

DEPARTMENT OF THE PREMIER

2010 Media Advisories and Statements

**DECEMBER 2010**

**Premier of Free State Ace Magashule handing over house to elderly people in Botshabelo**

**16 December 2010**

Kindly note that Premier of the Free State Provincial Government ES Magashule will be handing over six houses to elderly and one for disabled woman in Botshabelo on Friday, 17 December 2010. Handing over of these houses is an outcome of the Premier's commitment, which he made at the launch of Operation Hlasela earlier this year, during which he pledged to build houses for them.

Details are as follows:

Date: 17 December 2010

Time: 09:00

Venue: H Section

Premier Magashule will later host elderly people to celebrate festive season with them.

Date: 17 December 2010

Time: 11:00

Venue: Free State House

Premier Magashule will also hand over food parcels to needy residents of Luckhoff- a small town in Xhariep District south of Bloemfontein.

Date: 17 December 2010

Venue: Community Hall

Time: 14:00

In respect of the actual locality of houses to be handed over to the elderly, kindly note that,

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**Operation Hlasela launch**

**6 December 2010**

Please note that Premier Ace Magashule will launch the hallmark of the Free State service delivery programme, Operation Hlasela in the following places:

Date: 7 December 2010

Venue: Viljoenskroon

Date: 9 December 2010

Venue: Sasolburg

Date: 14 December 2010  
Venue: Villiers

The attached programme is for tomorrow's event in Viljoenskroon. More information will follow later today.

Operation Hlasela Viljoenskroon

Draft programme

Date: Tuesday, 7 December 2010

Time: 08h00

Activity: Morning briefing with the Executive Mayor, Speaker and the Council

Venue: Rammulotsi Library

Time: 8h30

Activity: Meeting with the BECs

Venue: Rammulotsi Library

Time: 9h00

Activity: Meeting with Artisans; i.e. electricians, plumbers, builders, etc.

Venue: Rammulotsi Library

Activity: Meeting with elderly

Venue: Community Hall

Time: 10h00 to 12h00

Activity: Visits to Projects:

- Oorskiet Farm
- Peanut Factor
- Fishpond
- Demolition of houses
- Walk about in the locality to assess progress of other projects

Time: 11h00

Activity: Imbizo

Venue: Letshabo Stadium (Rammulotsi Stadium)

Time: 12h00

Activity: Lunch

Time: 13h30

Activity: Depart for Parys

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## **Viljoenskroon, Sasolburg and Villiers to benefit from Operation Hlasela programme**

### **6 December 2010**

Viljoenskroon is a small town in the Moqhaka local municipality with high unemployment rate. Most of the residents were employed in the farms and factories but business in these areas has since scaled down. The 45ha Oorskiet farm in Viljoenskroon accommodates 47 families who do not have any source of income since the owner left the country 10 years ago. These families live in dilapidated two-roomed houses.

When he launches Operation Hlasela in Viljoenskroon tomorrow, Premier Ace Magashule and his Members of the Executive Council will demolish some of those rundown houses and make an announcement on the building of decent houses for those families.

The Free State Provincial Government will also establish an agri-village close to that farm with facilities such as crèche to ensure the educational stimulation of the children living on that farm. Over and above this, with the township revitalisation strategy, the 78 two-roomed houses in Viljoenskroon will be demolished from January 2011 to make way for new bigger and better RDP houses, unique to the Free State province.

Currently a contractor is on site to fix the open toilets which the community complained about. To date more than 100 toilets have been completed. Premier will also visit the peanut factory which used to produce fish oil and peanut butter. The idea is to make an assessment of the potential of the factory and the challenges that led to its current state. Subsequent to unlocking the challenges, the provincial government will seek investors and identify markets for the products of the factory.

Other projects to be visited include the roads construction, the clinic, the fishpond, etc.

The media is invited to cover this event as follows:

Place: Viljoenskroon

Date: Tuesday, 7 December 2010

Time: 08h00

Venue: (Rammulotsi Library)

Meanwhile, Operation Hlasela will also be rolled out in the following places (more information will be provided in due course):

Place: Sasolburg

Date: 9 December 2010

Time: 08h00

Venue: Metsimaholo Municipality

Place: Villiers

Date: 14 December 2010

Time: To be confirmed

Venue: To be confirmed

For media enquiries and interviews:

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William Bulwane

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## **NOVEMBER 2010**

### **Twenty-four government employees graduate 24 Government employees graduate**

#### **30 November 2010**

The Free State Training and Development Institute will host a graduation ceremony for 24 employees who successfully completed the National Qualification Framework (NQF) 4 Learnership in Business Administration Services. The learnership, offered by the Service SETA through KLM Empowerment was targeted at clerks in governments that are between level 2 and 8 in terms of governments' salary levels. The learnership has 140 credits.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend the events to witness service delivery in action. Details of the events are as follows:

Date: 1 December 2010  
Time: 09:00  
Venue: Louis Botha Hall, Lebohang Building  
More detailed information will follow.

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## **OCTOBER 2010**

### **Media briefing on Free State Government readiness to deliver 2011/12 learning support materials to schools**

#### **19 October 2010**

The Free State Department of Education will begin the delivery of Learning and Teaching Support Material (LTSM) valued at R38-million to the district warehouses and schools on Wednesday, 20 October 2010.

The material, which will be officially handed-over to the Department of Education by project managers LTSM Supply Chain Solutions (Pty) will be inspected by principals of schools before signing-off their orders, ready to be packed and loaded onto the delivery trucks for dispatch.

The Free State Premier ES Magashule will deliver a keynote statement at the media briefing which will demonstrate the unprecedented readiness of the Department to deliver these learning materials to schools.

Members of the Executive Council (MECs) of all departments, members of the Provincial Legislature Education Portfolio Committee, trade unions and representatives from School Governing Bodies representatives are expected to attend the media briefing.

The briefing will be followed by the media tour at the provincial warehouse.

The details of the event are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 20 October 2010  
Time: 09: 00  
Venue: Tempe next to the University of the Free State (UOFS)

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## **Minister A Motshekga and Premier E S Magashule to attend grade 12 prayer service**

**14 October 2010**

Basic Education Minister, Angie Motshekga, Free State Premier Ace Magashule and the Executive Council will on Sunday, 17 October 2010 attend a prayer service for 2010 Grade 12 learners at St John Methodist Church in Bloemfontein, Batho Location.

In support of the class of 2010, the prayer service seeks to motivate and encourage learners to do their best and obtain excellent results in their final year examinations.

The Free State Premier Ace Magashule, Members of the Executive Council (MECs) of all departments, Members of the Provincial Legislature, (MPLs) trade unions, Congress of South African Students (COSAS), South African Students Congress (SASCO) and school governing bodies representatives are expected to attend the event.

About 2 500 learners will be ferried from five districts of the province to attend the prayer service.

The Free State Department of Education calls on all education stakeholders to support the class of 2010.

