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RTMC Announces 2014 Winners: National School Debates and Participatory Education Techniques Competitions.

October is Public Transport Month: The National School Debates and Participatory Education Techniques Competitions were hosted in conjunction with the RTMC and the Mpumalanga Department of Community Safety, Security and Liaison from 8-10 October 2014 in Nelspruit. This road safety initiative saw nine provinces competing for the top honour in the urban and rural categories culminating in a gala prize-giving function on 10 October 2014.

The goal of the Road Safety Debate competition was to empower learners with road safety knowledge as they research road safety topics for the competition together with encouraging them to work in a team thereby enhancing their ambassadorial and leadership skills. The Participatory Education Techniques Competition focused on encouraging learners to identify road safety problems in their communities and find a suitable solution for them. Each school delivered a presentation of the researched problem and solution. Through the competitions, learners attitude towards road safety

issues is influenced and gives a positive impact on their behaviour as they go back to their communities.

"The challenges posed by the 'Decade of Action targets' are only achievable if we harness all our efforts to do something about road safety now. These competitions focus on the energy of the youth to come up with solutions that will ensure we reduce road traffic crashes. Our objectives as the RTMC are to encourage all sectors of society to work together in dealing with the scourge of road carnage, and adopt the ethos of community participation in finding sustainable working solutions for our country". Said Adv. Makhosini Msibi, CEO of the RTMC.

The winners in their respective categories are as follow-:

| DEBATES URBAN | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|
| Position | Province | |
| 1 | Limpopo | |
| 2 | Western Cape | |
| 3 | Northern Cape | |
| DEBATES RURAL | | |
| Position | Province | |
| 1 | Limpopo | |
| 2 | North West | |
| 3 | Mpumalanga | |
| PARTICIPATORY EDUCATIONAL TECHNIQUES – URBAN | | |
| Position | Province | School |
| 1 | Gauteng | Drie Riviere Secondary |
| 2 | Western Cape | Parkdene Secondary |
| 3 | Limpopo | Mountain View Sec. |
| PARTICIPATORY EDUCATIONAL TECHNIQUES – RURAL | | |
| Position | Province | School |
| 1 | KwaZulu-Natal | Thathunyawo Sec. |
| 2 | Limpopo | Musina Sec. |
| 3 | Mpumalanga | Dlomodlomo Sec. |
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