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## Minister Tokozile Xasa to officiate Young Chefs Graduation in Mdantsane – Eastern Cape

## 29 August 2017

The Department of Tourism, through its Social Responsibility Implementation (SRI) Programme, will host a graduation ceremony to honour students from East London (Eastern Cape) who participated in the National Youth Chefs Training Programme (NYCTP) Training.

Minister Tokozile Xasa will officiate the graduation ceremony where 44 learners will receive internationally recognised Certificates and Diplomas in Professional Cookery, and advanced Diplomas in Pastry - accredited by City and Guilds.

The Department approved the training of 577 learners from all provinces in culinary skills from June 2015 to April 2017. During the training period learners were placed at various Hospitality establishments across the country for workplace training.

The graduation will be followed by an Imbizo with the local community. The Imbizo will create awareness about the Department's initiatives and opportunities, and will educate the community about the *I DO TOURISM* marketing campaign.

## Members of the media are invited as follows:

## **GRADUATION CEREMONY & IMBIZO**

**Date**: 05 September 2017 **Time**: 09:30 for 10:00

Venue: NU-7 Community Hall in Mdantsane – East London (EC)

Kindly confirm your attendance by no later than 01 September 2017 to:

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