

# EWSETA A KEY SUPPORT PARTNER FOR TEAM SA AT WORLD- SKILLS AFRICA



The MTC Dome in Swakopmund, Namibia was a hive of activity during the second WorldSkills Africa Competition from 28 March to 2 April 2022. Contestants from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, Madagascar, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Zambia, as well as the 8-strong Team Refugees team, stepped up to the plate to exhibit their skills and demonstrate just what young African people are capable of.

The competition showcases a new, exciting and capable future for Africa and more than 100 talented young people from across the African continent competed in 16 skills categories.

The Vice President of Namibia, Mr Nangolo Mbumba, opened the prestigious event. He highlighted the important role the African youth will play in building a prosperous Africa. This sentiment was further emphasised by the President of WorldSkills International.

The EWSETA was represented at the event by Dr Nandi Malumbazo, a member of the EWSETA Accounting Authority, Mpho Mookapele, CEO for the EWSETA and Lungile Tshabalala, Provincial Operations Manager for the EWSETA.

When interviewed by the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation at the WorldSkills Africa Competition, Deputy Director-General for Skills at the Department of Higher Education and Training, Mr Zukile Mvalo, said: "We will ensure that the number of graduates coming out of our TVET sector are of a high quality because today's world economies are proving to be moving

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towards a direction that demands the world to invest in artisanal skills and South Africa should not be left behind."

At the closing ceremony held on 2 April 2022, team South Africa scooped eight medals. However, the biggest winner at the WorldSkills Africa Competition was Africa. The Minister of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation in Namibia, Dr Itah Kandjii-Murangi applauded all competitors for having shown resilience and proving to the world that Africa has got talent and is capable of anything.

Appreciating the work WorldSkills is doing in partnership with the African Union, Namibia's Deputy President, Dr Nangolo Mbumba said during his closing keynote address, "the objectives of the Africa conglomeration align well with our 2063 continental agenda, that serves as Africa's blueprint for sustainable and inclusive growth and development through which we envision as African nations, to build an integrated prosperous and peaceful continent. It is a vision founded on the development of Africa's people as its most important resource and one which recognises the transformation potential of Technical and Vocational Education and Training."



South Africa is one of  
**85 COUNTRIES**

affiliated to WorldSkills International (WSI) and has been a member since 1990, making it the first African country to be a member of WorldSkills International.





WorldSkills International (WSI) was established in 1950 as a non-profit organisation, with the mission to promote and facilitate, through co-operation and worldwide awareness, the essential contribution that skills and competitive standards make to the achievement of economic success.



**The 16 Skills Categories**

1. Refrigeration and airconditioning
2. Electrical Installations
3. Joinery
4. Plumbing and heating
5. Bricklaying
6. Wall and floor tiling
7. Water Technology
8. Mechanical engineering (CAD)
9. Welding
10. Mechatronics
11. Restaurant service
12. Hairdressing
13. Cooking
14. Fashion technology
15. Web technologies
16. Automobile technology



## A BREAKFAST FOR CHAMPIONS

The EWSETA and the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA) joined forces to collaborate with the Department of Higher Education and Training to host a breakfast for the South African competitors and experts on 2 April 2022.

At the breakfast, the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, Buti Manamela called upon the Sector Education and Training Authorities and other key stakeholders to continue being part of the journey that seeks to ensure that government reaches its target

of producing 30 000 quality artisans by 2030. The Deputy Minister also implored upon competitors to be champions and advocates of the work government is doing to encourage their peers to take up artisanal opportunities that government is making available through TVET Colleges.

Ms Mpho Mookapele, CEO of EWSETA and Mr Malusi Shezi, CEO of CETA gave words of encouragement in their thanksgiving addresses to South Africa's competitors and experts.



### Team SA's Achievements in Competition

CATEGORY	MEDAL	COMPETITOR	INSTITUTION
Automotive Technology	Gold	Ceajay Bosman	Port Elizabeth TVET College
Bricklaying	Gold	Lungelwe Mtetwa	Coastal TVET College
Fashion Technology	Gold	Thulubheke Ncanana	Durban University of Technology
Plumbing	Gold	Siphesihle Masina	Gert Sibande TVET College
Hairdressing	Gold	Hilke Minnie	College of Cape Town / Hugo The Chair Company
Mechatronics	Silver	Boesman Mpete and Gift Morokolo	Tshwane University of Technology
Cooking	Silver	Daivy Ramphele	Waterberg TVET College
Web Technologies	Bronze	Azanda Zama	Institute Turmeric Digital

Team SA also was also awarded Certificates of Participation in Water Technology and Refrigeration and Air Conditioning. There were no winners in these categories due to the limited number of competitors.



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