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Limpopo Government commemorate Human Rights Day at Phalama Sport Ground, Mutale Municipality, Vhembe

The Limpopo Provincial Government led by the first citizen of the Province, Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha will commemorate Human Rights day on the 21st March 2016 at Mutale local Municipality, Vhembe District. The Premier of Limpopo will deliver a keynote address at the commemoration. Communities will converge at Bus Stop next to Mutale municipal offices to start a march against racism leading to the Phalama Sport Ground. This year's Human Rights day will be commemorated under theme ***"Racism: not in my name"***.

14th to 20 March 2016, has been marked as Anti-Racism Week aimed at combating racism and any form of discrimination. It also envisage to promote nation building and social cohesion amongst all human beings regardless of colour, religion and this goes beyond the Anti-Racism Week. The Province of Limpopo is well known for been the province of peace and it should sustain the status quo at all times.

Entire country was shaken when racism remarks emerged on social and electronic media causing pain and anger amongst the society. Human Rights Day is a national day that is commemorated annually on 21st March to remind South Africans about the sacrifices that accompanied the struggle for the attainment of democracy in South Africa. Since 1960, this year marks the 56

anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre where apartheid police opened fire and killed 69 people at Sharpeville while 180 were wounded during a peaceful protest against the Pass laws.

In his State of the Nation Address, the President of the Republic of South Africa said that there is a need to confront the demon of racism and that Human Rights day will be commemorated as the national day against racism. He added that it will be used to lay the foundation for a long-term programme of building a non-racial society.

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) will be in attendance, as the institution established to support constitutional democracy. SAHRC is committed to promote, respect for, observance of and protection of human rights for everyone without fear or favour.

Details are as follows:

Date : 21st March 2016
Time : 11h00
Venue : Phalama Sport ground, Mutale Local Municipality
Vhembe District Municipality

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