



**Media Advisory**  
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### **FREE STATE PARLIAMENT FOR OLDER PERSONS 2018**

The 2019 Active Ageing Programme unfolded under the theme: ***“Older Persons: Moving South Africa Forward,”*** complemented by the sub-theme: ***“Celebrate Active Ageing”***. The Free State provincial activities started with the provincial games which were held in Bloemfontein from 19 – 20 September 2019 and will be followed by the Provincial Parliament for Older Persons hosted annually by the Department of Social Development in partnership with the Office of the Premier, Free State Older Persons Forum and the Provincial Legislature.

The parliament will be held in Bloemfontein on 03 October 2019 to afford senior citizens an opportunity to engage with political principals and government officials. A total number of 113 older person from the five districts in the Free State selected to participate will be trained to participate in the National Parliament for Older Persons on 21 October 2018 in Port Elizabeth. The Senior citizens representing various districts in the Free State during their parliament will give detailed presentations on issues affecting them and afford them to participate in decision making processes on matters affecting their social-economic wellbeing.

The training forms part of the older person’s capacity building programme where 45 older persons from nine (9) provinces will take part during the week-long programme, Active Ageing Programme in the quest to promote healthy lifestyles for the elderly. The programme will take place from 21 - 25 October 2019, in Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape Province.

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The above is in line with Article 2 of the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing which acknowledges demographic transformation challenges across all societies towards promotion of increased opportunities for senior citizens.

**THE MEDIA IS INVITED TO THE PARLIAMENT THAT WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:**

**Date:** 03 October 2019

**Time:** 09:00am

**Venue:** Bloemfontein Fourth Raadsaal

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