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Media Advisory: Matatiele Youth Empowerment Indaba set to benefit young people – Deputy Minister Manamela to officiate the launch of Youth Office

Matatiele local municipality will from the 28th – 29th of July 2017, hold Youth Empowerment Indaba at the Matatiele Town Hall. Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Mr Buti Manamela is expected to deliver the key note address and further officiate the launch of Youth Office that will work in partnership with the National Youth Development Agency.

The Municipality views young people as one of its valuable partners in building a sustainable society. The schedule Youth Indaba aims to provide a platform for young people to organise, network, learn and share their ideas and concerns. More importantly, the Indaba will give directive to the relevant stakeholders and government in particular, with regards to the development of young people.

As a build-up to the Indaba, the Municipality has established Youth Forums at ward level. Young people in Matatiele makes up a total of more than 70% of the total population in Matatiele. Out of that percentage, 47% is unemployed.

Representatives from these fora will form part of delegation to the Indaba and also help the Municipality improve its communication with young people. The expectation is for such platforms to be utilised by young people to discuss their challenges and create awareness about available opportunities for youth.

Out of the Youth indaba, the Municipality will have a youth empowerment strategy that will be a guiding tool for youth development in Matatiele.

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Members of the media are cordially invited to cover the Indaba scheduled as indicated hereunder:

Date : 28 – 29 July 2017
Time : 10h00
Venue : Matatiele Town Hall

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