

Be business bosses – Cele

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DEPUTY Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Bheki Cele has called on the youth to pursue tertiary studies that will equip them to follow a career in forestry and agriculture.

Addressing hundreds of youths in Cedara in the KZN Midlands at the launch of department's youth outreach programme at the weekend, Cele said black youths should obtain skills that will enable them to become business bosses.

"We appeal to the young people to heed the call and go all out to learn the tricks of farming," he said.



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The department had set aside money to send young people interested in forestry to institutions of higher learning.

"We will also support them to establish farming companies," Cele said.

Cele also urged big business to support new entrants especially the youth.

South African Pulp and Paper Industries general manager Blessing Karumbidza said they had 100 bursaries for forestry studies. He encouraged young people to study maths and science. The launch of the project is a build-up to the World Forestry Congress in Durban in September, the first time on African soil since 1926.

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