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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## Premier Mtshweni-Tsipane welcomes the President and Cabinet as Mpumalanga hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Presidential Imbizo

Preparations are at an advanced stage to host the second Presidential Imbizo to be held at the Sy Mthimunye stadium in Emalahleni Local Municipality, Nkangala District in Mpumalanga. The Premier, Ms Refilwe Mtshweni-Tsipane is expected to welcome President Cyril Ramaphosa and Cabinet Ministers for the District Development Model (DDM) Presidential Imbizo.

About three thousand people across the province, among them, traditional leaders, civil society organs, labour, women, youth, persons with disabilities and business representatives are expected to attend.

Premier Mtshweni-Tsipane says the imbizo is a vital pillar of participatory democracy and will offer the citizens an opportunity to engage the President on developmental issues. "Mpumalanga is more than ready to host the Presidential Imbizo. We are inspired by the President's decision to afford our citizens an opportunity to engage him and to share solutions on service delivery challenges. This view is based on the previous Imbizo, held in Gert Sibande District," the Premier elaborates.

She says the Imbizo seeks to entrench government's 'leave no one behind' perspective, as the country marks 30 years of democracy. The Premier encourages citizens to use all available measures, such as recording of messages through social media, to share with the President.

## Details of the Presidential imbizo are as follow:

**Date** : Thursday, 7 March 2024

**Venue :** Sy Mthimunye in Emalahleni Local Municipality, Nkangala District.

**Time** : 10h00

Proceedings will be live on various platforms, i.e Radio and TV stations, Facebook Livestream on the Mpumalanga Provincial Government and the GCIS pages.



Members of the media are invited. For confirmations and accreditations, contact **Ms Sibongile Mkani-Mpolweni** (Premier's Spokesperson) on 071 557 1142 or **Mr Ishmael Selemale** (GCIS) on 073 163 1123.

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