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#### **NORTH WEST PROUD TO HOST THE COSAFA CUP 2015**

**MAHIKENG** - The Department of Tourism in North West province is proud that the Province will play host yet again to another major event in a form of the 15<sup>th</sup> Confederation of Southern Africa Football Associations (COSAFA) Cup, an international football competition consisting of national teams of member nations of the COSAFA.

North West MEC for Tourism, Desbo Mohono said that this goes to show that the province is capable of hosting major events. "All matches of this competition will be played in the North West province and we are particularly proud that they will take place at Moruleng Stadium which is a village. This affirms that as the province we have the capacity and the necessary infrastructure to host major events and if well developed, our villages, townships and small dorpias can do wonders", she said.

"Events such as these create the necessary and much needed tourism traffic in the province which means hotels, guesthouses, restaurants and other small, micro and medium businesses will benefit a great deal. This will assist us in overhauling the socio-economic standing of the province and propel it forward", she added.

Mohono went on to encourage communities to go out in their numbers to support this tournament by attending games and ensuring that they give the necessary support to their respective countries. "We know the country has just recovered from atrocities of xenophobic attacks. These games should also serve as platform to show the rest of the world that we are united as Southern African Countries", Mohono concluded



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The opening match of this tournament will be between Namibia and Seychelles on Sunday, 17 May 2014 at the Moruleng Stadium in Moruleng at 15:00 PM. This match will then be followed by a clash between Zimbabwe and Mauritius at the same venue at 17:30.

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