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SOUTH AFRICAN PREMIER VISITS SASKATCHEWAN

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Dr. Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri, Premier of the South African province of Free State, is on a four-day visit to Saskatchewan to study Canadian federalism and the Canadian parliamentary system as part of an exchange and consulting agreement between the two provinces.

During Premier Matsepe-Casaburri's stay she is meeting with Premier Roy Romanow, Lieutenant Governor John Wiebe, legislative assembly Speaker Glenn Hagel, Deputy Premier and Economic and Co-operative Development Minister Dwain Lingenfelter, Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Ned Shillington, other ministers and senior officials to discuss how the Saskatchewan legislature functions. While in Saskatoon later this week, the Free State premier is visiting the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon's mayor.

Saskatchewan has been assisting Free State province since 1993 through the South Africa-Canada Governance Program, sharing knowledge and expertise on the machinery of government. A number of Free State elected representatives, including the first premier, Patrick Lekota, and senior officials have come to Saskatchewan for orientation programs.

Several Saskatchewan officials have been in Free State to provide hands-on assistance in developing government processes and public service management. Deputy Premier and Economic and Co-operative Development Minister Lingenfelter visited Free State during his recent mission to southern Africa, exploring the region as a significant market for Saskatchewan livestock genetics and dryland farm machinery.

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