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GOVERNMENT CONVENES HUMAN SETTLEMENTS NGO/CSO SUMMIT FOR COLLABORATIVE AND ACCELERATED SERVICE DELIVERY

Human Settlements Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi and Deputy Minister Pam Tshwete will this week host a Non-Governmental and Civil Society Organisations Summit, under the theme: *“Strengthening Partnership to Deliver Better, Safer and Secure Sustainable Human Settlements”*.

The two-day Summit, scheduled for Thursday to Friday (30 November to 1 December 2023) in Gauteng, will be convened in the spirit of forging closer partnerships and collaborations between the government and various stakeholders in the sector to accelerate sustainable and integrated human settlements.

The NGOs and CSOs are important service-delivery agents in the implementation of sustainable and integrated human settlements programmes to the vulnerable in society. The Summit will break into various thematised panel discussions, focused on government programmes, a reflection on human rights imperatives, 30 year review and lessons learnt towards building a capable and ethical public service to respond to human settlements as well the economic participation of vulnerable groups. The programme will include a presentation on the White Paper on Human Settlements, aimed at resolving policy or implementation gaps. The White Paper will be made available for public comment soon after approval by Cabinet.

Delegates to the Summit will comprise of key stakeholders from academia, professionals in the built environment, government departments and various institutions.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

DAY 1: OPENING SESSION AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Dates: Thursday, 30 November 2023

Time: 09h00

Venue: Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre, Boksburg - Gauteng

DAY 2: PRESENTATIONS ON PROPOSALS, CLOSING REMARKS & MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Date: Friday, 1 December 2023

Time: 08h30

Venue: Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre, Boksburg - Gauteng

Members of the media are advised to submit their names and ID numbers for accreditation to Isaac.skhosana@dhs.gov.za or 076 875 5681.

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