The media is invited to attend.

The details of the event are as follows:

Date: Sunday, 17 October 2010

Time: 09h00

Venue: St John Methodist Church (Batho Location)

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## **The Free State Provincial Government to host skills development workshop**

**13 October 2010**

The Free State Provincial Government (FSPG) will be hosting a media briefing on the skills and development workshop taking place today. Your media organisation is invited.

Details of the media briefing are as follows:  
Date: 14 October 2010  
Venue: President Hotel, 1 Union Avenue, Bloemfontein  
Time: 13h00

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## **Media statement on Executive Committee (EXCO) meeting**

**8 October 2010**

The Executive Council of the Free State provincial government held its regular bi-weekly meeting on 6 October 2010, in Bloemfontein.

### **Local government**

The Executive Council received a progress report on the intervention in terms of section 139 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa in three municipalities, namely the: (i) Thabo Mofutshanyana district municipality, (ii) Masilonyana local municipality and (iii) Nala local municipality.

Based on the progress made thus far, the Executive Council decided to discontinue intervention at Thabo Mofutsanyana district municipality. Intervention will, however, continue at the Masilonyana local municipality and Nala local municipality. The Executive Council also agreed to continue to support the two municipalities still under administration.

### **Partnership programme with the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA)**

The Executive Council received a progress report on the partnership programme between the Free State provincial government and the DBSA on the development of bulk municipal infrastructure in the Free State.

The collaboration with DBSA was born out of an initiative by Premier Magashule to increase the footprint of the DBSA within the province around funding for both economic and social infrastructure. The partnership will focus on improving the performance of municipalities on water and sanitation projects, given the acute challenges experienced by municipalities in this regard. The overall objective of the Water and Sanitation programme is to reduce service delivery backlogs and to unlock the economic potential of municipalities.

The DBSA will provide a total debt facility with individual beneficiary municipality which will in turn pledge its municipal infrastructure Grant (MIG) allocation over the medium term expenditure framework (MTEF) period for repayment.

As part of the pilot phase, eight municipalities have been identified with a view to roll it out to other municipalities. A further consultative process will be undertaken with the identified local municipalities.

The Executive Council also approved the establishment of the Project Management unit (PMU) under the auspices of the Planning Commission in the Office of the Premier. The PMU will be funded and supported by the DBSA as part of the partnership programme and will be responsible to ensure the overall coordination and management of the partnership programme.

### **Review of the Free State growth and development strategy**

A progress report was also considered in respect of the review of the Free State growth and development strategy. The Free State growth and development strategy addresses strategic social, economic, environmental and spatial imperatives in the province.

The Human Science Research Council (HSRC) has been contracted to lead the review process which will include strategic multi-stakeholders consultation.

A multi-sectoral steering committee will be established that will include representatives of all provincial government departments, identified state-owned enterprises, Statistics South Africa, academic institutions and district municipalities to oversee the review process. The Development Bank of South Africa has also agreed to offer both technical and financial support to the review process.

### **Education**

The Executive Council took note of progress being made with the preparations for the imminent end of year grade 12 examinations as well as challenges faced by educators and learners emanating from the recent public service strike.

The Premier and Members of the Executive Council will be undertaking motivational visits to 56 public schools in the Free State from 11 to 15 October 2010. During the visits, matric tips booklets will also be distributed to help learners with their preparations for the examinations. The Executive Council calls on all stakeholders to rally behind the class of 2010. The full programme of the Executive Council visits to schools will be distributed to all stakeholders in due course.

### **Bursaries**

During the current financial year, the Free State provincial government awarded more than 2 500 bursaries to deserving students at a total cost of R126 million. The Premier, Members of the Executive Council, heads of departments and other members of senior management of the provincial government undertook a new initiative this year by visiting bursary holders at tertiary institutions across the country.

A consolidated report on these visits, as well as the overall academic progress of bursary holders, was received by the Executive Council. The report was referred to the Governance and Human Settlement Cluster for further processing and advice to the Executive Council.

### **Skills development**

A Provincial Skills Development Seminar will take place on 14 October 2010. The respective Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs) will outline their commitment in respect of provincial skills development programmes during this seminar.

### **Finance**

The Executive Council also received reports on the status of expenditure of conditional grants for the first five months of the current financial year as well as the financial status of the municipal infrastructure grant as at 31 August 2010.

This is part of the Executive Council's commitment to the continuous monitoring of the utilisation of conditional grants and MIG-funding to ensure that the provincial and local government spheres derive maximum benefit from the utilisation of these sources of funding.

The Executive Council also confirmed that the provincial Budget Lekgotla will take place from 5 to 6 November 2010. The Executive Council also noted the following announcements:

The appointment of Ms Elzabe Rockman, formerly Head of Monitoring and Evaluation in the Department of the Premier, as Director General of the Free State Provincial Government; the former Director-General Dr Muzamani Nwaila has taken up a new post as Director General of the national Department of Traditional Affairs.

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**Top politicians visits schools to motivate grade 12 learners 'Support the class of 2010'**

**8 October 2010**

Members of the Executive Council (EXCO), Members of the Legislature, and political leaders in municipalities led by Premier Ace Magashule will embark on a four day campaign visiting 51 high schools in the province to lift the morale of learners in support of class of 2010 on 12 to 15 October 2010.

This drive follows the three weeks crippling teachers strike the Congress of South African Students (COSAS) preliminary examinations disruptions which adversely affected the process of learning and teaching in the third quarter of the year.

The main objective of these visits to schools is to solicit support from parents, community members and faith based organisation and other stakeholders to support the class of 2010.

The Free State Department of Education target for this year is 80 percent pass rate. About 29 000 learners will be writing final year examinations on 25 October 2010.

The media is invited to attend.

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**Programme**

**Xhariep, 12 October 2010**

TOWN	SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	SCHOOL CONTACT	PERSON DEPLOYED	DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIAL TO ACCOMPANY POLITICAL PRINCIPAL
EDENBURG	Albertina Sisulu S/S	Mr K.S. Lehare	051 743 1859	Bongi Makae	H. L Kgomongwe
REDDERSBURG	BEANG TSE MOLEMO S/S	MOKGOTHU	051 553 0676	X T Matwa/	MHL Gronje
PETRUSBURG	IPETLENG S/S	NTAMO	053 574 0266	Mphatshehla	P Raubenheimer
ZASTRON	LERE LA THUTO S/S	MAC KAY	051 673 1510	Julia Sehanka	P W Terblanche
FAURESMITH	OLIEN S/S	MOHAJANE	051 7230123	Amaan Moeketsi	D Tsipane

KOFFIEFONTEIN	REIKAELETSE S/S	MKHWANAZI	053 2050577	Seiso Mohai	M. B Monnane
SPRINGFONTEIN	SPRINGFONTEIN S/S	EICHSTEDT	051 7830058	Sisi Ntombela	NHE Motsoeneng
ROUXVILLE	THABO VUYO	RAPULENG	051 663 0143	Mongi Ntwanambi	J S Tladi/ H M Mthombeni

