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## **Press Release**

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### **Aids 2016 Business Dinner**

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On Thursday 28 January 2016 Mr E S Mchunu, Premier of KZN, invited business and private sector to attend a dinner at Greyville Conference Centre, Durban. The focus of the dinner was the Aids 2016 Conference.

The dinner event brought together private sector companies operating in KZN and

- Provided details on the objectives of AIDS 2016
- An update on the status of preparations
- An introduction to the different ways to become involved

Business are important stakeholders in making sure that the communities within the province are not left behind as AIDS is a cross cutting issue affecting all people in different ways. The Premier of KZN in his capacity as the Chairman of the Provincial AIDS Council gave the keynote address.

“Quote from the premiers speech.”

The Programme Directors for the evening were Ms Nongcebo McKenzie and Oziel Mdletshe. The opening and welcome was done by MEC Dr. S Dlomo, MEC for Health . Dr M Muturiki, IAS, and Ms Tjipo Mothobi, IAS, spoke about milestone that the Aids 2016 conference is back in Durban. Messages of support ,Private and Civil Society Sector, was received from Mr Zeph Ndlovu, President of the Durban Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Mr P Mdletshe, Chairperson CSO.

Entertainment: Three Tenors and Musa Njoko & the band.

The 21st International AIDS Conference (“AIDS 2016”), is to be held from 17- 22 July 2016 in Durban with an expected attendance of 20,000+ delegates. The conference will provide a unique forum for the intersection of science and advocacy in HIV/AIDS, and an opportunity

to strengthen policies and programmes to ensure an evidence-based response to the epidemic.

Occuring at the dawn of the global push to end the epidemic in the post-2015 era, the conference offers an opportunity to bring together all key factors – biomedical and implementation science, politics, activism and industry – and will determine whether the world effectively leverages this unique opportunity to advance toward ending AIDS. South Africa demonstrates the feasibility of rapid progress against AIDS through strong political leadership, evidence-based action, a rights-based approach and community leadership and engagement. Translating what has worked in this region to others is vital to reducing new HIV infections and AIDS morbidity and mortality worldwide.

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