

## Garnering support for a university

EKURHULENI mayor Mzwandile Masina yesterday called on business to support the call for the establishment of a university in the City of Ekurhuleni.

Speaking during the Manufacturing Indaba at Emperors Palace in Kempton Park, Masina said: "The City of Ekurhuleni is the only metro in the world that doesn't have a university. Given the industrial nature of the Ekurhuleni economy, it is not a sustainable status quo.

"We need engineers, innovators and specialists in the field of aviation, logistics and manufacturing. A university is no longer a matter to converse on, we must start the journey towards building the institution."

The mayor emphasised the need for skills development to drive the manufacturing industry.

"As the region of Ekurhuleni we will make submissions in the upcoming ANC national policy conference for the university establishment to become part of resolutions in the conference, as it requires buy-in from major stakeholders," Masina said.

The mayor was also set to address the Mail & Guardian dinner in honour of 200 outstanding young South Africans at Emperors Palace. – ANA

