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## **MINISTER LINDIWE ZULU , MINISTER MILDRED OLIPHANT, MEC SAM MASHININI, AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION TO HOST THE NATIONAL INFORMAL BUSINESS SUMMIT IN BLOEMFONTEIN**

Minister of Small Business Development Lindiwe Zulu, Minister of Labour Mildred Oliphant, and Free State MEC for Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Mr Sam Mashinini, the International Labour Organisation will on 23 to 24 June 2016 host the second annual National Informal Business Summit in Bloemfontein.

The forum provides a platform for engagement among stakeholders on decent work deficit in the informal economy and presents the platform for government to create greater awareness of the National Informal Business Upliftment Strategy (NIBUS).

NIBUS which was adopted by cabinet in 2014 aims supporting the enterprising poor in the informal business sector and facilitating their participation in the mainstream economy through various policy and programmatic interventions.

Members of the media are invited to this event which will be held as follows:

**DATE: THURSDAY, 23 JUNE 2016 AND FRIDAY, 24 JUNE 2016 2016**  
**TIME: 8:00**  
**VENUE: PRESIDENTIAL HOTEL, BLOEMFONTEIN**

The informal sector is the significant contributor to job and income generation in the country that can be seen in terms of its contribution towards economic growth, employment, poverty reduction and the development of semi industrial base amongst others.

At the global level, in an attempt to address decent work deficits that beset the informal economy, the International Labour Organisation at its 104th Session of the International Labour Conference adopted a Standards setting Recommendation (204) to facilitate transition of the informal to formal economy.

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