**Lejweleputswa, 13 October 2010**

TOWN	SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	SCHOOL CONTACT	PERSON DEPLOYED	DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIAL TO ACCOMPANY POLITICAL PRINCIPAL
HENNENMAN	BAHALE S/S	RASUNYANE	057 574 5284	Dan Kgothule	H. M Mthombeni
ALLANRIDGE	LA WESI S/S	MOKGOSI	057 451 2588	Tate Makgoe	K Khoarai H Ndaba
THEUNISSEN	CONCORDIA S/S	RAMAHLAHA	057 733 0003	Steve Koalane	K R Abrahams
BOTHAVILLE	DIPHETOHO S/S	MAISHOANE	056 515 6603	M Mogorosi	F R Sello
ODENDAALSRUS	ELDORET S/S	THETHANI	057 398 1691	S Ngangelizwe	S R Leepo
VIRGINIA	HARMONIE S/S	MONNANE	057 217 4558	Lenox Rubulana	C E Radise
SOUTPAN	IKGOMOTSENG S/S			Maria Lekaota	Z Alexander
WESSELSBRON	IPHATELENG S/S	MORAKE	057 899 1038	Phel Parkies	M D Mokgobo
WELKOM	TETO SS	MCHUNU	057 355 1182	Tate Makgoe	K Khoarai H Ndaba
BULTFONTEIN	RAINBOW	KEKEPU	051 853 2859	Mathabo Leeto	M S Mokgobo
BULTFONTEIN	REPHOLOSITSWE S/S	MOTATINYAN E	051 8531784	Mathabo Leeto	M S Mokgobo

**Fezile Dabi 14 October 2010**

TOWN	SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	SCHOOL CONTACT	PERSON DEPLOYED	DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIAL TO ACCOMPANY POLITICAL PRINCIPAL
VREDEFORT	BOIPHILELO S/S	MOHLAHELELI	056 931 0473	Mosebenzi Zwane	M J Maboya

CORNELIA	BONGANE-LEBOHANG S/S	NDLEBE	058 841 0695	Thabo Manyoni	J S Tladi
FRANKFORT	FALESIZWE S/S	MAGAGULA	058 813 3279	L Ntombela	K T Motumi
KROONSTAD	JSM SETILOANE S/S	Mnaba	056 212 8158	M A Mokgosi	M E Dlameni
SASOLBURG	KAHOBOTJHA-SAKUBUSHA S/S	Matshotetsi	016 973 1370	Brutus Mahlako	J Merabe
VILJOENSKROON	KGABARENG S/S	SESING	082 364 4592	Ouma Tsopo	V M Chuta
KOPPIES	KWAKWATSI S/S	RASENYALO	056 777 2777	M Moshodi	L T Mokoena
ORANJEVILLE	METSEMATLE S/S	MARUOA	016 351 1670	Sello Matena	M W Ngogodo
SASOLBURG	CEDAR	MTIMKULU	016 974 9960	Tate Makgoe	M. J Mabote H Ndaba
PARYS	BARNARD MOLOKOANE	MARTINS	056 819 9811	Ouma Tsopo	M B Monnane
PARYS	PHEHELLANG	MOCHELA	056 8198069	J Ramokhoase	Mangoejana

**Thabo Mofutsanyana, 15 October 2010**

TOWN	SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	SCHOOL CONTACT	PERSON DEPLOYED	DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIAL TO ACCOMPANY POLITICAL PRINCIPAL
FICKSBURG	BOITUMELO S/S	MAKHALEM ELE	051 938 0736	Mbothoma Maduna	M C Mgomezulu
PHUTHADITJHABA	DIKWENA S/S	SITOLE	058 789 1509	BE Mzangwa	M J Motsamai
SENEKAL	EE MONESE C/S	LEKOALA	058 481 3479	Mxolisi Dukwana	M. L Letele
MEMEL	ESIZIBENI S/S	LETSEKHA	058 924 1031	T J Motaung	W Dupree
VREDE	EVUNGWINI S/S	MASILO	058 913 2113	Mathokoana Mopeli	W R M Mokuena
WARDEN	IPHONDLE S/S	LETUKA	058 643 0134	Fezi Ngumbentombi	M M Sithole
FOURIESBURG	IPOKELLENG S/S	MOFOKENG	058 223 0534	T H Mofokeng	L M Mofokeng
REITZ	KGOTSO-UXOLO S/S	LIPALI	058 863 2543	M Mamba	M Kauli
HARRISMITH	LERATO UTHANDO CS/S	MAKAPPA	058 622 1851	Peter Maloka	B S Tshabalala
ARLINGTON	LERATSWANA S/S	TSUENE	058 453	Neels van	M I Ramoetsi

			0937	Rooyen	
FICKSBURG	TLOTLISONG	MOKOMA	051 938 1276	Ace Magashule	R S Malope

**Motheo, 12 October 2010**

TOWN	SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	SCHOOL CONTACT	PERSON DEPLOYED	DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIAL TO ACCOMPANY POLITICAL PRINCIPAL
THABA NCHU	ALBERT MOROKA	MOMPATI	051 875 1058	Eva Moliloa	M J Mothebe
BLOEMFONTEIN	ATLEHANG S/S	KALIPA	051 435 8425	Thami Stander	A Mini
BLOEMFONTEIN	COMMTECH CS/S		051 435 4743	Fezi Ngumbentombi	H. L. Kgomongwe
HOBHOUSE	ITOKISETSENG BOKAMOSO S/S	FINGER	051 983 0026	SD Ntsepe	A T Molatole
LADYBRAND	LE RENG S/S	MOKOKO	051 924 2885	Sisi Mabe	M M Sithole
BOTSHABELO	LERATONG S/S	RAMABELE	051 5348150	Jonny Makitle	T Motholo
DEWETSDORP	METSIMAPHODI S/S	DE WET	051 5410364	Ace Magashule	R S Malope
WEPENER	QIBING S/S	MOHAPI	051 5831905	Mamiki Qabathe	M B Monnane
BAINSVLEI	BAINSVLEI C/S	SEHERI	051 451 1881	Playfair Morule	R Sempe
HOBHOUSE	THABA PHATSWA	BOTHA	051 9640086	Rassie Erasmus	M W Jacobs

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## SEPTEMBER 2010

### Operation Hlasela: Kroonstad media invite

#### 14 September 2010

You are invited to the launch of the Marabastad housing project in Kroonstad on Thursday, 16 September 2010. President Jacob Zuma is expected to accompany Premier Ace Magashule to officially hand over some of the completed houses and open the Unicore factory (manufacturer of medical supplies) which has relocated from Johannesburg to Kroonstad. The events of the day will unfold as follows:

16 September 2010

06h00 to 08h00: Morning live broadcast at Marabastad Housing project  
08h00 to 10h00: Media breakfast at Marabastad Housing project

Thereafter visit to projects in Kroonstad

13h00: Mass meeting (President and Premier to address the community) at Seisoville Stadium  
19h00: Gala dinner at Allan Rautenbach Municipality Hall

17 September 2010: Visit to farms in the Viljoenskroon area

18 September 2010: Premier's golf in Parys

More information on this event will follow. However it is important that you send your name, ID no and name of your media house for accreditation purpose no later than Wednesday, 15 September 2010.

