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KHOLWANE TO ENGAGE CO-OPERATIVES ACROSS MPUMALANGA DURING BUILD UP EVENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVES DAY TO BE HOSTED BY THE PROVINCE

Mbombela – MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Mr. Sikhumbuzo Eric Kholwane will engage co-operatives during a series of events to be held in the three (3) districts of Mpumalanga, as build-ups to the International Co-operatives Day to be hosted by the Province from 1-2 July this year.

These events are aimed at raising awareness on co-operatives as a democratic form of business which promotes the principles of co-operation in business, and assist to create new business ethics and values and economics.

“Through these events, we want to highlight the unsung contribution being made by co-operatives in the growth of our economy, particularly in job creation and poverty alleviation. I therefore call upon all co-operatives in the Province to support these events”, urges MEC Kholwane.

The International Co-operative Day is celebrated worldwide annually, on the first Saturday of July, under the auspices of the United Nations, to recognise the significant contribution made by co-operatives in world economies. The celebration is further aimed to increase awareness on co-operatives and promote the movement's successes and ideals of international solidarity, economic efficiency, equality, and world peace.

Details of the build-up events are as follows:

1. Nkangala District Municipality

Date: **Thursday, 02 June 2016**
Time: 09:00
Venue: Mayor's Parlor, Nkangala District Municipality Office Complex, Middelburg

2. Gert Sibande District Municipality

Date: **Tuesday, 07 June 2016**
Time: 09:00
Venue: Mayor's Parlor, Gert Sibande District Municipality Office Complex, Ermelo

3. Ehlanzeni District Municipality

Date: **Friday, 10 June 2016**

Time: 09:00

Venue: Ehlanzeni Disaster Management Centre, Ehlanzeni District Municipality Office Complex,
Mbombela

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