



Collins Chabane Local Municipality economy receives major boost with new Avocado 🥑 oil plant:

The Mayor of Collins Chabane Local Municipality Cllr Shadrack Maluleke is walking tall after paying a successful courtesy visit to the avocado oil production facility in Dovheni village.

The state-of-the-art Avocado manufacturing plant has already created more than 20 permanent jobs to local residents of Collins Chabane Local Municipality while at the same time working on opening a space for experiential learning programmes and training for University and Tvets students who seek to graduate.

The newly launched 'Ecovado' an avocado oil production facility, manufactures Avocado oil and Avocado seed powder from unripe avocados which the oil is used for cooking while the seed powder can be used for various purposes such as health treatment, food preparation and other health related purposes.

Founder of Ecovado plant, Hulisani Mudau said his vision is to empower local economy, help the local government to create sustainable jobs, while at the same time instilling the spirit of self-manufacturing local products inside the country.

“We are now supplying different businesses in European countries and our vision now is to bring this home and make sure that instead of taking our products to outside countries and help their economy grow ,we must start processing our products here in our country from a raw material to a finished product and this will help grow our economy and help to create jobs and open small businesses for our citizens”.

Mayor Shadrack Maluleke couldn't hide his excitement for this new project.

“I have a strong belief that this is indeed a new dawn in our municipality, I know that various fruit trees that grow in the wild and in our gardens could help to alleviate poverty in our villages and I'm happy that the Municipality has plans in place to ensure that the informal business are formalised and receive enough support so that they have enough muscles to collaborate with big businesses like this one”, said Mayor Maluleke.

“The municipality through the local economic development department recently hosted a business expo to interact with all local entrepreneurs and im happy our business expo is now bearing fruits. We have engaged with Mr Mudau and on other issues that need the attention of the District and Provincial government we shall definitely make sure that we all bring our best interests together and work together”, Mayor Maluleke added.

The Mayor was accompanied by the Speaker of the Municipality Councillor Thina Mbedzi, Executive Committee members, Local Headman Vha-Musanda Tshinetise and Local Economic Development Manager Mr Phanuel Baloyi.

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