Transport will be arranged for the community media to Kroonstad.

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## **AUGUST 2010**

### **Members of the Free State Provincial Government (FSPG) Executive Council visit provincial government bursary holders at Higher Education Institutions throughout the country**

#### **20 August 2010**

Members of the Free State Executive Council, led by Premier Magashule, will be visiting Free State Provincial Government (FSPG) fulltime bursary holders in their respective Higher Education Institutions on Saturday, 21 August 2010.

Focusing on some of the country's key priorities i.e. education, economic development and poverty alleviation, the bursary holders interaction sessions aim to ensure maximum results from the students through maintaining regular contact regarding their progress and challenges while focusing on supporting and motivating them in their endeavours through using the already available support systems from the Higher Education Institutions. The visits also offer platforms for the EXCO to enhance the working relationships between the provincial government and respective Higher Education Institutions.

These bursary holders studying in various career fields, have benefited from the FSPG Operation Hlasela Fund. The fund to date has awarded 3 000 bursaries at a cost of R154 million since its inauguration last year in August. This is the first of its kind in the history of the government that as many students have been provided opportunities to pursue studies of their choice.

Speaking of this initiative and its value chain, the Premier says: "We are faced with major challenges, which would require rapid response from government and social partners such as universities to overcome: High levels of unemployment with a persistent scarcity of certain skills required by the labour market.

- high levels of poverty
- poor service delivery models and rigid bureaucratic machinery
- low levels of productivity."

This hands-on approach is meant provide firsthand experience of the students' challenges, needs and successes, and enable the Executive Council to provide guidance immediately while taking these issues back to the table to shape up future planning for the bursary programme, towards improving its impact.

Institutions to be visited are in the Western Cape, Gauteng, Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal and North West. The EXCO will meet with all the students in each province in one institution.

Members of the media are cordially invited to cover this important event.

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**Members of the Free State provincial government Executive Committee to visit provincial government bursary holders at higher education institutions throughout the entire country**

**18 August 2010**

Members of the Free State Executive Council, led by Premier Magashule, will be visiting Free State provincial government's full time bursary holders in their respective higher education institutions on Saturday, 21 August 2010.

The bursary information sessions aim to ensure maximum results from the students through maintaining regular contact in regard to their progress and challenges while at the same time focuses on supporting and motivating them in the endeavours through using the already available support systems from the higher education institutions.

The visits also offer platforms for the Executive Committee to enhance the working relationships between the provincial government and with the higher education institutions.

These bursary holders, studying in various career fields, have benefited from the Free State provincial government's Operation Hlasela Fund.

The fund to date has awarded more than 2 500 bursaries to learners since the inauguration last year. This is the first of its kind in the history of the government that as many students have been provided opportunities to pursue studies of their choice.

Institutions to be visited are in the Western Cape, Gauteng, Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal and North West. The Executive Committee will meet with all the students in each province in one institution.

The visits are scheduled to commence at 14h00 and they are as follows:

<b>Province</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Members of the EXCO and heads of departments</b>	<b>Media and communications</b>
<b>Western Cape</b>	Cape Peninsula University of Technology: ABSA Auditorium, Keisergracht Street	(a) Premier ES Magashule (b) MEC Dan Kgothule Dr MM Maharaswa (c) HOD TJ Khabule	William Bulwane Cell: 072 592 2221  Thabang Mokoka Cell: 071 660 5401
<b>Gauteng</b>			
Pretoria	University of	(a) Agriculture: MEC Ms MG Qabathe	Jabu Mbalula

	Pretoria: Senate Hall, Admin Building, Cnr Roper & Lynwood Rd, Hatfield	(b) Health: MEC Ms ES Mabe (c) Agriculture: HOD Dr L Moorosi (d) Health: HOD Dr S Kabane	Cell: 082 461 3112
Johannesburg	University of Johannesburg: Conference Room, School of Tourism, Bunting Rd Campus, Auckland Park	(a) Public Works: MEC Ms E Ngubentombi (b) Social Development: MEC Ms SG Ntombela (c) Finance: MEC SJ Mohai (d) Public Works: HOD Ms MME Nthongoa (e) Social Development: HOD MMS Maboe (f) Tourism: MEC Mr MA Dukwana (g) Tourism: HOD Dr MMV Mongake	Mondli Mvambi Cell: 083 265 2612  Gunnat Kaaf Cell: 083 291 6622
Vanderbijlpark	Johannesburg: Conference Room, School of Tourism, Bunting Rd Campus, Auckland Park		Josial Ramokoena Cell: 073 201 5705
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b> Durban University	Durban University of Technology:  Allen Pittenbrigh Building, LC 024, DUT Library Complex, DUT Campus	(a) Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: MEC Mr MJ Zwane  (b) HOD: Mr KF Ralikontsane  HOD: Mr M Mokoena	Tankiso Zola Cell: 082 940 2392
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## **Premier Magashule wraps up the three-day Lekgotla**

**4 August 2010**

The Free State provincial government will wrap up the three-day Lekgotla which was held at Phillip Sanders on 3 to 5 August 2010. At the Lekgotla Free State Premier ES Magashule indicated that the session is a platform for government to assess its performance in a thorough manner to ensure that challenges, weaknesses and blockages are identified and addressed accordingly.

In his opening remarks Magashule reiterated the President's stance that 2010 is a year of action; a year to do things differently. He indicated that thus far, government's performance is satisfactory and they have achieved a lot since they took office.

"However we acknowledge that we are lagging behind in some areas hence this assessment to collectively look at ways and means of delivering quality services to our people", says Magashule. He said as decision makers they have come under one roof to ensure that they steer effective service delivery and cut bureaucracy to achieve the goals attached to the key priority areas.

Magashule further pointed out that government remains committed to intensify massification, upscale campaigns on immunisation of children, HCT, ID campaign, registration of school children, etc.

Premier Magashule will hold a media briefing at the end of the Lekgotla to inform the media of the outcomes.

The media briefing will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 5 August 2010

Time: 13h30

Venue: Phillip Sanders

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## **Extended EXCO Lekgotla photo opportunity and briefing**

**2 August 2010**

Members of the media are invited to a photo opportunity before the start of the extended EXCO Lekgotla taking place at the Phillip Sanders Resort in Bloemfontein.

The photo opportunity will take place as follows:

Date: 3 August 2010

Time: 8h30

Venue: Phillip Sanders Resort

Media to be in position by 08h30 ahead of photo opportunity at 08h45  
Free State Premier E S Magashule will brief media on the conclusion of the extended EXCO Lekgotla on Thursday, 5 August 2010.

