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DSAC HOSTS 'U LUMA MUKUMBI' TO CELEBRATE MARULA SEASON

Limpopo Premier, Mr. Chupu Stanley Mathanatha, the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Mme Onicca Moloj and KhosiKhulu ya vhavenda who Toni Mphephu Ramabulana will lead the annual official opening of the First Fruit Season 2017, to honour the cultural heritage of the Marula-'**U LUMA MUKUMBI**'. This year's event is combined with Dzata day celebration. The ceremony which is held annually since 2005; is aimed at promoting knowledge and awareness about the African Tradition associated with the golden fruit of Africa-Marula and the importance of preserving our culture and traditions.

Like the previous ceremonies, the department will provide thousands litres of Marula beverage, which will be consumed by the public during the event. The day will be celebrated through diverse cultural dances. The people of Limpopo call Marula the "food of kings and ancestors," and celebrate the "Feast of First Fruits by pouring offerings of fresh juice over the tombs of their late chiefs and family.

This year's event will be held as follows:

Date : **04 February 2017**
Venue : **Dzata Museum, Nzhelele**
: **Makhado Municipality Vhembe District**
Time : **09: 00**

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