



# LIMPOPO

## PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

### Media Advisory

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#### **Long walk for Good Health and Disability Awareness**

Mr Simon Mogale, a person living with disability using crutches started walking from Polokwane today, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 around 8 am. Mr Mogale and his team will arrive at Bela-Bela Multipurpose centre in the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016. Other persons with disabilities will meet Mr Mogale and the team at least 2km from the venue in which International Day for persons with Disabilities will be celebrated. The long walk for Good Health and Disability Awareness project seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- To create awareness of good health (against HIV/AIDS, TB, STI, sugar diabetes, hypertension, etc.);
- To create awareness of crime prevention (fraud and corruption);
- To create awareness of 16 days of no violence against women and children;
- To create awareness of Road safety;
- To showcase the abilities and talents of people with disabilities and
- To popularise the 2016 International Day for Persons with Disabilities;

The long walk will interface with the following activities:

- Dialogue on gender based violence ,30/11/2016, Mogalakwena Municipality;
- Distribution of condoms to truck drivers and youth group, 01/12/2016, at Mookgophong;
- Talking to taxi drivers about road safety, 03/12/2016, Bela-Bela Taxi Rank;
- Submission of a memorandum to the Premier by people with disabilities advocating for the implementation of the White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 03/12/2016, Bela-Bela;

Limpopo Provincial Government will celebrate the International Day for persons with disabilities on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 at Bela-Bela in the Waterberg District. This year the day will be celebrated under the theme 'Persons with disabilities- equal participants in shaping a sustainable future'. The Premier of Limpopo, Stanley Mathabatha and various MECs will attend the event.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December is dedicated as Disability Rights Awareness Month (DRAM). The 3<sup>rd</sup> December is celebrated as International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and is also commemorated as National Disability Rights Awareness Day. The day is used to promote awareness and mobilize support for critical issues

relating to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in society and development.  
Below are the details of Disability Day celebration:

**Date** : 03 December 2016  
**Time** : 09H00  
**Venue** : Bela-Bela Multipurpose Centre, Extension 6,  
Bela-Bela Municipality, Waterberg District

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