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## **JULY 2010**

### **Free State provincial government responds to Eskom power cuts threats to Free State municipalities**

15 July 2010

On 8 July 2010, the Free State provincial government issued a media statement responding to Eskom's threats to cut the power to about 11 Free State municipalities which include Mangaung, the province's biggest municipality covering Bloemfontein.

The Free State provincial government acknowledges that indeed the municipalities owe Eskom and other service providers which include water boards such as Rand Water, Bloem Water etc.

As such, last week, the Executive Council has passed a resolution to deploy the premier and MEC's to these municipalities for political intervention to see that services providers are paid with immediate effect.

Currently, there are negotiations between these water boards and municipalities. The Executive Council is happy to announce that those negotiations are bearing positive results.

As much as the Free State provincial government acknowledges that 30 day payments to its service providers are not implemented as required, we as the provincial government appeal to Eskom as a parastatal to understand the economical and social dimension in those municipalities for non payment of its services and how cutting off its services, this will impact immensely on the poorest of the poor.

The Free State is the second poorest province after the Eastern Cape due to lack of economical activity within those municipalities and due to indigent households increasing as a result of the global recession.

The municipalities are only getting equitable shares on quarterly basis from national government and as it is, municipalities will only receive their equitable share end of July 2010 and end of November 2010 for this financial year.

It is imperative to realise that a lot of the municipalities in which Eskom wants to cut off their power supply in, there is just a depressing level of poverty at its worst and this impacts on poor economical generation within these municipalities.

As much as Eskom wants to cut off the power supply in Ngwathe and Mafube municipalities, we as the Free State provincial government challenge Eskom to look beyond these two poor municipalities, if indeed they are doing justice to the poorest of the poor within the province.

We appeal for Eskom to be considerate and not be driven by profit only. We hope that the interview done today between the Department of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs and the SABC will send a positive message to Eskom.

As a way forward, Premier ES Magashule has arranged a meeting with the chief executive officers and chairperson of the Eskom to further engage positively on this matter.

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## **Mandela Day celebration in Matlwangtlwang, Steynsrus**

**15 July 2010**

The Free State Executive Council, under the banner of Operation Hlasela, will be painting, cleaning and refurbishing schools and clinics, as well providing basics to children in need, as part the celebration of Nelson Mandela Day on Sunday, 18 July 2010.

Premier Ace Magashule will lead the Mandela Day campaign with a visit to the community of Matlwangtlwang, Steynsrus in support of the icon who selflessly contributed to social activism for a period spanning 67 years. Premier Magashule and his delegation will dirty their hands cleaning and painting the JMB Primary School. They will also help clean the house of 98-year old granny, who is turning 99 on 21 July.

Premier Magashule and his delegation of MECs will hand over 30 Bonsmara cattle and four bulls to Land Redistribution for Agricultural Development (LRAD) farmers, two ambulances, a mobile clinic, 11 wheelchairs, food parcels and sewing machines to the community of Steynsrus.

Premier Magashule will also officially open new hall at Matlwangtlwang Secondary School. Speaking ahead of the event, Premier Magashule called on the people of Free State to commit 67 minutes of their time to help change the world around them as part of Mandela Day campaign. Mandela turns 92 on Sunday.

Programme for Mandela Day  
Venue: Matlwangtlwang, Steynsrus  
Date: 18 July 2010  
Time: 10h00: 67 minutes activities

- Cleaning and painting of JMB Morakane Primary School
- Cleaning of old clinic and nurses home
- Cleaning of grounds at Matlwangtlwang library
- Visit and cleaning of older persons houses
- Speed humps and signage
- Playing with all Matlwangtlwang ECDs at Tataisong Crèche
- Completion of RDP houses
- Opening of new hall at Matlwangtlwang Secondary School

Time: 12h00: Mass meetings at the Matlwangtlwang Secondary School

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## **Free State Provincial Government to celebrate Mandela Day in Matlwangtlwang, Steynsrus**

**14 July 2010**

The Free State Provincial Government will be in Matlwangtlwang, Steynsrus to celebrate Mandela Day on Sunday, 18 July 2010 as part of Operation Hlasela.

The Mandela celebration will first kick-off on Saturday with the hosting of the Mandela Lecture and Operation Hlasela Fund dinner in Kroonstad to raise funds towards the ground breaking service delivery programme, Operation Hlasela.

More information to follow.

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## **JUNE 2010**

### **Premier ES Magashule and provincial Exco to attend youth parliament debate as part of the June 16 commemorations**

15 June 2010

Tomorrow, Premier ES Magashule and provincial EXCO will commemorate the 34th anniversary of the June 16 uprisings by taking part in the Youth Parliament debate. More than 1 000 young people from across the province will converge at Vista University to discuss the issue of the around the "nationalisation of mines".

This parliament is one of the many ways that the provincial government aims to afford the youth the opportunity to rejoice all the achievements of the youth agendas since the dawn of a new era and reflect on the challenges youth face currently. Such initiatives by the provincial government enable the youth to continue to participate in the implementation of programmes that are aimed at developing the youth, particularly the National Youth Service

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend this event.

Details of the events are as follows:  
Date: 16 June 2010  
Area: Vista University, Bloemfontein  
Time: 12:00-15:00

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**03 June 2010**

**Premier Magashule and EXCO embark on the drive to galvanise support for the 2010 Soccer world Cup**

Premier Ace Magashule and members of the Executive Council will embark on a weekend-long door-to-door campaign in Mangaung and farming communities across the province. During the campaign, Premier Magashule and EXCO will handover 2010 match tickets, Bafana Bafana t-shirts, winter jackets, blankets, beanies and scarves to poor people who are unable to afford such.

The provincial government will distribute a total of 15 700 match tickets to the poor in the next few days. Mangaung Municipality will distribute a further 40 000 tickets to indigent households. The municipality will announce its distribution plan on Monday. A number of tickets will also be made available for supporters of Bloemfontein Celtics, Free State Stars and children who participated in the 2010 soccer games.

Free State soccer fans are known as one of the most passionate in the country. The campaign by Premier Magashule, and EXCO is part of the provincial countdown to Africa's first World Cup. With less than a week left before the kickoff on June 11, Premier Magashule and members of EXCO want to ensure that the people of Free State are part of the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

The campaign will start on Friday, 4 June 2010, with a march against human trafficking and child abuse in Bloemfontein. Other activities will include road shows, a prayer service as well as music concerts. Similar activities will also be held in Thaba Nchu and Botshabelo on Saturday and Sunday.

The campaign will culminate in the launch of Operation Hlasela in Mangaung on Tuesday.

During Operation Hlasela, Premier Magashule and his executive will visit a number of projects, including a new hotel near the airport, handing over of the airport road link, and opening of new facilities at Pelonomi Hospital.

