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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Date: Monday, 25 November 2024**

Attention: Journalists, News Editors and Executive Producers

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **DEPARTMENT TO ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS ON THE PROPOSED PROVINCIAL INFORMAL SECTOR POLICY**

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**Mbombela** – The Department of Economic Development and Tourism will tomorrow engage stakeholders on the proposed Provincial Informal Sector Policy, with the aim of making stakeholders better understand their roles and responsibilities, as well as seeking their inputs. The proposed policy seeks to effectively oversee the operations of the sector. The engagement comes in the wake of government’s intervention to address the food-borne illness outbreak, and to ensure improved working relations amongst stakeholder.

“The development of the Provincial Informal Sector Policy has been in the pipeline, even before the outbreak of the food-borne illnesses and unfortunate deaths. We are now going on full throttle to make sure that the proposed policy is finalised, as a matter of urgency; hence we have planned to engage stakeholders, in this regard”, explained Ms. Brenda Mabaso, the Chief Director for Business Regulation and Governance in the Department.

Details of the engagement are as follows:

**Date: Tuesday, 26 November 2024**

**Time: 10:00**

**Venue: The Nutting House, Burnside Road on the N4, Mbombela**

***All Media is invited.***

Journalists who are interested to attend can confirm their attendance with **Mr. Thomas Msiza** on 079 500 0137 or email: [tmsiza@mpg.gov.za](mailto:tmsiza@mpg.gov.za).

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**\*Notes to Editors:**

*The Department of Economic Development and Tourism, under the Mpumalanga Provincial Government, is constitutionally mandated to stimulate economic growth and development in the Province, so as to create sustainable and decent employment, economic transformation and to alleviate poverty. The Department has three (3) Public Entities; namely, Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency (MEGA), Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), and Mpumalanga Economic Regulator (MER), to which it has delegated some of its constitutionally-mandated functions. These functions relate to: trade and investment promotion; funding of SMMEs; tourism growth and development; tourism marketing; regulation of the gambling and liquor industries, including collection of gambling levies and liquor license fees, amongst others.*