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"Unskilled work and the travel tourism industry: Myth or reality?"

17 July 2013

The National department of Tourism will be hosting a Tourism Leadership Dialogue to discuss issues around skills development within the tourism sector. Themed, "Unskilled Work and the Travel and Tourism Industry: Myth or Reality?", the dialogue will provide a platform for public and private sector tourism stakeholders to engage with the view of finding solutions to the lack of an adequately skilled workforce that has hampered the development of a strong national tourism industry in South Africa.

Topics for discussion:

- Readiness: Are the learning institutions producing the right/ relevant skills needed by the tourism industry, and if not, what are these requirements?
- Entrepreneurship in Tourism: Success Stories
- How to Attract and Retain Relevant Skills Within the Tourism Industry
- Highlight of Tourism Skills Partnerships
- An Overview of Current Tourism Skills Development Initiatives/Programmes

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend:

Date: 19 July 2013

Venue: Emperors Palace, 64 Jones Road, Kempton Park, Johannesburg

Time: 08:30 for 09:00 am

Kindly confirm your attendance by 18 July 2013 to:

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Telephone: +27 (0) 12 444 6619 Email: <u>TMahlatsi@tourism.gov.za</u> Media registration will be conducted on 19 July 2013 from 08:30-08:50

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