Premier Magashule and members of EXCO will also visit a number of areas, including Wilgehof, Rocklands, Heidedal, Rocklands, Freedom Square, and Silver City, to assess issues of service delivery.

On the same day, Premier Magashule will sign Service Delivery Agreements with Members of the Executive Council (MECs). The signing ceremony will be open to the public.

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## **The Innovative Society of South Africa and the Office of the Premier to lead a march against human trafficking and drug abuse**

**1 June 2010**

The Innovative Society of South Africa (ISSA), a Free State based youth development organisation, will march against human trafficking and drug abuse this Friday in Bloemfontein. The march will be supported by the Free State Provincial Government, Mangaung Municipality and other stakeholders. These include celebrities like Lesedi FM's DJ Finzo, the band Kaya, gospel singer Teboho, Thuso Motaung, kwaito artist Masheleng, afro-fussion group Alah Yen amongst the many to join the march.

The aim of this march is to raise awareness around the issue of human trafficking and drug abuse within the province; this is to remind all citizens that each and everyone must blow the horn against this global problem. Like Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, human trafficking and drug abuse is a real 'scourge' of our time and is generally referred to as 'modern day slavery'.

In the Free State Province, particularly in Bloemfontein, there have been a number of cases that have been raised in regard to this scourge and as such the Innovative Society of South Africa and the Free State Executive Council led by Premier ES Magashule call on all the communities, business and private enteritis to rally in support of the campaign by joining the march in freeing ourselves from this 'modern day slavery'.

Human trafficking and drug abuse, due to its underground nature, there are no official records of trafficked persons with estimates varying extensively. Some estimate that there are 27 million in slavery worldwide, that approximately 800 000 people are trafficked across national borders and this does not include the millions trafficked within their own country.

Child trafficking is said to be on the increase and the United Nations estimates that child-trafficking alone generates 7 to 10 billion US dollars annually for traffickers.

The march is to take place from the City Hall via Nelson Mandela Drive (the far left lane between President Brand Street and Markgraff Street to be corned off), turn left into Markgraff until Lebohang Building. Then join St Andrews Street to Hooffman Square where the programme of the day will take place.

Details are as follows:

Date: Friday, 4 June 2010

Time: 11h00

Venue: Marchers to gather at the City Hall, Bloemfontein

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**MAY 2010**

**The Free State Provincial Government to launch Youth Month**

## **31 May 2010**

The Free State Provincial Government will tomorrow launch the Youth Month programme to commemorate the 34th Anniversary of 16 June uprisings.

Themed: "Seizing the legacy of 2010 – A call for youth action in nation building and patriotism", this year's commemoration will take place when the whole world will be converging in the country to witness the biggest sporting showpiece in the world-taking place for the first time on the African continent, the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

The 2010 launch of the Youth Month programme will also coincide with the 10 days countdown of the upcoming FIFA World Cup, the first one on the African soil. The launch will also include activities that will mark the countdown and raise awareness about the World Cup.

The Youth Month programme festivities aim to afford the youth the opportunity to take stock of all the achievements of the youth agendas since the dawn of a new era and reflect on the challenges youth face currently. This programme will enable the youth to continue to participate in the implementation of programmes that are aimed at developing the youth, particularly the National Youth Service

The Youth Month commemorations will coincide with the International Children's Day, the event will be implemented in partnership with the office on the rights of the children. This will be celebrated by the youth affairs management office and the office on the rights of the child in the Premier's office together with the youth advisor to the Premier addressing the pupils on the importance of Youth Month, Children's Day and Children's Rights.

Copies of Children's Charter and the International Children's Charter will be distributed at Reddersburg and Itumeleng Primary Schools.

Details of the programme are as follows:

Date: 1 June 2010  
Area: Reddersburg, Itumeleng Primary School  
Time: 07h30

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## **Premier Magashule commemorates Child Protection Week as part of Operation Hlasela programme**

### **24 May 2010**

The Free State Executive Council led by Premier E S Magashule will launch Operation Hlasela in Diatalawa and Bluegumbush. The launch will also incorporate the commemoration of Child Protection Week and Africa Day.

Child Protection Week is an awareness campaign that reminds all citizens that protecting children is everyone's business. The event will take place at Leratong Children's Home and is themed: "Caring communities protect their children".

In relation to Operation Hlasela, Premier Magashule and MECs will visit Operation Hlasela projects which were launched last year in Diatalawa. These include the building of a school, crèche and vegetable tunnels.

Again, Premier Magashule and MEC's will visit the cattle project where the national Department of Rural Development committed cattle towards the scheme as part of the revitalisation of rural areas project. At the same time the Premier will make a follow-up on Bluegumbush's main issue of the provision of electricity in the area and also do a handover of road and sewerage networks.

The visit will also provide Premier Magashule and MECs with an opportunity to interact directly with members of the community in the areas of Diatalawa and Bluegumbush. A mass meeting will be held in the area as well where Premier Magashule will unveil other projects of the Free State Provincial Government to improve the living conditions of the people of Qwaqwa and Bluegumbush respectively.

The allocated funds will be spent amongst others, on the following projects:

### **Qwaqwa**

- Assistance of farmers with dry bean production with cooperation from Olam
- Implementation of mentorship programme for small, medium and micro-enterprise (SMMEs)
- Unblocking of 100 PHPs, two Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDPs), revitalisation of 1000 VIP toilets and 12 769 social and economic amenities
- Assistance in the following projects: Iketeng Sewing Project, YOFOA, Imbokodo and facilitating of the World Fellowship Community Trading
- The upgrading of the following projects: restaurant, conference facility and special library services for visually handicapped
- Allocation of four new ambulances, launching of completed sections of Elizabeth Ross and the appointment of SCM-chief administrative clerk
- Assistance in the Castlevue piggery
- Provision of 20 IT learnerships and 15 wholesale and retail learnership
- Fixing of storm drainage in Mojatsohle School, Monontsha
- Upgrading the special school in Thiboloha
- Provision of new fencing Sekgutlong, Qibi and Justice Lefuma
- Building of new toilet blocks for learners at Makwane Int, Mosiouwa Lekota, Qholaqhoe, Lerato Primary School, Mantsubisse, Naka Primary School and Lesaoana
- Building of new toilet blocks for educators Lesaona
- NSNP Kitchens in Justice Lefuma, Mohale, ZR Mahabane and Tshepano
- Building of ECD Classrooms at ZR Mahabane
- Electrical repairs and upgrading of Thokwana Makoata, Makabelane and Tshibollo schools
- Provision of full service at Letlotlo farm school
- Hostel upgrading at Mathatisi, Seotlong and Tseki
- Hosting a "Letsema" project inNthabiseng, Tlhorong and Molapo
- Minor and major repairs at Mohale, Seotlong, Bolikela, Reahola, Kgoledi ya Manaka, Boitelo and Lerato
- Allocation of 192 bursaries for learners in Phuthaditjhaba

### **Harrismith**

- Provision of FLISP 100, 155 unblocked PHP in Tsiambe, 226 restitution cases, 1 IRDP in Schoenplatz; 300 2 roomed, 100 houses in Rooisteen
- Allocation of two new ambulances, appointment of senior medical officer and the announcement on the completion of the hospital
- Building of additional classrooms in Impucuko

- Providing mobile classrooms in Bethlehem, Loch Lomond
- Erecting of new fencing at Glenash, Loch Lomond
- Building of new toilet blocks in Ntsu Primary School, Tiisetsang
- VIP sanitation in Dankbaarheid, Reaboka and Thabo
- Water connection in Daljosefat
- Allocation of 24 bursaries.

