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Thursday 15 July – Friday 16 July 2010

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Thursday 15, July 2010

Minister of International Relations and Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane concludes working visit in Moscow, Russia

The Minister will interact with her counterpart, Minister Sergey Lavrov and discuss a wide-range of issues that define South Africa-Russia bilateral relations. She will also hold bilateral discussions with the Minister of Natural Resources, Mr Yuri Trutnev, in their shared capacities as Co-Chairs of the Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade and Cooperation (ITEC).

Venue: Moscow, Russia
Contact: Mahlatse Mminele 082-8899-432 / mmineleml@foreign.gov.za

Minister for Social Development Edna Molewa to launch Older Person's Act

The Act seeks to address the gap identified in Aged Person Amendment Act of 1967, to deal effectively with the plight of older persons by establishing a framework aimed at the empowerment and protection of older persons. The Act also aims to tackle the imbalances of the past, shift from institutionalisation to keeping Older Persons in the community as long as possible and regulate all facilities dealing with Older Persons. This launch will also form part of the provincial Mandela Week where sixty seven minutes of service delivery will be observed with a number of community service activities especially focusing on Social Development services.

Time: 09:00
Venue: Tshing Community Hall in Ventersdorp
Enquiries: Tebogo Lekgethwane 082 9299 958

Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa and Police Chief Bheki Cele brief media on Fifa World Cup security matters

Time: 09:00
Venue: Conference Centre, Saps Training Institution
Rebecca Street, Pretoria West
Contact: Vishnu Naidoo 082-567-4153

Mineral Resources Minister Susan Shabangu meets chief executive officers of platinum mining companies

The Minister will meet with officers to discuss mine health and safety issues

Time: 09:45 for 10:00
 Venue: DMR reception desk, Trevenna Campus,
 c/o Meintjies and Schoeman Streets
 Contact: Solomon Phetla 076-765-3863
 Clementine Phalatse 012-444-3242

Minister of Energy Dipuo Peters to switch-on electricity in Nongoma municipality

Minister Peters. will switch-on electricity to about 1 000 houses in Ngolotshe area ward 11 in Nongoma, KwaZulu-Natal as part of the minister's Public Participation programme where she visits communities and gets first hand information on service delivery related issues and address them urgently.

Time: 10:00
 Venue: Ngolotshe sport grounds
 Enquiries: Zodwa Batyashe 082 455 796
Zodwa.batyashe@energy.gov.za
 Ndivhuwo Khangale 082 465 6090
Ndivhuwo.khangale@energy.gov.za

Transport Minister Sbu Ndebele and Eastern Cape Premier Noxolo Kiviet to attend a prayer meeting

During the Festive Season, from 1 to 31 December, 10 road accidents claimed 38 lives in the Ngcobo area. Again from 1 January to date, road accidents have claimed 11 lives in the area. Most if not all involved long distance public transport vehicles that convey our people to and from Gauteng and Western Cape provinces. It is against this background that the provincial government saw it fitting and appropriate to hold a prayer service at Ngcobo.

Time: 10:00
 Venue: Ngcobo stadium
 Contact: Ncedo Kumbaca 082 44 22 388
 Tshepo Machaea 082 822 0404

Deputy Minister of Basic Education Enver Surty to rollout Teacher laptop initiative

The Teacher Laptop Initiative (TLI), managed by the Education Labour Relations Council (ELRC), addresses South Africa's need for a quality education system and forms part of the cohesive plan by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) and other stakeholders in education to improve the overall quality of education by making resources available to learners and teachers in the public education sector.

Time: 12:00
 Venue: Lotus Gardens Primary School, 131 Cyme Crescent, Lotus Gardens, Pretoria West
 Contact: Howard Ndaba 079 503 5485

Public Works Minister Geoff Doidge and Business Unity SA media briefing

Time: 14:00
 Venue: 3 Gwen Lane, Sandton
 Contact: Celine 011-463-9285

Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to host Provincial Youth Championships (Until 16 July)

The competition forms part of the Department's endeavours to promote agriculture amongst youth. The youth show is one of the department's initiatives aimed at instilling the love and active participation by the youth in agricultural activities from the early ages. The department, working with the Department of Education, introduced what is known as 4H clubs at schools where learners are taught and guided to plant vegetables in their school gardens for own consumption. The 4H programme promotes agriculture at schools as a career and a profession and improves the attitude of learners towards agriculture.

