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DSAC CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE WOMEN IN WRITING, AS PART OF WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION, MRS. MATHAPOLANE JENNETT MPEPELE

As we continue celebrating Women's month, the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture will honour and celebrate Mrs. Mathapolane Jennett Mpepele, the Sepedi author as part of Women in Writing: **Celebration of Pioneer Women Writers and Ancestral Voices**. This follows the successful hosting of the inaugural celebration of Mrs N.E. Sigogo, in Vhembe District recently.

The Women in Writing Programme is aimed at promoting social cohesion, thus, inculcating the spirit of protecting and preserving invaluable indigenous languages which must be protected alongside the rights and efforts of women. The programme further promotes reading and writing in indigenous languages whilst making communities aware of the great work done by ancestral voices writers of the unique 891 writing done between 1920 and 1950 by African authors. The celebration of a Pioneer Woman Writer - Mrs. Mathapolane Jennett Mpepele's event is scheduled as follows:

Date : **27 August 2024**
Venue : **Mmantutule Secondary School**
Mapela Village
Mogalakwena Local Municipality
Waterberg District
Time : **14:00**

Language is a fundamental right and it necessary to promote indigenous languages for good governance, peace, reconciliation and sustainable development. This Waterberg District event will be followed by the Sekhukhune District event.

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