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**South African chefs broaden their culinary skills in Seychelles**

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The Minister of Tourism Tokozile Xasa, will on Sunday 23 April 2017 see off 20 South African Chefs travelling to Seychelles for placement at the country's various hotels. South Africa and Seychelles signed a tourism cooperation agreement in August 2013. This cooperation agreement has facilitated institutional agreements between South African and Seychellois tourism institutions adding depth to this country-to-country commitment. It also focusses on building initiatives towards the development of the tourism sectors in both countries.

The National Youth Chefs Training Programme (NYCTP) is the result of a partnership between the National Department of Tourism (NDT) and the South African Chefs Association (SACA) to address the urgent need for cooks and chefs in South Africa's growing hospitality industry. This programme forms part of the National Government's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) as an initiative to fund skills development projects to create employment.

As a return on investment and with the objective of job creation, the Department chose to select graduate chefs from NYCTP. After a rigorous interview process, twenty chefs were selected to participate in a one year placement programme in Seychelles.

**Media is cordially invited to the send-off function to be held as follows:**

**Date** : 23 April 2017  
**Venue** : Premier Hotel, OR Tambo  
**Time** : 08h00 – 10h30

Kindly confirm your attendance by no later than **22 April 2017**

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