Time: 08:30
 Venue: Tsolo Agricultural and Rural Development Institute, Tsolo
 Enquiries: Thoziso Manyisana 073 263 3754
 Yvonne Matsheketwa 076 868 7257

KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC Sibongiseni Dhlomo to launch plans to restore Addington Children's Hospital

The last fortress of apartheid health, the old Addington Children's Hospital on Durban's beachfront will give life to a new KwaZulu-Natal Children's Hospital. There will be a laying of hands by partners to cement the new vision for the KwaZulu-Natal Children's Hospital. This landmark project will be launched by the on behalf of the KwaZulu-Natal government today.

Time: 09:00 to 11:00
 Venue: Old Addington Children's Hospital next to Addington Hospital
 Contact: Chris Maxon 083 285 0567

Limpopo Department of Agriculture Young Aspirant Farmer of the Year 2010

The department in commemoration of the Youth Month, will hold its annual awards in recognition of those youth who excel in Agriculture. MEC Dipuo Letsatsi Duba will host more than 300 youth over two days discussing ways and means of involving them in agriculture.

Time: 18:00
 Venue: Oasis Lodge in Polokwane
 RSVPs: Samson Mabunda 082 889 3791
 Enquiries: Kenny Mathivha 082 450 1331

Friday 16, July 2010

South Africa to brief media after hosting the Southern Africa Customs Union (SACU) Heads of State and Government (HoSG) summit

The Summit is a result of a decision taken at the HoSG meeting on 22 April 2010 in Windhoek, Namibia during the SACU Centenary Commemoration, for an urgent need for an engagement by Heads of State and Government on challenges facing the Customs Union. The aim of the Summit is to deliberate on the future strategic direction of SACU in the light of the challenges facing the organization and recent global and regional integration developments, with a view to repositioning SACU as a vehicle for deeper economic integration amongst Member States and in the Southern African region.

Time: 15:00
 Venue: Presidential Guesthouse, Pretoria
 RSVPs: Kgothatso Chuene KChuene@thedti.gov.za
 Enquiries: Sidwell Moloantoa Medupe 073 522 6801 /
MSMedupe@thedti.gov.za
 Willem Nekwiyu (SACU Secretariat) +264 81 129 6065
sacu@info.int/willem.nekwiyu@sacu.int

Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor to hand over mobile laboratories to schools

The visit to the area was prompted by a local community organisation, Zibambeleni, which requested the minister to donate laboratories to the local schools. Donated by Sasol, each mobile laboratory, or cart, is fitted with high-quality educational software for teaching theory, a USB camera, and a projector. Teachers will be able to perform low-cost science experiments and demonstrations while projecting live images, captured by the USB camera, onto a wall in the classroom creating an interactive learning environment.

Time: 13:00
 Venue: Mount Ernestina Combined School
 RSVPs: Veronica Mohapeloa 012 843 6788 / 082 882 3818
veronica.mohapeloa@dst.gov.za
 Enquiries: Lunga Ngqengelele 082 566 0446
Lunga.ngqengelele@dst.gov.za

Eastern Cape Department of Transport MEC Ghishma Barry celebrates Nelson Mandela Day with Mdantsane Children Home

As part of her contribution to the Nelson Mandela Day build-up programme; the MEC will volunteer for 67 minutes putting new tiles at the children's home.

Time: 12:00
 Venue: Masizakhe Children's Home in Mdantsane
 Contact: Ncedo Kumbaca 082 44 22 388

Free State MEC for Health Es Mabe to launch the Xhariep District HIV counselling and testing centre

The purpose of this is to ensure that all South Africans take full responsibility for their health for a healthy society and nation and will be launched under the Theme: "I am responsible, we are responsible, the Free State is taking responsibility"

Time: 09:30 to 13:00
 Venue: Poding Tse Rolo, Philippolis, Xhariep District
 Enquiries: Jabu Mbalula 051 408 1824 / 082 461 3112

Eastern Cape Premier Noxolo Kiviet to handover a newly established science and technology laboratory

The Premier and the Amalgamated Banks of South Africa (ABSA) representatives will visit Ngangolwandle High School in Mqanduli to handover a newly established science and technology laboratory at the school as part of the Nelson Mandela week activities in the province

Time: 10:00
 Venue: Ngangolwandle High School
 Contact: Mzukisi Ndara 082 4406 995 / Tobile Gowa 083 3244 269

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

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