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MEDIA ALERT

## **EMPOWERING CHEFS THROUGH THE RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING PROGRAMME**

**05 February 2024**

Western Cape – The Department of Tourism will host a graduation ceremony to honour Chefs in the Western Cape who successfully completed the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme. The 25 students will receive NQF Level 5 Occupational Trade certificates bringing to fruition their dream of being accredited chefs in the tourism sector.

The RPL programme is a Tourism Sector Human Resource Strategy (TSHRS) intervention that recognises the prior learning of Chefs, and awards them with the relevant occupational qualification and designation. The programme is significant as it empowers beneficiaries to explore career growth opportunities and improve their trajectory in the workforce.

Deputy Minister of Tourism, Mr. Fish Mahlalela will preside over the graduation ceremony that will mark the culmination of the 2023/2024 leg of the RPL programme in the Western Cape. To date the RPL has upskilled and awarded trade certificates to 107 chefs in various provinces.

The RPL graduation takes place in the afternoon of President Cyril Ramaphosa's State of the Nations Address (SoNA) that will expand on government's efforts and milestones in empowering and uplifting the economy and communities. Tourism will mark the day with various pre-SoNA activities that include the RPL Graduation and a Fun Run/Walk in Langa, highlighting government's contribution to building thriving tourism communities.

### **MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:**

**DATE:** Thursday, 08 February 2024

### **THE LANGA FUN RUN/ WALK AND TOURISM EXHIBITION**

**Venue:** Guga S'thebe Multipurpose & exhibition Centre, Langa Township – Cape Town

**Time:** 08h00 – 12h00

### **RPL GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**Venue:** Silwood School of Cookery, (Rondebosch Cape Town) – Western Cape

**Time:** 13h00 – 15h00

**RSVP:** Members of the media can confirm their attendance to Mr. Tshifhiwa Dzhivhuho – Communications Intern (DT) via Cell/ WhatsApp: 076 2843 287 or e-mail: [tdzhivhuho@tourism.gov.za](mailto:tdzhivhuho@tourism.gov.za)

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