



**TO : NEWS EDITORS**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY- MEC's PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAMME 12-17 JULY 2015**

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1. The MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule will on **Sunday, 12 July 2015** visit the Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory to witness the history of Tata Madiba as we kick off with the 2015 Mandela Month Activities.
2. She will on **Monday, 13 July 2015** attend the send-off ceremony at **OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg at 6H00**, for the 27 climbers for the 2015 Trek4Mandela Executive Challenge to Summit Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

The Trek4Mandela Challenge is an initiative founded in 2012 by Richard Mabaso, a resident of Lumphisa Village in Pienaar, Mbombela. This initiative has been endorsed by the Nelson Mandela Foundation, aimed at raising funds to keep girls in school by providing sanitary pads during their menstrual cycles.

This year the Trek4Mandela Executives Challenge aims to raise enough funds to ensure that 270 000 girl children will not miss a day of school through the Caring4Girls programme endorsed by the MEC.

*"The Department will continue to work with non-governmental organizations such as Imbumba Foundation and Banking Association South Africa to intensify the Caring4Girls programme",* said the MEC during the 2015/16 Policy and Budget Speech.

The team of climbers will summit Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania from 18-20 July 2015.

When they return to the country, they intend to visit Mpumalanga Province to hand over the report of the expedition.

3. On the same day **13 July 2015 at 11H00**, the MEC will Visit HA Groove Hospital in Belfast, Emakhazeni Local Municipality where she will be monitoring the running of the hospital and check on progress made after her visit in January 2015.

She will also meet the Hospital Board responsible for the running of the hospital.

At **13H00**, the MEC will officially Handover a newly built kitchen at Platorand Special School.

4. On **16 July 2015 at 10H00**, the MEC will officially Handover a newly enlarged Welding Centre and Metal Workshop to Vaalrivier Special School in Standerton under Lekwa Municipality.

The Welding Centre consists of 15 welding base where learners can acquire necessary skills aimed at empowering them.

All media is invited to all these activities

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