

## DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS & CULTURE

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## LIMPOPO TO HOST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ATHLETES WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in conjunction with the South Africa Sports Association for the Intellectually Impaired (SASA-II) and the International Sport Federation for people with Intellectual Disabilities (INAS-FID) will officially launch the 2010 INAS-FID 5<sup>th</sup> World Football Championships on Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at Meropa Casino and Entertainment World, starting at 17:00.

The launch will be divided into two categories; the official launch of the championships and the draw of the participating countries. Limpopo will see the participation of 16 countries, 8 teams from Europe, 2 teams from Africa, America, Middle East and Asia respectively.

The 5<sup>th</sup> World Championships are to be hosted by the Limpopo government from 21 August to 21 September 2010, two months after the completion of the FIFA World Cup. Games will be played in the Capricorn and Mopani Districts.

INAS-FID is the international federation for athletes with an intellectual disability. The federation organizes an annual programme of regional and world championship competitions, works closely with international federations for sport and manages the classification of athletes with an intellectual disability. INAS-FID is also a member of the International Paralympic Committee representing Intellectual Disability. Internationally, the federation is divided into five zones or regions, namely the Americas, North Africa/Middle East, Asia/South Pacific, Africa and Europe.

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