

KZN DARD HONOURS ALL WOMEN

August marks the beginning of Women's Month in the country. Women from all over South Africa gather together to celebrate this month, to honour each other, as well as to encourage and motivate each other to fight for a rightful place in society.

For the women of the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in Cedara, it was no different as they gathered on 03^{rd} August 2018 to celebrate and honour each other. The Deputy Director-General for Corporate Services, Ms Jabu Majola in her opening remarks, encouraged all women to take their stance in the work place, to work hard in the positions that they occupy and to be confident in all that they do as women. She also encouraged women to ask other women in higher positions for mentorship because that will help empower more women into leadership roles.

Mrs Tanya Stielau, one of the guest speakers, spoke about the importance of balance. She stated the importance of being able to balance all the different hats women wear i.e. that of being a mother, wife, sister, employee/boss and friend. Ms Stielau stated that with all the different roles that women have in society these days, it is vital for women to take care of themselves first so that they can have enough strength to take care of everyone else. "Your cup has to be full and overflow first in order for you to fill everyone else's cup. It is not only important to care for your mind but your body and spirit as well" said Ms Stielau.

Amongst other speakers that were present, Mr Thamsanqa Mncube from the Commission for Gender Equality, informed the audience that it is important for all women to fight for their rights in the work place. "You must fight to be heard because in the work place all people should be treated equally" emphasised Mr Mncube.

These little but important events hosted by the Department to honour women, are much anticipated and the Districts will also be receiving the same treat.

May all Women enjoy Women's Month 2018!

































