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DEPUTY MINISTER MMAPASEKA "STEVE" LETSIKE DISCUSS INVESTMENT IN DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND PROSPEROUS ECONOMIES.

Pretoria: The Deputy Minister in the Presidency responsible for Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities, Mmapaseka "Steve" Letsike will participate in the 79th United Nations General Assembly side event on Wednesday, 25 September 2024 at 10:00 EDT at the VISA Foundation, 277 Park Avenue, New York the side event will focus on "Investment in Digital Public Infrastructure for Healthier Communities and Prosperous Economies."

Digital public infrastructure (DPI) is a shared means to many ends. It is a critical enabler of digital transformation and is helping to improve public service delivery at scale. Since the establishment of the Government of National Unity, South Africa has resolved to dedicate the next five years to actions that will advance three priorities, which will drive inclusive growth and job creation, reduce poverty, tackle the high cost of living, and build a capable, ethical and developmental state.

Investing in digital public infrastructure (DPI) can significantly contribute to the set GNU targets to empower individuals and drive economic growth, particularly in the marginalised areas, through features like digital identification, secure payment systems, and data exchange platforms.

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