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### PREMIER DR RAMATHUBA LEADS LIMPOPO TEAM TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH FOUR REGIONS IN NAMIBIA

Premier of Limpopo, Dr Phophi Ramathuba, is leading the Limpopo delegation to the Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair 2025 in Oshana Province, Namibia, from 22 to 30 August 2025.

This is in response to the invitation from Governor Hofni lipinge of Oshana Region which underscores a commitment to enhancing partnerships in trade and cultural exchange, in line with an existing bilateral agreement.

Premier Ramathuba said: “The changing trade patterns across the globe compel us to strengthen regional trade partnerships. We aim to sharpen relations we established earlier, promoting our cultural and agricultural products. Our visit to Namibia follows our recent engagements in Mozambique wherein we are cementing on relationships formed in the years of our struggle against colonialism and apartheid to the present.”

Joining the Premier are the MEC for Limpopo Economic Development Environment and Tourism (LEDET) Mr Tshitereke Matibe, MEC for Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Ms Nakedi Kekana, the Mayor of Musina Municipality Cllr Godfrey Mawela, the Speaker and Chief Whip of Musina Municipality, senior officials from LEDET, its subsidiary Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA).

The Premier and the Limpopo delegation will be hosted by the President of Namibia, Her Excellency Dr Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah at the official opening of the Ongwediva Trade Fair on Sunday 24 August 2025 where the Premier is expected to offer a message of support.

Limpopo has brought 10 exhibitors in agro-processing, textile, medicine, tourism and hospitality.

Beyond exhibitions, the fair will facilitate strategic political engagements, including a review of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Action Plan. Boardroom sessions will enable discussions on the next Action Plan to ensure continuity and effective implementation of mutual objectives, addressing progress and challenges in economic and cultural cooperation.

“This aligns perfectly with our international investment plan, focusing on harnessing relationships with SADC countries and elevating our South-to-South partnerships,” concluded Premier Dr Ramathuba.

MEC for Education, Ms Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, has been sworn in as Acting Premier from 22 to 25 August 2025 during the Premier's engagement.

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