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SASCOC LAUNCHES A NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE IN MANGAUNG

The South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) in partnership with the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation and Mangaung Municipality is launching a National Training Centre (NTC) in Mangaung on 7 August 2013.

The main purpose of establishing this venture is to assist SASCOC's National Federations (NFs) who are paying exorbitant prices each time they require the services of a training camp at a privately run centre. This move will allow NFs access to training facilities, scientific and medical support services and referrals to specialists while at the camp. The use of the facilities will be at no cost to the NFs.

The SASCOC president, Mr. Gideon Sam says, "According to our mandate, that of team preparation and team delivery, the NTC fulfills that role. The launch of the NTC is a culmination of years of consultation and discussion with stakeholders. We are happy that the Free State government saw it fit to support this initiative, which in all respect is a national endeavour to improve the performances of athletes at international level."

"At SASCOC, we strive to create a conducive environment for sport in South Africa through improving and allowing easy access to our sporting infrastructure. Our aim is that the NTC aids positively to sport and allow athletes to perform at the best of





their abilities,” added the SASCOC CEO, Mr. Tubby Reddy.

The Free State Premier, Honourable Ace Magashule together with his MEC for the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Mr. Dan Kgothule and Executive Mayor of Mangaung, Cllr Thabo Manyoni will be at this launch to confirm and endorse their support in partnering with SASCOC on this initiative.

