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**Monday 28 March – Thursday 31 March 2011**

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**Monday 28, March 2011**

**Deputy, Kgalema Motlanthe pay a working visit to the United States of America (Until 31 March)**

The visit will cover three states, namely, New York, Washington and Chicago. The deputy president's visit to the USA will be within the context of strengthening bilateral, political and economic relations with the United States in support of South Africa's domestic priorities and foreign policy objectives. The two countries enjoy close bilateral relations marked by a significant increase in regular high level interactions that have taken place between President Zuma and President Obama, Deputy President Motlanthe and Vice President Biden, as well as the two Foreign Ministers who met on 14 December 2010 for the inaugural Strategic Dialogue which took place in Washington DC.

Venue: United States of America  
Enquiries: Clayson Monyela 082 884 5974

**The Government Communication Information System (GCIS) to Government Communicators' Forum (Until 29 March)**

The GCF takes place quarterly and is attended by communicators from the three spheres of government. The March GCF marks the beginning of the financial year and sets the tone and agenda for government communications in a particular year. This year the meeting will focus on the pronouncements made by President Zuma in the 2011 State of the Nation Address with particular emphasis on job creation. Mr Alastair Campbell, best known as the former British Prime Minister Tony Blair's spokesperson, will be the guest speaker at the gala dinner.

Time: 18:00 for 18:30  
Venue: Gallagher Estate, Midrand, Gauteng  
RSVPs: Bongiwé Gambu 082 714 9463 / [bongiwe@gcis.gov.za](mailto:bongiwe@gcis.gov.za)  
Enquiries: Neo Momodu 079 462 5081

**Department of Social Development Minister Bathabile Dlamini to launch Charter on the Rights of Older Persons**

As part of government's programme to commemorate the Human Rights Month, the Department of Social Development in partnership with the South African Older Persons Forum will launch the South African Charter on the Rights of Older Persons. The South African Charter on the Rights of Older Persons seeks to ensure that older persons live in an environment which upheld the United Nations Principles for Older Persons based on independence, participation, care, self-

fulfilment and dignity. Minister Dlamini will deliver key note address.

Time: 10:00  
 Venue: Freedom Park-Tshwane  
 RSVPs: Jaconia Kobue 073 026 1111  
 Enquiries: Thapelo Sakoana 078 453 6750  
 Abram Phahlamohlaka: 0829286590

### **Home Affairs Deputy Minister Fatima Chohan to interact with youth in Roodepoort community**

Deputy Minister Chohan will address the youth on "The importance of acquiring an ID and the role of Film and Publications Board: its importance to the community." This outreach programme comes within the context of the National Population Register Campaign which was launched a year ago in the Eastern Cape by President Jacob Zuma and Minister Dlamini Zuma. One of the objectives of the campaign is to encourage young people, particularly those who have turned 16 years of age, to apply for IDs to enable them to access services provided by government. Since IDs cannot be issued without birth certificates, participants in the event will also be advised on the processes to be followed that would enable them to acquire these enabling documents

Time: 11:00  
 Venue: Davidsonville Community Hall in Roodepoort, Gauteng.  
 Enquiries: Ronnie Mamoepa 082 990 4853

### **Free State Labour inspectors to conduct blitz inspections in farms**

Labour inspectors will conduct blitz inspections in farms to check if employers are not taking advantage of school holidays and employ under-aged children. Teams led by the Deputy Director for Inspections and Enforcement Services, Pule Monnaruri will also visit farms in the Petrusburg district to do follow ups on some farms against whom the department had opened cases of child labour after having found to have employed children last year to harvest potatoes and herd cattle.

Enquiries: Wisane Mavasa 082 806 1351

### **Free State MEC for Health Fezi Ngubentombi and The MEC for Public Works ES Mabe to present budget votes**

Time: 10:00  
 Venue: Phiritona Village, Heilbron  
 RSVPs: Gela Van Heerden 082 381 9483 /  
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### **Tuesday 29, March 2011**

#### **Deputy Minister of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Dina Pule visits Provincial Executive Council**

The aim of the visits is to raise awareness about the mandate of the Department of Performance Monitoring and Evaluation as well as the role of the Deputy Minister within the department.

Time: 14:00  
 Venue: Premier's Office, Johannesburg  
 RSVP: Pheliswa Sebati 082 413 4609  
 Enquiries: Bongive Gambu 082 714 9463

**Arts and Culture Minister Paul Mashatile to inaugurate the National Arts Council** The National Arts Council is an important funding body of the arts and disburses the funds provided by the Department of Arts and Culture. Minister Mashatile congratulates all the members appointed to this Council. With their expertise and wealth of experience they will continue to promote the arts in this country.

Time: 11:00

Venue: Claudius, Emperor's Palace  
 Contact: Premi Appalraju 082 903 6778

**Free State Health MEC Fezi Ngubentombi launches of governance structures**

The purpose of the sessions is to re-launch/re-establish the governance structures of the Free State public hospitals (hospital boards) and clinics (clinic committees) for the effective operation of these facilities and institutions.

Time: 09:30 for 10:00  
 Venue: Boitumelo Hall, Boitumelo Regional Hospital, Kroonstad  
 RSVPs: Gela Van Heerden 082 381 9483 [vheerdenep@fshealth.gov.za](mailto:vheerdenep@fshealth.gov.za)  
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Time: 09:30 for 10:00  
 Venue: Trompsburg Municipality Hall, Municipal offices, Trompsburg  
 RSVPs: Gela Van Heerden 082 381 9483 /  
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