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**Thursday 08 July 2010**

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**President Jacob Zuma hosts Brazilian President Lula Da Silva (Until 11 July)**

South Africa strongly believes that President Lula's visit to our country will, among others, give political impetus to the advancement and consolidation of our bilateral relations; built on the successes of President Zuma's visit to Brazil last October, especially on the importance of the joint commission and a more determined focus on the various aspects of our bilateral programmes. The two Presidents will also discuss and review issues related to bilateral cooperation, following the report of the fourth meeting of the joint commission held at senior officials' level on 5 to 6 May 2010, as well as the elevation of South Africa - Brazil relations to a strategic level.

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**International relations DG Ayanda Ntsaluba briefs media on the 2010 Fifa World Cup closing ceremony and other matters**

Time: 10:30  
Venue: 460 Soutpansberg Road, Rietondale  
Contact: Curtis Singo 072-625-7060

**The Minister for Women, Children and Persons with Disabilities Noluthando Mayende-Sibiya, to announce a project to assist vulnerable children**

The department together with the Embassy of Italy and Save the Children will today publicly announce a project to assist vulnerable children on the move in Musina on the border between South Africa and Zimbabwe. Sponsored by the people of Italy, the project aims to ensure that systems are in place to assist unaccompanied migrants and other vulnerable children to protect them from exploitation, abuse, violence and discrimination. Italian Ambassador Elio Menzione and Save the Children Regional Manager Elizabeth Hughes will attend.

Time: 11:00 to 12:00  
Venue: Room 153, Media Centre, Union Buildings, Pretoria  
Contact: Sibani Mngadi 082 772 0161 / Karen Allan 012 430 7775

**Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) on xenophobia to brief media on a programme of action to deal with xenophobic threats and violence**

The Inter-Ministerial Committee tasked to deal with xenophobic threats and violence will brief members of the media following a meeting to discuss an integrated programme of action by government and civil society to avert or deal with xenophobic threats and violence. The IMC is

convened by the Minister of Police and includes the Ministers of Home Affairs, Social Development, State Security, Basic Education, Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Arts and Culture as well as International Relations and Cooperation.

Time: 12:00  
 Venue: 460 Soutpansberg Road, Rietondale, Pretoria  
 Contact: Zweli Mnisi 082 045 4024

**Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs Buyelwa Sonjica to sign Grasslands Declaration**

The Minister will sign the Grasslands Declaration to commit government to the conservation of grasslands biodiversity. It is envisaged that the declaration will also be signed by provincial MECs for environment. The declaration is an effort to collaborate in good faith to pursue biodiversity targets and objectives in securing and sustaining the ecosystem services of the grasslands biome.

Time: 13:00  
 Venue: Birchwood Hotel, No 14 Viewpoint Road  
 Bartlett, Boksburg, Gauteng  
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**North West MEC for Health and Social Development Rebecca Kasienyane to launch Gladina Brick Making Project**

The brick making project received funding of over R1.3 million as part of department's mandate to contribute towards creating job opportunities and expanding skill base opportunities for young people in an effort to ensure self reliant communities. The project was started by ten young people after realizing a need for poverty alleviation through income generating activities within the area. The aim of the project is to reduce the high rate of unemployment and poverty especially amongst young people by providing them with job opportunities which will revive the economy of their area (Gladina).

Time: 09:00  
 Venue: Gladina Brick Making and Construction Cooperative Site  
 Near Schweizer-Reneke  
 Enquiries: Tebogo Lekgethwane 0829299958

**North West Department of Local Government and Traditional Affairs to conduct a two day workshop for traditional leaders (Until 09 July)**

The national Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in partnership with the North West will conduct a two day workshop for traditional leaders on various legislation that impact on the institution of traditional leadership.

Time: 09:00  
 Venue: Mmabatho Palms Resort  
 Enquiries: Ditshaba Makhate 082 359 6979

If you would like to submit notices of any activities appropriate for this calendar, contact:

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