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## Munisipaliteit se Eerste Skoon Oudit

'n Skoon administrasie en skoon finansiële praktyke: Stellenbosch Munisipaliteit het vir die eerste keer 'n skoon oudit gekry en verlede week het munisipale amptenare sertifikate en 'n trofee van die kantore van die Wes-Kaapse ministers Anton Bredell (Plaaslike Regering) en Ivan Meyer (Finansies) in Kaapstad ontvang.

Die skoon oudit beteken dat die munisipaliteit die toepaslike finansiële reëls en regulasies nagekom het sonder enige ongerymdhede. Die finansiële state is dus 'n redelike weerspieëling van die finansiële stand en prestasie van die munisipaliteit.



Op die foto van links is mnr Kevin Carolus (*Bestuurder: Begrotingskantoor, Stellenbosch Munisipaliteit*), dr Ivan Meyer, mnr Richard Bosman (*waarnemende Munisipale Bestuurder, Stellenbosch*), me Sharonne Adams (*Uitvoerende Beampte: Sake-eenheid, Ouditeur-Generaal*), min Anton Bredell, raadsheer Conrad Sidego (*Uitvoerende Burgemeester, Stellenbosch*) en mnr Faiz Hoosain (*Hoof: Interne Oudit, Stellenbosch*)



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When people become successful, they often become selfish.

“Successful business people often do not want to share their success by helping others,” said well known chef Reuben Riffel at a black economic indaba held at the chambers of Stellenbosch Executive Mayor, Conrad Sidego (4 February). “We need to support each other,” Riffel said.

He was one of about 20 people – entrepreneurs and politicians – who attended the meeting.

“We all know that there is a great divide between people in this town. To combat inequality, we need to think innovatively about opening up economic opportunities to all our residents,” said Sidego. “With this initiative I want to create a platform for further discussion and to establish a way forward.



Chef Reuben Riffel with entrepreneur Ilse Ruthford and Alderman Conrad Sidego, Executive Mayor of Stellenbosch

Two of the issues identified at the indaba, were municipal red tape which make it difficult to establish a business and, lack of land ownership.

Sidego said that the meeting was called in the spirit of “hoping that people will take charge of their own destiny” and that energy is loosened to enable people to face the municipality independently.

The indaba was facilitated by Mr Solly Fourie head of the Western Cape Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

In reaction to some speakers saying that there were white gatekeepers in town who prevented people of colour to succeed, businessman, F Mouton, who owns Mouton Photography, said he has been greatly assisted by whites who have helped him in many ways.

“To accuse others for one’s lack of success does not help anybody,” he said. He added that he did not want anything for free, but wants to know that he has earned whatever he achieves. Riffel said there are many black people who overcome challenges to become successful. “But there is no fast way to

success. One has to start at the bottom and work your way to the top. You cannot start a business without knowledge of that which you want to do. I would love to be part of an organisation where we can all look out for each other.” He said that tourism is “the future”, but its potential is often neglected by entrepreneurs and the authorities.

Mr Fourie’s office will collate all the information to determine the way forward. In the meantime Mr Riffel has already started collaborating with women wine makers who attended the indaba.

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