



Premier Senzo Mchunu weekly public engagements: “Our journey of building a stronger province is continuing.”

Reports to usher in “KZN Renaissance”

Durban: KwaZulu-Natal Premier Senzo Mchunu will officially release two crucial reports on the 4th April. Last year, the provincial government commissioned a Study Group to investigate threats to social cohesion. A Reference Group on Migration and Community Integration was also commissioned to investigate causes of xenophobic attacks. It was led by Judge Navir Pillay, former United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights. The two reports have been tabled before the provincial executive council and the premier is expected to unveil an implementation plan which is based on recommendations of the two reports.

Members of the media are invited to attend a media briefing scheduled to take place between at the Public Works Conference Centre 455A, King Cetshwayo Highway, Mayville, Durban commencing at 8h00. Media houses are requested to RSVP with Regi Khumalo on 079 751 6108.

Mchunu remarked: “It is quite fitting that we release the two reports during Freedom Month. Any discussion about South Africa’s freedom is incomplete if it does not reflect on the contribution of African giants such as Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, Muwalimu Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Agostino Neto of Angola, Ahmed Ben Bella of Algeria, Abdel Nasser of Egypt and many others to many to mention.”

“During this important month we want to express our gratitude to African brothers and sisters. We pay tribute to your governments and ordinary people who stood in solidarity with us as we waged a struggle for justice and equality.”

Premier determined to unleash legal furies to arrest sweeping waves of lawlessness

Cape Town: KwaZulu-Natal Premier Senzo Mchunu will take part in the cross-examination of candidates for the position of Deputy Judge President of the KwaZulu-Natal Division of the High Court. The Judiciary Service Commission will also be conducting interviews for two positions of judges.

Premier Mchunu remarked: “Early in March I met with the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services Michael Masutha. In this meeting I asked him to help the province address backlog of cases in courts which is caused partly by uneven allocation of magistrates, prosecutors and other practitioners in the justice system. “We have the largest population in KZN compared to the Western Cape Province but yet we have scarce resources - in terms of legal professionals and the legal infrastructure as a whole. I am happy that the minister is attending this matter because as government we want to



ensure that the wheels of justice are moving very fast across the province. We have implored the captains of the legal fraternity to work with the provincial government to arrest the wave of lawlessness that threatens to sweep the province. We want cases of the breach law to be speeded up and that access to justice be guaranteed for ordinary members of society at all times. ”

World Health Day to focus on Diabetes

Chatsworth: KwaZulu-Natal Premier Senzo Mchunu will address the World Health Day event scheduled to take place on the 7th April at 09h00. Thousands of people are expected to attend this event which will also be addressed by the Minister of Health Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, MEC for Health Dr Sbongiseni Dhlomo and eThekweni Municipality Mayor Cllr James Nxumalo.

Premier Remarkd: “We are grateful that national government identified Durban for this event given the fact that there is high prevalence of diabetes in the city. This event will surely raise awareness of this disease and help to prevent and control diabetes. According to a report from Statistics South Africa, diabetes is rapidly rising as a major cause of death. Our greatest fear is that in 2012 and 2013 diabetes was the 5th highest ranked cause of death but sadly in 2014 it was the third highest cause of death. It is for this reason that we want to send a strong message about prevention of diabetes and better management of the condition.”

100 Days countdown to 21st International Aids Conference

Durban: On the 8th April, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Senzo Mchunu in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Council on Aids will join the Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa in his capacity as the Chairperson of the South African National Aids Council to kick-start the count-down to this six-day conference scheduled to take place at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Convention Centre in July. Members of the public are urged to attend a parade which will start at 08h00 from King Dinuzulu through the streets of Durban and end at Gugu Dlamini Park with formalities. The parade will be joined by MEC for Health Dr Sbongiseni Dhlomo, MEC for Corporative Governance and Traditional Affairs Nomsa Dube-Ncube and eThekweni Municipality Mayor Cllr James Nxumalo.

Premier Mchunu remarked: “Our message is that leaders of society must work with communities to create ward based grassroots response involving all sectors of the community and acting together outside party political and partisan interests to save our people from this pandemic. As part of a build up to the conference we are mobilizing volunteer corps of youth whose vibrancy and energy will help drive a programme to change behavior and mobilize the youth into a force to build our society.”

Launch of Skills Revolution as part of Freedom Month



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Pietermaritzburg: On the 8th April midday, KZN Premier Senzo Mchunu will launch a Skills Revolution campaign with the Minister of Higher Education Dr Blade Nzimande. Mchunu has acknowledged that young people are the future of this country and the province as a whole. He believes in the potential of our young people and has emphasized that all spheres of government must work in a co-ordinated fashion to harness the potential of young people.

“We are committed to ensuring that our programmes on skills and youth development reach many young people across the province. We are grateful that the Minister is prioritizing skills development programmes targeted at young people.”

“Our vision is to ensure that by 2030 KZN will be a prosperous province with a healthy, secure and skilled population acting as a gateway to African and the world. In order to achieve this we are focusing on the acquisition of skills required to guarantee continuous socio economic development.”

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