### **Background on Operation Hlasela**

Operation Hlasela is a bold initiative by the Free State Provincial Government that focuses on accelerating service delivery, creating jobs, and improving the living conditions of the people of Free State. It was launched by Premier Magashule officially in August last year.

Premier Magashule's visit to Qwaqwa and Harrismith is fourth of such visits to communities during this financial year. Yesterday, 22 May 2010, the Free State Executive Council visited Kutlwanong, Odendaalsrus as part of Operation Hlasela Campaign.

During the 2010/11 financial year, Operation Hlasela Campaign will be rolled out to 23 different localities in all five district municipalities. Other areas which stand to benefit from Operation Hlasela Campaign include amongst others: Kroonstad, Parys, Sasolburg, Frankfort, Botshabelo, Bloemfontein, Ladybrand, Trompsburg, Jagersfontein, Welkom, Virginia and Ficksburg.

Operation Hlasela is a direct attack on poverty and underdevelopment. The Free State Provincial Government works very closely with the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) and the Department of Home Affairs to ensure that indigent households are immediately assisted with social grants and other social relief.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend the event to witness innovative and accelerated service delivery in action in partnership with all role players, including local authorities.

Details of the events are as follows:

Date: 25 May 2010  
 Area: Leratong Children's Home  
 Time: 09h00

Date: 26 May 2010  
 Area: Harrismith

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**The Free State Provincial Government to embark on the 2010 'feel the fever' roadshow**

**18 May 2010**

Free State Provincial Government, the Performing Arts Centre of the Free State (PACOFs) and District Municipalities will be embarking on a road-show throughout the Free State province, commencing tomorrow, 19 May in Nala, Tswelopele and Tokologo local municipalities forming part of the Lejweleputswa District Municipality.

The purpose of the 2010 “feel the fever” roadshow is to galvanise the people of the Free State province to rally behind Bafana Bafana and support the 2010 FIFA World Cup.

During these roadshows, PACOFs will perform the “Hela Yalo Sani” theatre production aimed at revitalising the interest in soccer. In the towns to be visited, we will stage mini soccer games which will involve children from the farms.

The Premier ES Magashule and Members of the Free State Executive Council encourage the Free State people to be patriotic, wear their Bafana Bafana jerseys and fly the national flag with pride.

“Re hlasela ka bolo, hela yalo sani!”

Details of the programme are as follows:

Date: 19 May 2010

Area: Alfred Nzo Hall, Wesselsbron, Lejweleputswa

Time: 09h00

The programme for other road-shows in other municipalities is available at [http://www.info.gov.za/events/2010/fs\\_2010\\_roadshow.pdf](http://www.info.gov.za/events/2010/fs_2010_roadshow.pdf).

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### **Premier ES Magashule and provincial Executive Council to launch Operation Hlasela in Odendaalsrus, Harrismith and QwaQwa**

**14 May 2010**

Free State Premier ES Magashule and members of the Free State Executive Council will launch Operation Hlasela in the communities of Odendaalsrus, Harrismith and Qwaqwa during the next two coming weeks.

Operation Hlasela is a government programme aimed at fast tracking service delivery, fighting poverty and creating sustainable livelihoods within our communities through ground breaking ways. These launches form part of the province's plan of continuing to unveil a series of projects designed at aggressively eliminating unemployment and underdevelopment within the communities of the Free State province.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend the events to witness service delivery in action.

Details of the events are as follows:

Date: 22 May 2010

Area: Odendaalsrus

Date: 25 and 26 May 2010

Area: Harrismith and Qwaqwa

More detailed information will follow.

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## **Premier Magashule urges officials to work within the framework of the law**

13 May 2010

Premier ES Magashule today met with heads of department, chief financial officers and members of the bid committees to urge them to conduct the adjudication of tenders in accordance with the law.

Premier Magashule, who returned from his working visit to China on Tuesday, convened the meeting after it emerged that some officials were using the names of members of the Free State Executive Council to achieve their own ends.

Premier Magashule has directed all officials involved with procurement, without exception, to exercise their duties without fear and bias, strictly in terms of the relevant legislation and without interference of any nature whatsoever from any political office bearer, official or any other person.

"I shall not hesitate to take such steps, which may be necessary, to ensure that any person who does not comply with this directive, is swiftly brought to book," said Premier Magashule

Premier Magashule also informed officials that the Free State provincial government would soon finalise a new procurement policy in order to ensure speedy service delivery.

"We need to sharpen the procurement policy for the provincial government to ensure that we respond to the needs of our people. It cannot be business as usual. We cannot do things the old way. We have to do things differently," Premier Magashule said.

Premier Magashule also directed heads of departments and chief financial officers to ensure that service providers who provide services to government should be paid within 30 days. "Paying within 30 days, however, does not mean that you must wait for 30 days before making payment," Premier Magashule said.

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## **Centralisation of bursaries**

13 May 2010

The premier of the Free State province has taken a decision that all bursaries should be centralised in the Free State Department of Education. Henceforth, all bursary matters will be handled at the Department of Education situated at the Amalgamated Banks of South Africa (ABSA) building, corner of Aliwal and Maitland Streets.

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### **Premier E.S Magashule and Provincial EXCO to launch Operation Hlasela in Kutlwanong, Odendaalsrus**

Free State Premier E.S Magashule and members of the Free State Executive Council will visit Kutlwanong, Odendaalsrus, as part of the ground-breaking Operation Hlasela programme.

Premier Magashule will handover cheques to more than 200 women who are beneficiaries of land restitution process. The women have been waiting for years for the finalization of the land restitution claims and have in the past submitted their grievances to the Premier Magashule. The handover is a watershed moment in the life of the Free State province.

The Executive Council led by Premier Magashule will also visit the local hospital to deal with problems of understaffing, and infrastructure projects. Premier Magashule will also take the necessary steps to resolve the problem of sewage spillage in Hospital Park and incomplete RDP houses.

Premier Magashule will also pay visit to poor white families in Hostel 7 and residents who have no access to water and sanitation. The Odendaalsrus visit will be followed by visits in Qwaqwa and Harrismith in the week to come.

