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Gauteng PICC: opening of applications for Gauteng 2022 winter initiation season

On 28 January 2022, The Gauteng Premier established the Provincial Initiation Coordinating Committee (PICC) in terms of the Customary Initiation Act of 2021.

The PICC, in its first meeting elected Ikosi MP Mahlangu of Amandebele Ndzundza Sokhulumi Traditional Council as the Chairperson and Kgosi KC Kekana of Amandebele ba Lebelo Traditional Council as the Deputy Chairperson.

In their last meeting held on 12 April 2022, the PICC resolved to open the 2022 winter initiation season in terms of the Customary Initiation Act of 2021.

Therefore, the PICC hereby calls on Initiation School Principals who wish to conduct customary initiation to apply for permits. This decision follows the setting up, of the Technical Support Team which will support the coordination of the applications process.

The applications process will be conducted in the form of one day registration workshops at each of the 5 regions in Gauteng, namely:

- 1. City of Tshwane
- 2. City of Ekurhuleni
- 3. Sedibeng
- 4. City of Joburg
- 5. West Rand

These registrations workshops will be preceded by a detailed presentation of all the Customary Initiation Act requirements and then followed by assisting those who wish to apply.

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