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LIMPOPO SHOWCASE CAPABILITY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Limpopo Provincial Government will celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities under the theme ***Empowering Persons with disabilities through resourceful, and safe environments***. Limpopo Premier Mr. Stanley Chupu Mathabatha will deliver a keynote address on the 3 December 2022, at New Covenant Church, Tshilapfene Village, Thulamela Local Municipality.

The day will be used to showcase capabilities of persons with disabilities in various aspects. Empowerment of persons with disabilities in resourced and sustainable environments is a right and it empowers South Africa to achieve more.

The annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities was proclaimed in 1992 by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 47/3. The observance of the day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

Cabinet in 2013 approved that November 3 – December 3 be celebrated as National Disability Rights Awareness Month (DRAM), and that 3 December be celebrated as the International and National Day of Persons with Disabilities, with the objective of showcasing the abilities and talents of persons with disabilities as productive members of society.

This year, IDPD will be celebrated in Thulamela Municipality, Vhembe District to showcase how persons with disabilities survived and continue to strive under the effects of covid19 pandemic. Agriculture is one of the key economic drivers of Limpopo province as outlined in the Limpopo Development Plan together with mining and tourism.

Mr Thanyani Godfrey Mudalahothe is farmer in Ngwenani ha Mapholi, who has been identified as a focal point where the province will showcase the abilities of persons with disabilities in agriculture. In Limpopo persons with disabilities organize themselves and get support from government, business, traditional authorities and society in general to enable them to contribute to key economic sector.

Government calls on all to persons with disabilities to consider farming as a possible business and career; mobilise traditional authorities to support farmers with disabilities with land and related resources and other role player to assist anyway possible.

International Day of Persons with disabilities will be held as follows:

Date: 03 December 2022

Time: 09h00

Venue: New Covenant Church, Tshilapfene Village

Thulamela Local Municipality, Vhembe District

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