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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**TO: ALL MEDIA**

**ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **MEC HLOPHE TO AWARD YOUTH FOR SPEARHEADING FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**ON FRIDAY** – Gauteng MEC for Social Development, Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Ms Mbali Hlophe will honour Ke Moja Coaches and Coordinators at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Ke Moja Awards at Imbizo Hall, University of Johannesburg Soweto Campus.

The Department hosts these awards annually to recognise the quality of work and the performances achieved by Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) and the youth who led in the forefront to fight the scourge of drugs and substance abuse in the province.

“Our NPOs continue to play a leading role in fighting the rampant substance abuse and reduce the demand of drugs in our society. One of our priorities as the Gauteng Government is to combat substance abuse amongst the youth and remove drugs from the streets of Gauteng,” says MEC Hlophe.

**Media is invited, details are as follows:**

**DATE: Friday, 08 December 2023**

**TIME: 09h00**

**VENUE: Imbizo Hall, UJ Soweto Campus**

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