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Investment Opportunities & Partnerships between the Cross-River Federal State of Nigeria and the North-West Province

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Mahikeng: The Bokone-Bophirima Provincial Government through the Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development (READ) in its endeavour to foster and/or establish possible investment and partnerships in Agriculture; Tourism Management and Urban Renewal invited the Cross River State Government of Nigeria on a 02-day Working Visit (i.e: the 13th& 14th February 2017) to Mafikeng in the North-West Province, South Africa.

The purpose of the Visit was to deepen, strengthen and consolidate at sub-national, State and Provincial levels, the collaboration; friendly cooperation; and cordial bi-laterals relations existing between Nigeria and South Africa and by extension between the Cross River State Government and the North-West Provincial Government in order to leverage trade and people to people engagement.

Present at the Meeting of yesterday, the 13th February was the Hon. Premier, S.O.R Mahumapelo and Hon. MEC, Manketsi Tlhape, leading the delegation on the North-West Province whilst the Nigerian delegation was led by the Consul General Ambassador, UcheAjulu-Okeke and the Governor, Senator Prof. Ben Ayade.

The Outcome of this first Meeting has already borne the signing of a Framework of Agreement between the two Countries, which was done yesterday to solidify the partnerships and/or collaborations established. The Agreement will guide future collaborations and will promote integration, cooperation and exchange in the economic field in terms of future investments in Agriculture; Tourism and Hospitality; Trade and Capacity Building; etc.

On the 2nd day (i.e: 14th February 2017), the delegation proceeded to the various Project Site Visits, which included value chain of Beef; Poultry and Wildlife to demonstrate Agricultural setup within the North-West Province.

On the 3rd day, the Technical Team delegation will draw-up an Action Plan about specific areas where the immediate implementation of projects could focus on. The Plan will guide identification of specific projects for implementation.

The intent of the visit will go a long way to enhance the greatly anticipated collaboration opportunities between the North-West Province (South Africa) and the Government of Cross River State (Nigeria).

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