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**Minister of Tourism to launch Language Training Programme in Mandarin and Russian**

**15 September 2016**

Minister of Tourism, Mr Derek Hanekom, will officially launch the Foreign Language Training Programme in Mandarin and Russian for tourist guides and frontline staff in Johannesburg – Gauteng.

China and Russia are among the top tourist markets for South Africa. The Foreign Language Training Programme will ensure that tourism practitioners are adequately capacitated with a proficiency in Mandarin and Russian.

Thirty (30) tourist guides and frontline staff from various provinces have been selected to participate in the three month training programme. The curriculum will focus on language tutoring, reading and writing skills, and a course on the culture of both countries.

**Members of the media are cordially invited to attend**

**Date** : 21 September 2016  
**Venue** : The Hilton Hotel - Rivonia Street, Johannesburg – Gauteng  
**Time** : 15h00 – 17h00

**Kindly confirm your attendance by no later than 19 September 2016 to:**

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