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MEC DESBO MOHONO TO LEAD PROVINCIAL WORLD BEE DAY COMMEMORATION

Mahikeng-MEC Desbo Mohono of Agriculture and Rural Development in the North West will this year, lead the provincial commemoration of World Bee Day in Mooifontein near Gelukspan. The event is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 18 May 2022.

The theme for this year is "Bee engaged: Build back better for bees". The department will use the day to create awareness amongst the communities on the role bees play in creating employment, alleviating poverty, how they provide food security through crop and plant pollination as well as investment opportunities for small and medium enterprises.

In order to fully appreciate the crucial role of bees in food security, the North West Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has trained a number of farmers in beekeeping through the Agricultural Research Council and others have been assisted with basic beekeeping equipment.

Beekeepers in North West and all other farmers with an interest in apiculture and are active, are encouraged to register on the departmental database for beekeepers.

Attendance of the day will include bee-keepers from across the province, farmers, exhibitors, and presenters from various sectors of the apiculture industry to share expertise and knowledge.

Members of the media are therefore invited to this event which is scheduled to take place as follows:

VENUE: MOOIFONTEIN LOCAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICE DATE: WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2022 TIME: 10H00

Transport will be available on request for community media. Please RSVP to Ms Mandisa Mti at: dmti@nwpg.gov.za/ 018 389 5150 on or before Monday, 16 May 2022 before 13h00.

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