

Proudly SA says 'buy local' accord is paying off

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CAPE TOWN — The local procurement accord, signed by the government, business and labour last year, is beginning to bear fruit, with key stakeholders in the economy making “serious” commitments, says Proudly SA CEO Leslie Sedibe.

The signatories pledged to purchase more goods and services from South African producers to an “aspirational target” of 75% in an effort to enhance industrialisation and boost job creation.

The Western Cape government, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) in the province, the Cape Chamber of Commerce, the City of Cape Town and Proudly SA signed a “buy local” pledge yesterday and gave an undertaking to make a “conscious effort” to sustain and create employment.

Speaking on the sidelines of the local procurement conference yesterday, Mr Sedibe said the signing of the pledge would help to ensure that “we influence procurement practices at provincial and local level”.

“The local procurement accord signed last year was signed at a national level ... we need to make sure that we trickle down whatever the parties have agreed on at national level,” he said.

Mr Sedibe said there were several developments which illustrated that the local procurement

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