#### **Background on Operation Hlasela**

Operation Hlasela is the Free State's government programme of action aimed at fast tracking service delivery, fighting poverty and creating sustainable livelihoods within our communities through ground-breaking activities by various departments.

These launches form part of the Provinces' plan to aggressively eliminating unemployment and underdevelopment in the Province. During Operation Hlasela, all role players, the provincial administration and local municipalities get hands-on with ground-level issues in local municipalities and put in place lasting interventions that address the concerns of residents.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend the event to witness innovative and accelerated service delivery in action in partnership with all role players, including local authorities.

#### **Details of the event are as follows:**

##### **Date: 22 May 2010**

Area: Kutlwanong Community, Odendaalsrus  
Time: 09:00

##### **Date: 25 – 26 May 2010**

Area: Qwaqwa and Harrismith

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**APRIL 2010**

## **Premier Magashule leads delegation to China**

**26 April 2010**

Premier E S Magashule will next week lead a high-powered delegation comprising Members of the Executive Council and local business people on a working visit to the People's Republic of China. Magashule will be accompanied by MECs Mxolisi Dukwana for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Fezi Ngumbentombi for Public Works and Rural Development, Mamiki Qabathe for Agriculture and Sisi Ntombela for Social Development.

The delegation will visit various provinces in China: Gaung Dong, Jiangsu, Anhui, Shaanxi and Jiangxi from 28 April to 11 May 2010. The visit is a result of bilateral relations that exist between the Free State Provincial Government and China. The Free State government signed Letter of Intent on Friendly Exchanges and Cooperation and a Joint Communiqué with Jiangsu Province between 1998 and 2000.

During his working visit, Premier Magashule and his delegation will pay courtesy calls to the governors of all the provinces of China which the Free State Provincial Government has relations. Magashule will discuss the implementation plans with his Chinese counterparts where Arrangements for cooperation have been signed. While in China, Magashule and his delegation will also attend the official opening of the 2010 World Cup Expo and South Africa Pavilion in Shanghai.

Premier Magashule will also explore economic opportunities as part of the drive to ensure foreign direct investment in the Free State. The Free State Province and China has already developed strong economic ties with China. A Chinese business consortium is currently developing a R45 million fish hatchery at Gariep Dam. The project will create much needed jobs in the province. An additional R15 million is to be given each year for three years.

The hatchery will also be used to advance research, providing a facility for agricultural scientists, technicians and farmers to test new farming methodologies.

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## **Free State commemorates TB Day in Heilbron**

**14 April 2010**

The Free State Provincial Government led by Premier Magashule and Health MEC Sisi Mabe will commemorate Tuberculosis (TB) Day in Heilbron on Saturday, 19 April 2010. TB Day is commemorated annually to raise awareness about the disease and available treatment for the affected.

The Free State Department of Health will on that day launch "Motjha O Reng Campaign" targeting the youth and learners. The campaign aims to empower the Free State youth with the knowledge and skills to prevent the spread of TB infections at their schools and within their communities.

Currently the Free State Province has a cure rate of 71,0 percent and defaulter rate of 4,7 percent. To ensure that the defaulter rate is reduced, the Department of Health has taken the mandate of the National TB Control Program to absorb the project and expand the Defaulter Tracer Project to all the local areas.

To contain the spread of MDR, construction of MDR-TB unit is currently under construction at Kopano Complex in Welkom and is expected to be functional by September 2010.

Your media organisation is invited to cover this event as follows:

Date: 17 April 2010  
Venue: Heilbron, Phiritona Open Soccer Field  
Time: 10h00

NB: The HTC campaign has been postponed till further notice.

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## **Launch of mass HIV counselling and testing campaign**

### **9 April 2010**

The Free State provincial government led by Premier ES Magashule and MEC for Health Sisi Mabe will lead the provincial mass HIV counselling and testing (HCT) campaign to be launched next week on 19 April 2010 in Kroonstad. The launch of this mass campaign will be preceded by the commemoration of the Tuberculosis (TB) Day on 17 April 2010 in Heilbron.

These activities are scheduled to take place as follows:

Event: TB Day commemoration  
Date: 17 April 2010  
Place: Heilbron  
Venue: Phiritona open soccer field  
Time: 10h00

Event: HIV counselling and testing mass campaign  
Date: 19 April 2010  
Place: Kroonstad  
Venue: Flavious Mareka College  
Time: 08h00

More information on these events will be released soon.

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## **Official opening on the renewed Batho Primary School**

**9 April 2010**

The Free State Premier ES Magashule in conjunction with Drake and Scull Company will on Monday officially open the newly renovated Batho Primary School.

Batho Primary School was established in 1950 and over the years, it became dilapidated. The school has been in a bad state and through Operation Hlasela Premier Magashule ensured that the private sector gets involved in the renovation of the school.

The renovations included sanding and varnishing of desks; cleaning and replacing broken chairs; interior and exterior painting, plumbing and drainage; waste removal and gardening; replacing broken switches, fittings and re-lamping; replacing broken window panes with safety glass and where required, installing frosted safety glass; removing all corroded gutters and down pipes and re-decorating fascia boards; replacing or servicing all extinguishers; and installing concertina doors to divide the hall into two classrooms.

The learners and the educators will also be provided with new furniture, shelves and cupboards in the school's library and staff room. The number of jobs created during this extensive work currently stands at 71 with the possibility of employing more local people over the weekend to complete the project.

This project was completed within very tight deadlines to ensure that lessons are not disrupted. The renovations were done during school holidays, they commenced on Friday, 26 March until 11 April 2010.

The event is scheduled to take place when the school reopens and your media organisation is invited to cover this new and exciting event for the broader community of Batho location.

Date: Monday, 12 April 2010  
Place: Bloemfontein, Batho Location  
Venue: Batho Primary School  
Time: 07h00

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**FEBRUARY 2010**

**Pre-State of the Province Address media breakfast**

**17 February 2010**

You are invited to the pre-State of the Province Address media breakfast scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2010  
Time: 09h00  
Venue: Vodacom Park Stadium, Presidential Suite

NB: You can RSVP through:  
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**Free State Premier Ace Magashule and Central University of Technology Professor Mthembu launch the Regional Innovation Centre**

**10 February 2010**

When he delivered his maiden State of the Province Address in 2009, Premier Ace Magashule announced that a Regional Innovation Center (RIC) in partnership with Central University of Technology will be launched as a platform for strategic thinking and planning to put forward solutions to our development challenges.

Free State Provincial Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CUT which makes provision for the establishment of RIC, Matric Saturday School, and the Human Resources Management training programme for officials of the Department of Education.

Amongst others, this initiative will assist to yield greater economic growth at regional level, promote skills development and capacity building and research and product development. The project will be launched under the theme: 'Aha Bokamoso: Joining minds for skills development'.

Your media organisation is invited to cover the event as follows:

Date: Saturday, 13 February 2010  
Time: 10h00  
Venue: Central University of Technology (CUT), Z Mahabane Foyer

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