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## DISABILITY FESTIVAL TO BE HOSTED ONLINE

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) in partnership with Free State Performing Arts and Transport for People with Disabilities will stage the 2020 Disability Arts Festival which is organized to celebrate people with disabilities by creating a platform for them to showcase their talents. The Disability Arts Festival will be staged under the theme: **#PutYourselfInMyShoes**. This festival will serve as a platform to celebrate people with disabilities and will also be used to raise awareness about the protection of rights of persons with disabilities. It will also coincide with Disability Month and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities that is observed on 3 December around the world.

Due to the advent of COVID-19 global health pandemic, this year's edition of the festival will be streamed live on Departmental social media platforms. It is also an opportunity to reflect on progress we have made in addressing the challenges faced by persons with disabilities as we commemorate 26 years of democracy. Government is encouraged that we have made significant progress in realizing the political and socio-economic rights of persons with disabilities as entrenched in the Bill of Rights as well as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The event is scheduled as follows:

### Workshop

**DATE:** 10 December 2020

**VENUE:** President Hotel, BFN

**TIME:** 12:00 (Mid-day)

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## **International Disability Day Celebration and Awards**

**DATE:** 11 December 2020

**VENUE:** President Hotel, BFN

**TIME:** 18:00

Commenting about this Disability Arts Festival MEC Limakatso Mahasa stated that, "During this month we reflect on the challenges faced by persons with disabilities, as well as their achievements and goals. We reflect on what inclusion can do for society, as well as what persons with disabilities have accomplished for themselves. We want to strengthen partnership between government, business and civil society towards addressing the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and releasing their human potential. We need to educate South Africans that persons with disabilities are competent and skilled contributors to the growth and development of our country."

**Your media house is invited to cover this event.**

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