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### **PUBLIC WORKS CELEBRATES CULTURAL HERITAGE & DIVERSITY**

The Southern Region of the Provincial Department of Public Works will celebrate cultural heritage and diversity under the theme "Indigenous foods, our knowledge, our heritage" on Friday, 23 September 2005 at the Public Works Regional office, 149 Kruis Street in Potchefstroom at 10H00.

The celebrations are in line with government's aim to use heritage month as a vehicle for a long-term vision of collecting, preserving, promoting and disseminating our living heritage.

The event will include indigenous foods fair, which will exhibit various indigenous dishes representing diverse cultural heritage. Employees are expected to wear their traditional attires.

MEC Yawa says, "Our traditions and customs are important building blocks for a non-racial, non-sexist, multiethnic, multilingual and multicultural democratic society. In building a South Africa that truly belongs to all, we have a duty to preserve the rich tapestry of our traditions and heritage."

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