



MEDIA ADVISORY

DATE: 14 FEBRUARY 2022

DEPUTY MINISTER GINA, MEC QABATHE AND EXECUTIVE MAYOR SIYONZANA, TO VISIT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN MANGAUNG TO MOTIVATE AND EMPOWER THEM

The Deputy Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, Ms Nomalungelo Gina; MEC for Social Development in the Free State, Ms Motlagomang Qabathe, and the Executive Mayor of Mangaung, Councillor Mxolisi Siyonzana will visit people with disabilities at two centres in Bloemfontein to motivate and empower them. Members of the media are invited to cover the visits:

DATE: Friday, 18 February 2022

TIMES & VENUES: *CENTRE 1:* Boitekong Protective Workshop - 09:00 Hamilton Road, Batho, Bloemfontein

The centre caters for intellectually challenged learners and it is under the management of Southern Free State Mental Health, non-governmental organisation. The learners are equipped with skills to produce products such as handbags and furniture from recyclable material.

CENTRE 2: Kopano Skills Development Workshop - 10:00 47 Park Road, Willows

Kopano strives to empower persons with disabilities to become independent. They train and develop participants through skills development, productivity, quality of life, prospects of work, and encourage self-employment

Deputy Minister Gina and MEC Qabathe will deliver speeches at Kopano where various government agencies will also make presentations on their products and services in order to assist the Kopano beneficiaries to access assistance that will enable them to establish businesses in order to create employment for themselves and the communities they come from. These include the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), Small Enterprise Development Agency (Seda), Small Enterprise Finance Agency and the National Empowerment Fund (NEF). Gina, Qabathe and Siyonzana will also donate toiletries at the two centres.

Members of the media that are interested in attending and covering the events are requested to RSVP with Bongani Lukhele

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