

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **KZN MEC REV. MUSA ZONDI TO LAUNCH UMKHANYAKUDE DISTRICT INVESTOR ONE STOP SHOP AND DIGITAL CENTRE**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA), under the leadership of MEC Reverend Musa Zondi, will officially launch the Umkhanyakude District Investor One Stop Shop and Digital Centre, a flagship initiative to promote economic development, trade facilitation, and digital inclusion in one of the province's most strategically located yet underserved regions.

This milestone event will be hosted in collaboration with Trade & Investment KwaZulu-Natal (TIKZN), the Moses Kotane Research Institute (MKRI), Umhlosinga Development Agency, Accenture South Africa, and the Mentec Foundation.

The One Stop Shop will bring critical government services under one roof to improve the ease of doing business and attract investment, while the Mkuze Digital Skills Centre will advance digital transformation through access to ICT infrastructure, enterprise development support, skills training, and innovation services.

The launch programme will include the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to mark the formal opening of the Digital Centre and interactive demonstrations showcasing the services and opportunities available to communities and businesses.

Following the launch, MEC Zondi, in collaboration with the KZN Economic Council, will lead the KZN Economic Council Roadshow at eMachibini Community Hall in Jozini. This engagement will bring together local business leaders, community stakeholders, and development organisations to discuss regional economic priorities, challenges, and opportunities to accelerate inclusive growth in the Umkhanyakude District.

The programme is scheduled as follows:

Launch of the One Stop Shop and Digital Centre

Date: Tuesday, 01 July 2025

Venue: Mkuze Airport Precinct, Mkuze

Time: Registration 08:30 AM | Programme Commences 09:00 AM

KZN Economic Council Roadshow

Date: Tuesday, 01 July 2025

Venue: eMachibini Community Hall, Jozini Municipality

Time: 12:00 PM

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