MEDIA ADVISORY

Att: ALL EDITORS

Media Houses

Date: Wednesday, 22 May 2019

READ to commemorate Africa World Heritage Day 2019

As part of government’s on-going efforts to increase awareness on African heritage and to mobilize enhanced cooperation for its safeguarding, the department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development (READ), will on Thursday, 30 May 2019 commemorate Africa World Heritage Day.

The provincial celebration will grant an opportunity for the Department in partnership with stakeholders to raise awareness, particularly among young people, of wealth, value and the need to preserve African Heritage in the North West province.

Under the theme “Climate and heritage”, the occasion strives to strengthen the involvement, interaction and networking of young people and to encourage youth ownership of their exceptional cultural and natural heritage. Climate change actions present a clear path towards the shared aim of a healthier, more prosperous and more secure future. South Africa has the task of balancing the acceleration of economic growth and transformation with the sustainable use of environmental resources responding to climate change.

The Vredefort Dome being the largest, oldest and most eroded meteorite impact crater in the World and South Africa's 7th World Heritage Site as proclaimed by United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), is the significant place to host the exceptional event.
Members of the media are therefore invited to cover the heritage event.

**Details are as follows:**

**Date:** Thursday, 30 May 2019  
**Venue:** Vredefort Dome, Venterskroon Inn  
**Time:** 10h00

Transport is available on request for community media. Please RSVP to Mr Thebe Itumeleng at: titumeleng@nwpg.gov.za or call 018 389 5522 on or before Monday, 27 May 2019 at 13h00.

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