

## A REWARDING VISIT TO BLOEMFONTEIN!

In October 2008, the HWSETA Board approved our annual Expression of Interest which amongst others called for special project applications to be submitted for consideration. The Association for People with Disabilities applied for funding that will support skills development for People with Disabilities nationally.

The proposal focused on 4 issues: training of People with Disabilities Representatives, training of Assessors who could assess People with Disabilities in context, Training on Resource Mobilization and training of Care Givers to deal with People with Disabilities. An award of R1 094 000 was made to support this project.



I am happy to report that delivery is taking place and a recent visit to Bloemfontein gave the CEO and some of the HWSETA staff members an insight into the special needs of this group of citizens and the impact the training has on them. "The interaction with HWSETA staff during the training session was amazing and it was good to see with how much dignity and respect the staff interacted with the course participants" said Dorothy Ann Howitson, HWSETA Board member who was also present at the visit.

The project is being rolled out effectively and in terms of its implementation plan is on track for completion by the end of this year. The service provider informed the HWSETA team that although this session is taking place in Bloemfontein, by using the "train the trainer" approach, they will be able to roll it out to all the major centers in South Africa.

Corrie Smit, CEO of the HWSETA concluded that "the HWSETA is proud to be associated with this project and look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with the Association for People with Disabilities".



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