



Tuesday 09 February – Thursday 11 February 2010

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Tuesday 09, February 2010

President Jacob Zuma to receive credentials and meet leaders of political parties

President Zuma will receive credentials of seven Heads of Mission designate. He will later hold a meeting with leaders of all political parties represented in the National Assembly.

Time: 08:30 **(Credentials)**
 Time: 12:00 **(Meeting with political parties (photo opportunity only))**
 Venue: Tuynhuys, Cape Town
 Contact: Matshepo Seedat 082 679 9473 **(RSVP)** Matshepo@po.gov.za
 Vincent Magwenya 072 715 0024

Higher Education and Training Minister Dr Blade Nzimande to visit University of Fort Hare

The Minister will first visit the East London campus and then proceed to the main campus in Alice. The visit is part of a series of visits to higher education and training institutions to monitor the registration process. The Minister will also be addressing students in a public lecture. He will speak to students on the importance of hard work in order to succeed at their studies. The lecture is aimed at encouraging and motivating first year students.

Time: 08:00
 Venue: East London Campus
 Time: 13:00 **(Hand over of residences)**
 Venue: Main Campus Fort Hare
 Time: 14:00 **(Public lecture)**
 Venue: Sport Complex Hall
 Contact: Luthando Namzi 012 312 6339 / 073 802 3681
 E-mail: namzi.l@doe.gov.za
 Ranjeni Munusamy 012 312 5555 / 082 898 6082
 E-mail: munusamy.r@doe.gov.za

Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa briefs media on World Cup security measures at Cape Town's airport

Time: 15:30
 Venue: Cape Town International Airport
 Domestic Arrivals, Executive Boardroom
 Contact: Zweli Mnisi 082-045-4024

Limpopo Department of Agriculture to host Provincial Agricultural Indaba

The Department under the leadership of MEC Dipuo Letsatsi-Duba is spearheading the Indaba. The Indaba is meant for seeking ways in which food security and job creation could be achieved

to improve the lives of the people as well the economic growth of the Province and the country as a whole. The Indaba will look at improving production levels on commercial and restitution farms, resuscitating farms that lie fallow as well as improving production in the Agricultural Sector in general.

Time: 09:00
 Venue: Polokwane, Bolivia Lodge
 Contact: Samson Mabunda 082 889 3791 **(For transportation)**
 Kenny Mathivha 015 295 7090-4 / 082 450 1331

Western Cape Education Department MEC Donald Grant to brief media on literacy and numeracy campaign

The Department has kicked off the year with Literacy and Numeracy campaign to support schools in their efforts build the literacy and numeracy skills of children in primary school. The Literacy and Numeracy campaign has been communicated through a number of different channels. MEC Donald Grant will be visiting one of the seventeen key commuter sites where we have erected billboards and will be briefing media on the overall campaign.

Time: 11:00
 Venue: Nyanga junction
 Contact: Bronagh Casey 021 4672 377

Eastern Cape Provincial Government concludes executive council Cabinet Lekgotla

The meeting will also look at the aim of assessing the progress government has made in relation to the provincial strategic framework, in particular progress on the provincial eight priorities as pronounced by the Premier in the state of the province address in May 2009.

Contact: Mzukisi Ndara 083 324 4269

North West Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to reform Houses of Traditional Leaders

Elections will be held for positions within the executive committee as well as for positions of chairperson and deputy chairperson. These will also include ballot votes for representatives to the national House of Traditional Leaders. The act dictates that a third of representatives to the national house must be women. The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) will conduct elections during the local and provincial polls.

Contact: Ditshaba Makhate 082 359 6979

Wednesday 10, February 2010

Government Communications (GCIS) to host State of the Nation national schools debate prize giving ceremony

The State of the Nation Address (Sona) national schools debate competition, launched in 2009, is a joint initiative between Sanlam Group and GCIS aimed at promoting a culture of healthy debate considered a critical feature of a robust democracy. The ceremony will be attended amongst others by the Minister in the Presidency Collins Chabane, who will deliver the keynote address, Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Enver Surty and Sanlam Group CEO, Dr Johan van Zyl.

Time: 15:30
 Venue: Western Cape Provincial Legislature Wale Street, Cape Town
 Contact: Pheliswa Sebati 082 413 4609 / Lindsay Cowie 082 863 5385
 Professor Ndawonde 078 845 7409 **(RSVP)**
 E-mail: professor@gcis.gov.za

Government Communications (GCIS) to host State of the Nation Media cocktail function

The function will provide media an opportunity to interact with government communicators ahead of the State of the Nation Address.

Time: 18:30 for 19:00
 Venue: Primedia Broadcasting Studios Suite 7D

Contact: Somerset Square Highfield Road Green Point
(Next door to Pigalle Restaurant)
Loedfie Hendricks 021 461 8146 / 082 670 4145
E-mail: loedfieh@gcis.gov.za

Thursday 11, February 2010

President Jacob Zuma to deliver State of the Nation address

The President chose the 11th of February to coincide with the anniversary of the release of President Nelson Mandela from prison. It will celebrate the achievements of the country since former President Mandela's release and progress made since the 2009 SONA. It will also outline the work that is to be done to effectively change the way government works, in order to speed up service delivery.

Time: 19:00
Venue: Parliament, Cape Town
Contact: Vincent Magwenya on 072 715 0024.

The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture host public hearing on the standardisation of geographical names

The public hearing is organised by the Limpopo Provincial Geographical Names Committee and is aimed at synchronising and accelerating the standardisation of geographical names process, particularly around places with incorrect spelling names, multiple and duplicated names, offensive names, names that are not officially recognised and corrupted names. The theme for the provincial public hearing is: "To transform and promote unity through the naming process in Limpopo".

Time: 09:00
Venue: Thohoyandou Town Hall (Punda Maria Road)
Contact: Adele van der Linde 015 284 4006 / 079 696 5625
E-mail: vanderlinda@sac.limpopo.gov.za

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