of innovation and academic excellence, while playing a catalytic role in advancing local economic participation and shared growth in Sedibeng.

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