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DSACR TO HOST BUA NDODA – FATHER AND SON DIALOGUE

The high prevalence of abuse perpetrated by men against women and children in our society has propelled the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) to initiate a dialogue that will serve as a platform for men of all ages, across generations, to frankly discuss challenges that they face and critically address the scourge of abuse that continuously rears itself within our communities. In this regard, DSACR will host **“Bua Ndoda – Father and Son Dialogue”** with a view of providing men with a platform to speak out against societal ills and pledge themselves to be the first line of defense in protecting the women and children of our country.

The **“Bua Ndoda – Father and Son Dialogue”** will be hosted as follows:

DATE: 23 OCTOBER 2020

TIME: 10:00 AM

VENUE: KROONPARK RESORT, KROONSTAD

Attendance to this event will be strictly by invitation but the Department will broadcast the proceedings on its social media platforms. COVID-19 measures such as wearing of masks; social distancing; sanitizing etc. will be enforced. Speakers for this event will include the Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Me. Limakatso Mahasa and Moqhaka Local Municipality Mayor Mr. Mpho Chakane.

Commenting about this initiative, MEC Mahasa said, “Through this programme we are actively joining the struggle to end abuse and raise men and boys of integrity in our country. Women and children abuse is primarily a men’s problem hence it is men who perpetrate this crime. Men in our country

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are obliged to stand up and call out their peers who abuse our women and children. They therefore must not turn a blind eye but must act whenever a crime against a woman or child is committed. Let us, as families, make sure that we raise boys to respect women, to respect themselves, to value life and human dignity”.

End.

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