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### LIMPOPO CELEBRATES FREEDOM DAY

Limpopo Province will join the rest of the country in celebrating 19th Freedom Day Celebration 2013, under the theme **"Mobilising society towards consolidating our Democracy and Freedom"**. Freedom Day marks the liberation of the country and its people from a long period of colonialism and white minority domination. When South Africa was liberated in 1994, both the oppressor and oppressed were liberated. Freedom day is a memorable event throughout South Africa and each year the National Celebration forms the basis for conveying the message of unity in diversity for all.

Limpopo will host the Freedom Day Celebration as follows:

**Date : 27 April 2013**

**Time : 09:00**

**Venue : Ga-Kobe Village, Blouberg Municipality, Capricorn District**

27 April commemorates the day in 1994 when the first democratic election was held in South Africa. Today, South Africa celebrates Freedom Day to mark the liberation of the country and its people from a long period of colonialism and White minority domination (apartheid). Apartheid 'officially' began in South Africa in 1948, but colonialism and oppression of the African majority had plagued South Africa since 1652. After decades of resistance, a stalemate between the Liberation Movement and the Apartheid government was reached in 1988. It is important to note however, that "freedom" should mean emancipation from poverty, unemployment, racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination.

Freedom Day therefore serves as a reminder to the nation that the guarantee of our freedom requires us to remain permanently vigilant against corruption and the erosion of the values of the Freedom Struggle and to build an active citizenry that will work towards wiping out the legacy of racism, inequality and the promotion of the rights embodied in our constitution.

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