



MEDIA ADVISORY

COGTA MINISTER LAUNCHES 2ND BRICS URBANISATION FORUM AND THE 3RD FRIENDSHIP CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COOPERATION FORUM

The Minister of Cooperative Governance, Lechesa Tsenoli and the Deputy Minister Andries Nel invites media to the launch of the 2nd BRICS Urbanisation Forum and the 3rd Friendship Cities and Local Government Cooperation Forum which will be held 27-29 November 2013.

The BRICS launch is a build-up to the conference that will be held on 27 – 29 November 2013 in Durban. BRICS countries acknowledge that there cannot be sustainable development until the challenges of urbanisation and poverty are addressed. The BRICS conference will be held under the theme “**Towards Sustainable Development**” with the aim of creating a platform for member countries to explore areas of knowledge exchange and cooperation on issues relating to rapid urbanisation

The countries will also focus on the need of the various levels of government to strengthen dialogue and cooperation in the areas of infrastructure, community development, green economy, cultural exchanges, investment and technology transfer.

Members of the media are invited to the launch as follows:

DATE: Friday 15 November 2013

TIME: 07:30

VENUE: Middleburg (Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Council Chamber)

After the BRICS launch, the Minister and his Deputy will later continue with the MINMEC meeting with the MECs responsible for local government and other stakeholders.

NB: MEDIA PROGRAMME

07h30 –Media Assemble at Steve Tshwete Council Chamber

08h00-09h00- Visit to Local Municipality Projects

09h00-10h00 – Launch of 2nd BRICS Urbanisation Forum and 3rd Friendship Cities and Local Government Cooperation Forum

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