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## **Learners to receive credentials in the field of responsible tourism practices**

**20 February 2019**

Deputy Minister of Tourism, Ms Elizabeth Thabethe, will officiate the certification ceremonies in various provinces for learners who successfully completed the Department's Tourism Resource Efficiency Training Programme.

Initiated in 2017, the Tourism Resource Efficiency Training initiative is funded by the Green Tourism Incentive Programme, and forms part of the greater National Tourism Sector Strategy objective to promote responsible tourism practices in the sector.

Sixty (60) unemployed graduates from the Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Free State Provinces recently participated in the Tourism Resource Efficiency Programme to gain skills in Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production methodologies.

Implemented in partnership with the National Cleaner Production Centre – South Africa (NCPC – SA), the training comprised of a week of theoretical training and six months of on the job training - with mentorship facilitated by the organisation.

It is envisioned that the Tourism Resource Efficiency trainees will contribute to inculcating a culture of responsible tourism practices, which will lead to increased awareness and pro-active action to reduce the industry's carbon footprint.

### **MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE INVITED:**

#### **WESTERN CAPE CERTIFICATION CEREMONY:**

**DATE** : Friday, 22 February 2019  
**VENUE** : Cape Town Lodge – Western Cape Province  
**TIME** : 10:30 for 11:00

#### **EASTERN CAPE CERTIFICATION CEREMONY:**

**DATE** : Monday, 25 February 2019  
**VENUE** : Mayfair Hotel (Mthatha) – Eastern Cape Province  
**TIME** : 10:30 for 11:00

#### **FREE STATE CERTIFICATION CEREMONY:**

**DATE** : Thursday, 28 February 2019  
**VENUE** : Metsi Matsho Lodge – (Qwaqwa) – Free State Province  
**TIME** : 10:30 for 11:00

Kindly confirm your attendance by no later than **21 February 2019:**

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