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Khutsong to host Gauteng Freedom Day celebrations

Gauteng Premier David Makhura will lead proceedings as the province joins the rest of South Africa in celebrating the 24th anniversary of the country's freedom.

The event takes place on Freedom Day - Friday, April 27 2018 in Khutsong, Merafong.

The celebrations will be used to honour the legacy of the country's democracy founding President, Nelson Mandela as part of his centenary celebrations.

To mark this sentiment the event will be held under the theme: **"The year of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela: towards full realisation of our freedom through radical socio-economic transformation"**.

"As we celebrate more than two decades of our freedom and democracy, South Africans and the people of Gauteng will look back with pride and hope for more. With the Transformation, Modernisation and Re-industrialisation (TMR) initiatives we are working on deracialising the economy and ensuring that the majority of South Africans in Gauteng enjoy economic gains from our liberation," said Gauteng MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Faith Mazibuko.

Festivities in Khutsong will start with a 1km colourful parade from the police station to the stadium led by Premier Makhura. He will be joined by MECs, Merafong's Executive Mayor Maphefo Mogale Letsie along with other leaders and representatives from the African Diaspora.

The parade and the activities of the day will showcase and celebrate the dawn of freedom and liberation of the entire Africa.

At the stadium, the Premier will deliver a keynote address followed by social cohesion sports games and an arts and culture festival. Entrance is free and all is welcome.

"We urge the community of Gauteng to come join us in celebrating the importance of this day, what it has brought to every South African and generations to come," said MEC Mazibuko.

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