



Office of the Premier

North West Provincial Government
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



3rd Floor, Ga-Rona Building
Private Bag X129,
MMABATHO
2735

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Tel: +27 (18) 388-5750
Fax: +27(18) 388- 3157
E-mail: abatala@nwpg.gov.za

MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: Monday, 30 May 2022

PREMIER MAAPE TO LAUNCH THE RENAMING OF THE PROVINCIAL BURSARY SCHEME TO VICTOR THEBE SIFORA

Mafikeng – North West Premier, Kaobitsa Bushy Maape will on Wednesday, 1 June 2022, officially launch the renaming of the Provincial Bursary Scheme to Victor Thebe Sifora. The launch will be held at the Mahikeng Campus of the North West University. V.T Sifora as affectionately known was born on 19 April 1914 at Mopyane village in the then Madikwe District in the North West Province.

He started his basic education at Marabastad in Pretoria and proceeded to Saint Peter's in Rosettenville in Johannesburg. In the early 1940's he enrolled for a teacher training qualification at Adams College in Natal. Later on, he graduated from the University of South Africa (UNISA) majoring in Political Science and History. His career which spans over thirty decades include being a teacher and a principal at Penhalongs (In the then Southern Rhodesia), Wilberforce, Hebron Teacher's College, Bafokeng High School, Ga-Rankuwa High School and Tlhabane Teachers College among others.

V.T Sifora was also a founding member of the African National Congress Youth League (ANC YL) along with Oliver Tambo, Nelson Mandela, Anton Lembede and Walter Sisulu. He was also a member of Seoposengwe, an official opposition party in the then Bophuthatswana Homeland.

The V.T Sifora Provincial Bursary Scheme will provide financial support to prospective students from poor backgrounds to grant them access to various institutions of higher

learning. The renaming of the scheme is also aimed at promoting and preserving the legacy of V.T Sifora as an academic, activist and struggle veteran.

North West Premier Kaobitsa Bushy Maape, will among others be accompanied by Members of the Executive Council, Heads of Departments and Administrators, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, as well as Executive Mayors and Mayors from different municipalities. Dignitaries also include members of the Sifora family and the delegation of the North West University led by the Potchefstroom Campus Deputy Vice Chancellor - Prof Daryl Balia.

The Launch will be held as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, 01 June 2022

VENUE: North West University - Mahikeng Campus

TIME: 09h00 am

Members of the media are invited to cover the event.

Ends

Issued by Office of the Premier

For enquiries, contact

Sello Tatai

Spokesperson to the Premier

North West Provincial Government

Cell: 064 756 2510/082 450 7842

E-mail: statai3@gmail.com

or

Mr Brian Setswambung

Provincial Head of Communication

Office of the Premier

North West Provincial Government

Cell: 076 012 4501

E-mail: bsetswambung@nwpg.gov.za