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Attention: News Editors

Date: 14 November 2018

MECs FOR CoGTA AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND SPORT, ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION TO HOST A TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL COHESION CONFERENCE: 17 NOVEMBER 2018

Since the transfer of two traditional communities to Gauteng in 2007, the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA) has been inundated with requests for recognition from various community leaders in Gauteng. It is therefore imperative that the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, as well as the Department of Sports, Arts, Culture and Recreation invest greater energy in outlining their traditional affairs functions and support they can provide to these communities.

To this end, the two Departments agreed to host the Traditional Affairs and Social Cohesion Conference.

The conference aims to achieve the following:

- To clarify the legislative framework (recognition criteria)
- To celebrate the diversity of cultures in Gauteng, while facilitating tolerance and respect;
- To facilitate trust in the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs to coordinate key stakeholders protecting the rights enshrined in the Constitution;

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- Noting the limited financial resources available to the Department, develop actions that the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs can implement in its cohesion programme.

The Conference will take place as follows:

Date: 17 November 2018

Time: 09h00

Venue: Velmore Hotel, Pretoria West

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