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# **Media Advisory**

## **PREMIER SUPRA MAHUMAPELO AND MEC MANKETSI TLHAPE TO LAUNCH LETSEMA LE BOLOTSE 2016 CROPPING SEASON**

**Monday, 17 October 2016**

**Manamolela** - Premier of the North West Province, Supra Obakeng Ramoeletsu Mahumapelo and MEC for Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development (READ), Ms Manketsi Tlhape together with the national Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR) will launch Letsema Le Bolotse 2016 cropping season. 240 farmers are set to benefit from the R38 million project aimed putting agriculture at the apex of economic development in the Province as well as to deal with the triple challenges of Inequality, poverty and unemployment.

Subsistence farmers in Ngaka Modiri Molema District will receive crop inputs for both Sunflower and Maize (Seed, Fertilizer, Chemicals and fuel) for 50ha each. The farmers are based in Tswaing Local Municipality (Manamolela, Klippan, Geysdorp, Marotse and Sannieshof). The Letsema Le Bolotse 2016 cropping season scheme/programme covers 10 000 hectares of land.

In addition, 195 farmers will also benefit from a "one hectare one household programme" by the DRDLR. However the DRDLR has increased the land to between 10 hectares and 15 hectares instead of 1 hectare because of access of more land.

Furthermore, the department will host a Prayer for Rain Ceremony that will start at 7h00.

**Details of the event are as follows:**

**Date:** Wednesday, 19 October 2016  
**Time:** 07h00 - Prayer ceremony  
10h00 - Letsema le Bolotse launch  
**Venue:** Manamolela, Tswaing Local Municipality near Atamelang

**Media is invited to attend and cover the event.**

**To RSVP please contact Tsholofelo Dintwe on 083 576 7655 or email: [tsholofelod@nwpg.gov.za](mailto:tsholofelod@nwpg.gov.za). Transport for media is available on request.**