



## Tourism launches UNWTO Women in Tourism pilot project in Mopani district

## 15 March 2022

LIMPOPO PROVINCE – The Director-General of the Department of Tourism, Victor Tharage, together with the Limpopo Department of Economic Development Environment and Tourism (LEDET), will launch the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) Women in Tourism (WiT) Pilot programme in Mopani District on 17 March 2022.

The Department of Tourism has initiated the WiT programme to drive the gender equality and inclusion of women entrepreneurs in the sector. To ensure that communities benefit as participants in the tourism economy, a pilot project focussing on women in tourism within Limpopo was identified to participate in the UNWTO Women in Tourism Pilot programme.

Seven projects within the Ribola Art Route in the Mopani and Vhembe districts were identified for the pilot programme namely, Twananani Textiles, Nahakwe Lodge, Baleni Salt Harvestors, Mashishimale Village Homestays, Hi Hlurile Pot of Beads and Mukondeni Pottery Village.

## MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE INVITED:

| Date:  | Thursday, 17 March 2022  |
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| Venue: | Nahakwe Lodge – Off Road D11, South of Mamaila, Limpopo Province |
| Time:  | 08:30 – 12:30  |

| TIME          | DESCRIPTION   |
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| 08:30 - 09:00 | Screening & Registration  |
| 09:00 - 09:05 | Official Opening and Welcoming  |
| 09:05 - 09:15 | Welcome<br>Cllr: Nkakareng Rakgoale, Executive Mayor: Mopani District Municipality                                |
| 09:15 - 09:25 | Message of Support<br>Ms Keleabetswe Tlouane, LEDET   |
| 09:25 - 09:35 | UNWTO Women in Tourism Pilot purpose and background<br>Ms Mmaditonki Setwaba: DDG: Tourism Sector Support Service |
| 09:35 - 09:55 | Launch of the UNWTO Women in Tourism Pilot<br>Mr Victor Tharage – DG of Dept of Tourism                           |
| 09:55 -10:00  | Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks  |
| 10:00 - 10:10 | Media Interviews  |
| 10:40 - 11:00 | Demonstration of the cloth making process at Twanani Textiles   |
| 11:25 - 11:45 | Demonstration of Mukondeni Pottery making process   |
| 12:00 - 12:30 | Presentation of Pilato Bulala scrap metal art   |

Please confirm attendance by 15:00 on 16 March 2022 to: **Ms Susan de Bruin** Tel: 082 921 7303

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