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LAUNCHING OF FREE STATE COOPERATIVES MOVEMENT

The Free State Provincial Government is embarking on a programme of launching the Free State Cooperative Movement. Cooperatives have been identified as a vehicle for stimulation of economic development; job creation and poverty alleviation.

The Free State Executive Council has agreed to implement the cooperative model in government departments for most of the outsourced services. In order to successfully pursue this initiative, various stakeholders need to be brought on board for purposes of assisting with a sustainable implementation plan.

The cooperatives model also responds directly to the National Skills Development Framework (NSDF III) including the National Development Plan (NDP) through job creation; poverty alleviation and infrastructure development.

The Media is cordially invited to the launch of the Free State Cooperative movement to be held as follows:

Date: 04 June 2013

Time: 09h00

Venue: President Hotel, Union Ave, Bloemfontein

The Skills Development Unit will do a presentation on the cooperatives model approach covering security and catering at Hospitals; Old Age Homes and Juvenile Secure Care Centres as the basis for discussion at this meeting.

Institutions will also be afforded the opportunity to present on the core business of their entity and how it can respond to this initiative in taking the cooperatives forward and ensure their sustainability.

The envisaged presentation may not exceed 15 minutes, however consideration may also be given for extra minutes where time permits. This meeting will have to come up with constructive recommendations which will advance the sustainable implementation plan for cooperatives which will later be tabled at the Executive Council for ratification and subsequent implementation.

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