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PREMIER MANDLA NDLOVU TO ADDRESS THE MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL CENSUS 30 YEARS LAUNCH

Mpumalanga Premier, Mr Mandla Ndlovu, will on Thursday, 26 November 2026, address the Mpumalanga Provincial Census 30 Years Launch, hosted by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA), Mpumalanga Provincial Office, to commemorate 30 years of population and housing census-taking in democratic South Africa.

The campaign is held under the theme *"30 Years of Counting South Africa: Advancing Development, Equity and an Inclusive Future through Data",* which highlights the importance of census data in informing planning, promoting equitable development and shaping an inclusive future.

The provincial launch follows the national Census 30 Years celebration held by Stats SA in Pretoria on 9 October 2026. It will reflect on the evolution and key milestones of census-taking in Mpumalanga, following the four national censuses conducted since the advent of democracy in 1996, 2001, 2011 and 2022.

The occasion will further highlight how Census 2022 data supports provincial, district and municipal planning, particularly in responding to challenges relating to poverty, unemployment, service delivery, water and sanitation. It will also promote greater access to and use of census data by stakeholders.

The launch will coincide with the provincial celebration of Africa Statistics Day, observed annually on 18 November following its establishment in 1990 by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). The day promotes awareness of the importance of reliable and harmonised statistics in supporting social and economic development across the continent.

The 2026 Africa Statistics Day theme is "*Institutionalizing Water and Sanitation Statistics for Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Development in Africa."*

The Mpumalanga Provincial Census 30 Years Launch has been arranged as follows:

Date: Thursday, 26 November 2026
Time: 09:00
Venue: Destiny Exclusive Hotels and Conference Centres, Middelburg

Members of the media are invited to attend. To RSVP, please contact **Ms Phumla Mokoena-Setwaba** (Office of the Premier) on 0609988781 or **Mr Fhatuwani Ndou** (Stats SA) on 0716084771.

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