



**MINISTRY OF TOURISM
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Tourism Minister, Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane joins Head of Infrastructure and Investment in The Presidency, Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa to officially open Hotel Sky

14 April 2021

The Minister of Tourism, Ms Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane, will on Thursday 15 April 2021 join the Head of Infrastructure and Investment in the Presidency, Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa for the official opening of the new Hotel Sky in the City of Cape Town.

Hotel Sky is a 28-storey high rise building in Cape Town. One of the primary goals of the project owners is to build hotels in central locations while maintaining affordability.

Providing affordable leisure in the Metropole has massive potential to drive Destination enhancement by improving the quality of product offerings and diversification, through upgrades, refurbishment and maintenance to support an inclusive tourism recovery at a time when the industry has faced consecutive negative growth due to COVID-19.

Infrastructure projects capitalised and commissioned by Government and the Private Sector are central to the Economic Recovery Plan as they provide the much-needed job opportunities, upskilling of workers as well as general economic activity with potential to increasing GDP growth.

Hotel Sky is an excellent display of Inner-City Revitalisation and the use of technology to enhance efficiency in the workplace.

This innovative use of technology in enhancing service offering in the hotel includes contactless booking, check-in and room access via the Hotel Sky app, and AI-powered robots to supplement the workforce, through assistance with luggage and room service delivery. This is especially important as we seize the opportunities of the 4th industrial and technological revolution and plan for the future.

Both Minister Kubayi-Ngubane and Dr Ramokgopa see value in supporting Investments like the Hotel Sky that drive economic growth and activity, as the country navigates through a pandemic.

Media is invited to attend as follows:

Date: 15 April 2021

Time: 11:30

Venue: Hotel Sky, City of Cape Town

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