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DTI commits R200m to improving textile industry competitiveness

The Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) has approved a R200-million grant fund and a 5-year plan for the establishment of a National Cluster to leapfrog local industry's competitiveness capability in global sustainable textile and apparel manufacturing.

The Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr Rob Davies, says the cluster initiative is funded through its Competitiveness Improvement Programme (CIP) as part of the overall Clothing and Textiles Competitiveness Programme (CTCP). The CTCP is a programme of the dti to stabilise employment and to improve overall competitiveness in the clothing, textile, footwear, leather and leather goods manufacturing industries.

Minister Davies says the main aim of this Cluster initiative is to build and improve the capacity in the South African textile and apparel industry value chain to effectively supply local and international consumers with fully traceable sustainable apparel and household textile products. It is also intended to supply local government with fully traceable sustainable textile and apparel products that adhere to the 100% local content designation as stipulated by the PPPFA Regulation. During its first year of operation, the Cluster will implement a wide range of Competitiveness Improvement Interventions to achieve its objectives.



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