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MEC MAHASA'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME

The Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Mrs. Limakatso Mahasa will lead a Community Outreach Programme from **10 December 2020 until 13 December 2020**. This Programme will include; Theatre and Dance; Mass Aerobics and Recreational Games; Handover of Sport Equipment and Attire; Boxing; Gospel Festival and many other activities.

This Outreach Programme has its genesis from the 2019 Summit that the Free State Premier, MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation as well as the senior management team of the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) presented at the Bloemfontein Civic Theatre to address various burning issues of Free State artists. The proposal at the summit was that DSACR should present a Film workshop with all Free State role players in film, TV and video industry, including the National Film and Video Foundation (NFVF) to discuss the establishment of a Free State Film and Television industry and subsequently the establishment of a Free State Film Commission.

The Outreach Programme will take place as follows:

1. **Outreach Programme** (10 December 2020, Thabong Indoor Sport Centre, Welkom at 09h00)
2. **Theatre and Dance** (10 December 2020, Kroonstad Civic Theatre at 10h00)
3. **Outreach Programme** (11 December 2020, Seisoville Stadium, Kroonstad at 08h00)
4. **Handover of Sport Equipment and Attire** (11 December 2020, Phomolong Public School, Kroonstad at 11h00)

- 5. Boxing Bio Bubble** (12 December 2020, Kroonstad Civic Theatre at 18h00)
- 6. Clap and Tap Festival** (13 December 2020, Kroonstad Civic Theatre, at 09h00)
- 7. Gospel Festival** (13 December 2020, Kroonstad Civic Theatre at 13h00)

Commenting about this programme, the Free State MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Mrs. Limakatso Mahasa stated that, “Through this outreach programme we aim to unearth the creative potential of all Free State people, particularly the youth. It is our mission to champion social transformation using the arts to unite our communities and save our young people from being lured into drugs, alcohol and crime. Each township should ideally have a creative centre where young people can hone their creative talents and be supported to sustain their livelihoods through their various crafts. Arts and culture activities are not just an expression of our heritage as a people but they are also locomotives that can be used to enter the mainstream economy.”

The MEC went further to emphasize the important role that sport and recreation play in nation building, “When building an active nation through sport, it is clear that no country can expect to achieve and sustain success at the elite level without a strong participation base in the community because that is where every champion has their beginning. We continue to provide opportunities to communities and learners through the sport continuum approach starting from a mass participation level, developmental level and ultimately an elite level. DSACR continues to be committed to implement programmes that create an enabling environment to develop an active and a winning nation,” Concluded MEC Mahasa.

Your media house is invited to attend this event.

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