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CABINET CONGRATULATES MEC DUBE ON 911 BOARD APPOINTMENT

Pietermaritzburg, 06 March 2013: The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government has congratulated Executive Council Member Nomusa Dube on her recent appointment to the International Advisory Board of the US-based 911 Fund.

The Fund was created in the aftermath of the attacks of 9 September 2001 on the World Trade Centre in New York. It aims to enhance systems of emergency management and preparedness, and to share with allies globally the skills and lessons learned in the United States of America.

The Fund has worked to acquire fire trucks, fire-fighting equipment, ambulances and related equipment and donates it, along with training, to build preparedness, reduce risk, enhance civilian safety and minimize property loss from fire and other kinds of calamities.

Countries that have benefited include Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Haiti, Panama, Paraguay, Spain, South Africa, and Uruguay that had to deal with floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters. The Province of KwaZulu-Natal is finalizing negotiations for further assistance.

Congratulating the MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs on the appointment, Premier Dr Zweli Mkhize said:

“We wish her well and hope it will help her gain the kind of experience that will help all the people of KwaZulu-Natal. She will be exposed to global climate changes and interventions that are being used by other countries. We are also experiencing very unusual weather patterns and need to be ready for any eventuality. We are satisfied that the MEC’s appointment will not result in any conflict of interest and that it is in the interest of the Province of KwaZulu-Natal to support mankind in other parts of the globe.”

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