



Wednesday 24 February – Thursday 25 February 2010

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Wednesday 24, February 2010

President Jacob Zuma to address tourism ministers' meeting (T20)

The meeting is held under the theme: "Travel and Tourism: Stimuli for the Global Economy". Travel and tourism make a valuable contribution to the economic stimuli required for the global economy's recovery and is an important pillar of our efforts to unlock enhanced economic growth, infrastructure development, trade promotion, poverty eradication and job creation.

Time: 10:00 for 11:00
 Venue: Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg
 Contact: Natasha Rockman 076 429 2264 / nrockman@tourism.gov.za
 Vincent Magwenya 072 715 0024

President Jacob Zuma departs for Davos to attend to the 40th Annual General Meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF)

The Forum will be held from 27 to 31 January 2010 under the theme "Improve the state of the world: rethink, redesign, rebuild". The President will stop over in Tripoli, Libya to have a consultation with the Chairperson of the African Union, His Excellency Colonel Muammar Gaddafi tomorrow on 25 January and then proceed to Davos. In the Davos meeting, President Zuma will be accompanied by National Planning Commission Minister, Mr Trevor Manuel, Finance Minister, Mr Pravin Gordhan, Economic Development Minister, Mr Ebrahim Patel, Trade and Industry Minister, Mr Rob Davies as well as Water and environmental Affairs Minister, Ms Buyelwa Sonjica.

Venue: Davos, Switzerland
 Contact: Vincent Magwenya 072 715 0024

Energy Minister Dipuo Peters to open a 2010 Energy Indaba

Time: 08:45
 Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg
 Contact: lunice@siyenza.za.com

Gauteng MECs to address media on provincial government's priorities and the Programme of Action

MECs will provide further details about their respective departments' key achievements as well as plans, based on the provincial government's priorities and the Programme of Action (PoA) for the 2010/11 financial year.

Time: 10:00 to 12:30
 Venue: Legislature, Auditorium, 1st Floor, Johannesburg
 Contact: Siphso Mokoena 011 355 6056 / 082 566 0515

KwaZulu Natal Premier Dr Zweli Mkhize to deliver State of the Province Address

The premier's address will outline the key priorities and programmes of the provincial government during 2010. He will address the people of KwaZulu-Natal and use the opportunity to recommit his government to improved and faster service delivery to bring about a better life to all the citizens of the province.

Time: 09:00
 Venue: Royal Agricultural Show Grounds' Olympia Hall Pietermaritzburg
 Contact: Sina Wiseman Nxumalo 033 355 7713 / 082 9060 449
 E-mail: nxumalow@kznlegislature.gov.za

Free State Provincial Government to host Pre-State of the Province Address media breakfast

Time: 09:00
 Venue: Vodacom Park Stadium, Presidential Suite
 Contact: Lerato Jabane 051 405 5316 / 071 686 0377

Department of Sports and Recreation to host International Tourism, Sport and Mega events summit (Until 26 February)

The summit will be held under the auspices of the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), the United Nations (UN) body tasked with overseeing tourism and travel internationally. Local partners include South African Tourism, Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) and the Department of Tourism. The summit will be preceded by a colloquium to discuss the sustainability of mega-events that is the ability of an event to have a positive effect long after it has taken place.

Venue: Johannesburg
 Contact: Manase Makwela 012 304-5017 / manase@srsa.gov.za

Parliament to hold provincial public hearings on service delivery

Parliament's ad hoc committee on coordinated oversight on service delivery will kick-start its week-long provincial public hearings that are aimed at finding out more about progress on service delivery.

Time: 16:00
 Venue: eMkhondo Local Municipality (Piet Retief Town Hall)
 Contact: Modise Kabeli 021 403 3403 / 082 077 4682

North West Premier Maureen Modiselle hosts Pre-State of the Province Address media briefing session

Time: 18:00
 Venue: Apollo Guest House, Riviera Park, Mafikeng
 Contact: Vuyisile Ngesi 078 801 3110 / yngesi@nwpg.gov.za
 Roberta Makhambeni 018 392 7158 / roberta@nwpl.org.za

The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development to roll out the Access to Justice and Constitutional Rights Programme

The aim of this programme is to avail funds to the civil society organizations whose core mandate is to tackle human rights issues in respect of access to Justice, awareness raising of rights, participatory democracy. There will be workshops in all nine provinces where the civil society organizations will be advised as to how they can apply for funding and the requirements needed to secure.

Contact: Victor Phala 012 315 1817 / 082 465 2469
vphala@justice.gov.za

Thursday 25, February 2010

Government Spokesperson Themba Maseko to brief media on Post-Cabinet Briefing

The Spokesperson will brief the media on cabinet meeting held on 24 February 2010

Time: 09:00
 Venue: Imbizo Media Centre, Cape Town Room
 Video-Link: Room 153, Union Buildings, Pretoria
 Contact: Pheliswa Sebati 082 413 4609 / Liezil Cerf 076 778 2380

International Relations and Cooperation Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane to undertake a visit to China (Until 26 Feb)

Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane will pay an official visit to the People's Republic of China (PRC) to hold discussions with her counterpart, Mr Yang Jiechi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China. The visit takes place within the context of the strategic partnership dialogue between the Republic of South Africa and the People's Republic of China which was launched on 7 January 2008 as yet another vehicle to consolidate the bilateral relations between the two countries.

Venue: China
 Contact: Saul Kgomotso Molobi 082 940 1647

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation to hold press conference following a seminar on basic rights of children

The department and The Hague Conference on Private International Law based in the Netherlands hosted a seminar discussing steps to provide an inter-state framework for protecting the basic rights of children enshrined in the United Nations Convention of 20 November 1989 on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter of 1990 on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

Time: 14:00
 Venue: Media Centre, DIRCO offices, O.R Tambo Building
 460 Soutpansberg Road, Rietondale
 Contact: Nthabiseng Ramatshela on 082 675 0893

The Department of Communication to host an Information Society and Development (ISAD) multi-stakeholder meeting (Until 26 Feb)

This meeting will, among others, serve to launch the ISAD Multi-Stakeholder Forum, which is going to be an annual, vibrant gathering of various ICT stakeholders. The Forum will be a platform for participants to discourse on strategies for ICT development and its challenges, as well as to determine the terms for reference for the Forum.

Venue: Gallagher Estate
 Contact: Tiyane Rikhotso 082 335 8982

North West Premier Maureen Modiselle to deliver State of the Province Address

The Premier will deliver the State of the Province Address during the opening of the North West Provincial Legislature

Time: 09:00
 Contact: Vuyisile Ngesi 078 801 3110 / vngesi@nwpg.gov.za
 Roberta Makhambeni 018 392 7158 / roberta@nwpl.org.za

Limpopo Treasury MEC Sa'ad Cachalia to deliver provincial budget speech for 2010/11

The speech will be broadcasted live on all provincially based radio stations. The MEC will be joined by the Premier, the Speaker of the Legislature, Members of the Executive Council (MECs), Members of the Legislature, Mayors, Chief Finance Officers (CFOs) and other guests.

Time: 09:00
 Venue: Provincial Legislature (Outside Lebowakgomo)
 Contact: Tiny Shipalana 015 298 7186/7/8
 Zanele Mathabela 082 809 5173 /
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