

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Limpopo support Hlongwane in the Madiba Boxing bout**

Limpopo MEC for Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms Nakedi Kekana has called on the entire Limpopo community, including the sporting world to rally behind champion Sifiso Hlongwana in a boxing bout commemorating the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Madiba (President Nelson Mandela) as a boxer.

Hlongwana who hails from Malamulele in the Vhembe District, will battle it out for the vacant Junior Welterweight South African title against Asanda Ginqi from the Eastern Cape. The bout is hosted by Xaba Promotions and will take place at Orlando Community Hall on Sunday, 20 August 2023.

MEC Kekana says the sport loving people of Limpopo should rally behind Hlongwane to take the title back home in honour of Madiba. "Together with all boxing promotion houses, the President of Limpopo Sport Confederation Mr. Ally Pole we will rooting for Hlongwane to bring the gold home", said the MEC.

The Provinces of Limpopo, Eastern Cape, and Gauteng are well known for producing boxing champions, and as such, commemorating former and late Statesman, Mandela's boxing prowess, and at the same time pushing for bouts to revive boxing, especially in Limpopo.

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