

Women urged to forge good careers

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WOMEN were encouraged to work hard and attain high positions in their respective careers by the Palabora Mining Company's chief financial officer, Dikeledi Nakene, during a celebration marking Women's Month in Phalaborwa this week.

Nakene, a chartered accountant and a certified internal auditor, urged women to take a leaf from Proverbs 31 which partly reads: "Wise women smile at the future and their mouths are full of wisdom since their tongues teach kindness.

"Wise women look well to the ways of their households and do not eat bread of idleness."

Speaking at the event, Ba-Phalaborwa municipality mayor Pule Shayi said to understand how women were economically oppressed, one needed to look at different systems of capitalism and private property.

"The liberation of women requires radical restructuring of the current economy. More women should also be owners of the means of production," Shayi said. For its part, the company's said it was making strides in the empowerment of women within its ranks.

The mining company's human resource general manager, Mahlaole Maboko, said women benefiting mostly from empowerment programmes were from local communities.

Maboko said most women in the company started out as operators and climbed up the ladder to the position of superintendents.

Palabora manager for stakeholders and external communications Lydia Radebe said the company's annual Women's Month was a testimony of commitment to partnership with different stakeholders.

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