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RAASA AVIATION CAREERS OPEN DAY - 27 MARCH 2014

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On the 27th of March 2014 **RAASA** (Recreation Aviation Administration South Africa) hosted an aviation careers open day event, to inform young people about aviation careers available to them. This event was also used to select candidates for the RAASA internship program's third intake. The event was supported by the **SACAA** (South African Civil Aviation Authority), **JAAP** (Joint Aviation Awareness Program), **Loutzavia Flight School**, **ATNS** (Air Traffic and Navigation Services) and **SAWIA** (South African Women In Aviation).

82 preregistered aspiring learners attended the event which started at 10:00 on Thursday morning. Attendees were welcomed by Bheki Ngomane, RAASA internship facilitator.

Program

Neil de Lange RAASA CEO was the first speaker. He discussed different aircraft type in recreation and sporting aviation. He also explained the role of RAASA in the aviation industry in South Africa.

Theo Van Niekerk a flight instructor from Loutzavia flight training academy explained the requirements of obtaining a PPL (Private pilot licence) and how to migrate to CPL (Commercial pilot licence). He also discussed the modules one has to complete to obtain these licences.

After a short tea break **Dirk Van Rhyn** an ATC (Air Traffic Control) from ATNS discussed the requirements to be an ATC, The role of ATC and the different types of Air Traffic Controllers. He also discussed the ATNS bursary scheme. The audience was completely absorbed by Dirk's talk

The SACAA was represented by **Charmeine Shibambo**, who also represented JAAP. She discussed the aviation outreach programmes that JAAP are involved in, and then she also explained the role of the SACAA as a regulator.

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Morongwa Papo who represented SAWIA explained the different careers in aviation, and also touched on the different outreach programmes that SAWIA is involved in; to encourage and promote young women to follow careers in aviation.

The internship facilitator at RAASA, **Bheki Ngomane** discussed the success of the RAASA internship programme thus far as well as the content of the program.

Boitumelo Katsi a previous RAASA intern left the attendees inspired by telling the story of how she made it through the programme and how she obtained sponsorship to complete her CPL (Commercial Pilot Licence). She also shared her experience as an intern and what it meant for her.

The event left the attendees inspired and wanting to be part of the aviation industry. Thanks to all who presented and all organisations that supported this event.

For any enquiries about the RAASA internship programme or the next open day event, you may contact Bheki 011 082 1000 or e-mail, bheki@raasa.co.za

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