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For attention Editors and journalists

## DSAC HOSTS 'KU LUMA VUKANYI' TO CELEBRATE MARULA SEASON

The MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms. Thandi Moraka, cordially invites media houses and communities to join the department in honouring the annual celebration of the official opening of the First Fruit Season 2019. The ceremony is held annually aimed at promoting knowledge and awareness about the African Tradition associated with the golden fruit of Africa- Marula.

'KU LUMA VUKANYI', which serves as a build-up activity towards the annual Marula Festival in Phalaborwa, is also aimed at marketing Limpopo's cultural diversity and heritage. Like the previous ceremonies held, the department of Sport, Arts and Culture, will resume the day with a cleansing ceremony to be performed by traditional healers, which will then be preceded by the formal programme which will showcase the diverse culture of Limpopo. The day will not be complete without Marula beverage. The Department will provide thousands litres of Marula beverage, which will be consumed by the public during the event after the formal programme. The people of Limpopo call Marula the "food of kings and ancestors," and celebrate the "Feast of First Fruits by pouring offerings of fresh juice over the tombs of their late chiefs and family.

The event will be held as follows:

Date : 09 February 2019

Venue : Muti Wa Vatsonga Open Air Museum at Eiland : Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality; Mopani District

Time : 10H00

The Limpopo government has been celebrating this event since 2005 in all the five districts on rotational basis. It is also celebrated through diverse cultural dance.

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