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**Impersonation of the Minister of Tourism, Ms Tokozile Xasa**

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The National Department of Tourism has become aware of a fraud which attempts to extract funds from companies and organisations by impersonating as Minister Tokozile Xasa on LinkedIn.

The method used by the fraudsters is:

A member of the company/public receives an email, similar to the one below, claiming to be an email from the Minister of Tourism, Ms Tokozile Xasa.

**“From: Tokozile Xasa [Tokozilexasa@alumni.com]  
To: XXX  
Subject: Linked In Message**

Dear

Great connection with you presently have a great opportunity at ground if you can manage it send me a message to my private email address Tokozilexasa@alumni.com, so I can give you more details for the proposal

Regards,  
Minister  
Tokozile

The organisations are then lured with promises to participate in \$50billion allocated by the BRICS bank for Smallholder Agriculture Development Project. Furthermore the recipients of this emails are required to express their interest by providing information in order to be added on the fictitious Minister beneficiary list to access US\$1 million (R13 million) for job opportunities.

The following domain have so far been associated with this scam (although there may be others):  
Tokozilexasa@alumni.com.

Members of the public are hereby sensitised that this domain is fake and not linked to the Minister of Tourism, Ms T Xasa and any communications using these domains should be treated with suspicion and reported to the nearest law enforcement agencies.

The Ministry condemns such illegal activities and calls on all members of the public and service providers to be on alert for these criminals and to verify the legitimacy of information received from the office of the Ministry with the following officials:

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