



DDP Executive Director: Dr Paul Kariuki

Dear DDP Partner,

Compliments of the new year. I trust you are all well rested and ready to take on 2019.

As our esteemed partner, you enabled us to traverse several milestones in 2018.

Your ongoing support was instrumental to our success. We are grateful to have a partner like you.

We hope that the new year will further strengthen our association and the bond of mutual trust and respect that we have for one another

Our theme for 2019 is *“Deepening partnerships towards a sustainable, active and responsible citizenship”*

We count on your association to continue mobilizing, educating and activating citizenship in our society.

The DDP team wishes you a productive year ahead, full of treasured memories.

Happy New Year!!

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DDP NEWS

Renowned political analyst and research fellow at the Helen Suzman Foundation, Aubrey Matshiqi led a public discussion with civil society and citizens on the contents of the 2019 State of the Nation Address (SONA) at Elangeni Hotel in Durban on the 19 February 2019.

As Matshiqi engaged the citizens of the eThekweni metropolis, he emphasized on the words used by politicians to citizens... [Read More](#)

The Lindelani Youth Forum recognises that in their community the number of young people at Lindelani/ Richmond farm are leaving under unforeseen circumstances, these circumstances are inclusive of unemployment, lack of access to skills development opportunities and educational opportunities. On the 20th February 2019 LYF organized a Youth Empowerment Indaba to assist in bridging this gap....[Read more](#)

WHAT IS THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION?



Above: Dr Paul Kariuki, Aubrey Matshiqi, Sthembiso Mpontshane, Michaela Braun, Dr Devi Rajab and Brian Mhlongo with delegates at the SONA Forum at Elangeni in February 19, 2019. (Picture: Sthabiso Mdledle)

LINDELANI YOUTH FORUM EMPOWERMENT INDABA



Above: Delegates and organizers of the Youth Empowerment Indaba event in Ntuzuma with DDP staff.

The DDP Civic Education Program formerly known as the Train the Trainer program has over the years seen more than 40 dialogues conducted per year, in different communities in and around the KwaZulu Natal region.

The aim of this program is to capacitate different facilitators from different communities to be able to mobilize and educate citizens by creating, facilitating and fostering spaces for critical dialogues and change in their communities...[Read More](#)

This program contributes to the development of an effective and united voice of civil society in Kwa-Zulu Natal, through supporting and capacitating the civil society organizations from rural, township and urban environments. Under this program, the Democracy Development Program (DDP) has managed to create lasting relationships with communities.

Since the start of 2019, this quarter alone, DDP has provided 3 free capacity building workshops in partnership with our funder, the Konrad...[Read More](#)

DDP CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTINUES



Above: Delegates at Civic education dialogue in Bhambayi in partnership with Abahlali Basemjondolo Movement.

STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY THROUGH MENTORING



Above: Delegates at the NPO Succession Workshop at Onomo Hotel earlier this year.

DDP Highlights: Our Stories of Impact

This is a Non-Profit Company with just over two years in existence. However, they are hitting the ground running. They are already working with local communities and their impact is felt.

The National Lotteries Commission has granted project funding to Izimpilo Zethu, a community and youth-based organization that is situated in Ntuzuma township north of Durban.

“It has been a delightful journey working with Democracy Development Program (DDP) and other partners to reach this milestone”, said the organization Founder and Managing Director Fuzelihle Ngcobo... [Read More](#)

IZIMPILOZETHU RECEIVES FUNDING FROM NATIONAL LOTTERIES COMMISSION



Above: Izimpilo Zethu organization's flag.

LINDELANI YOUTH FORUM



Above: Melusi Mahlaba Founder of LYF, facilitating a civic education dialogue in Lindelani

Through capacity building workshops and follow-ups meeting with provided by the Democracy Development Program (DDP), the Lindelani Youth Forum (LYF) organization have managed to achieve more in 2018. Below are the 2018 achievements.

According to the Founder and chairperson Melusi Mahlaba, LFY has been writing... [Read More](#)

Impact Stories of our work with political parties

Civil society has not only been instrumental in monitoring and observation of elections, but it has created a space for political party engagements. The sector has tried to reaffirm their positions...[Read More](#)



Above: Political party representatives with DDP staff at a round-table discussion in preparation for the 2019 elections at Elangeni Hotel, Durban.

DDP on the move

Increasing areas of our work and building new partnerships and relationships in the KZN region and around the country.

DDP has hosted dialogues, capacity building workshops and round-table discussions with communities in KZN areas like PMB, Eshowe, Jozini, Kraanskop, and in the Durban Metropolitan.

Earlier this year, we hosted a post SONA dialogue in Cape...
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Above: Map of South Africa with DDP foot-print in the Country.

DDP FORMER INTERN SHARES HER EXPERIENCE

