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Department: Agriculture and Rural Development PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

## PREMIER'S SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2016

The blood, sweat, tears as well as prayers of the KZN DARD eZinqoleni Local Office team were answered when they scooped the top and most coveted accolades at the Premier's Service Excellence Awards held at ICC in Durban on 07 July 2016.

It was as if the saying that goes "blessed going in and blessed going out" literally manifested at the ICC as Zandile Shozi was awarded the first Gold of the event for being the Best Frontline Service Delivery Employee of the Year. As the event drew to a close, team eZinqoleni took home the last and most coveted Gold of evening as they were announced the Best Batho Pele Team of the Year.

When Njabulo Ntshangase, eZinqoleni Local Office manager, lifted up the award in victory, a true champion character was in full display and his team was there with him singing a victory song.

Another KZN DARD highlight at event was Umhlabuyalingana Local Office's Mrs Thulisile Mathenjwa who won a Silver award for being the Best Public Service Leader of the Year.

Both KZN DARD Dannhauser Local Office manager Sifiso Msibi and Michelle Larsen from the Research and Technology Development Directorate of the Department received Certificates of Commendation for their efforts. Msibi had been the finalist in the Best Public Service Leader while Larsen was a finalist in the Best Innovation category.

The hopes and dreams of KwaZulu-Natal now rests on Team eZinqoleni as they proceed to the National level to compete against other Provinces.



KZN Premier Mr Willies Mchunu together with Absa KZN Managing Director Mr Faisal Mkhize and Acting Director-General Mrs Primrose Khumalo presenting a Gold Award for the Best Frontline Service Delivery Employee of the Year to Ms Zandile Shozi from the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development



KZN Premier Mr Willies Mchunu together with Absa KZN Managing Director Mr Faisal Mkhize, Acting Director-General Mrs Primrose Khumalo and eThekwini Municipality Speaker Clrr Logie Naidoo presenting a Silver Award for Best Public Service Leader of the Year to Mrs Thulisile Mathenjwa from the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development



KZN Premier Mr Willies Mchunu together with Absa KZN Managing Director Mr Faisal Mkhize and eThekwini Municipality Speaker Clrr Logie Naidoo presenting a Gold Award for the Best Batho Pele Team of the Year to eZingolweni Local Office



KZN Premier Mr Willies Mchunu together with Senior General Manager from the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Ms Jabu Majola, congratulating Mr Njabulo Ntshangase, an Overall Gold Winner from the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development



All Premier's Service Excellence Awards Winners for 2015-2016 together with the Premier and MECs