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For attention Editors and Journalists

LIMPOPO HOSTS PROVINCIAL INDIGENOUS GAMES 2017

Following the successful hosting of the District Indigenous Games, the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture will host the Provincial Indigenous Games aimed at selecting the Provincial team. The team will represent the province at the National Indigenous Games to be held soon. The main objective is to preserve the knowledge of indigenous games promote social cohesion; embracing cultural diversity and promote recreational activities with the previously disadvantaged communities. The sporting codes include the rich indigenous heritage games such as, Morabaraba, Dibeke, Ncuva, Khokho, Diketo, Kgati, Intonga and Drie Stokkies.

The 2017 Provincial Indigenous Games will be held as follows:

Date : 29-30 July 2017 Time : 09:00 (daily) Venue : Old Peter Mokaba Stadium Polokwane Municipality, Capricorn District

N.B.Opening Ceremony29 July 2017 @ 09:00Closing Ceremony30 July @15:00

The revival of Indigenous Games in the country evolved as a response to the national call to embrace African Renaissance in the quest for celebrating and offering recognition to emerging cultural identity Sport and recreation South Africa took an initiative Indigenous Games. The games impact positively on socio-economic issues such as African identity; cultural diversity; education and training. Furthermore, the games encourage healthy lifestyles, and discourage unwanted social behaviour by keeping the youth engaged.

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