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DSACR HOSTS FREE STATE CREATIVE ARTS SUMMIT

The Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation will host the Free State Creative Arts Summit following the 2020 Budget Vote Speech injunction. During her 2020 Budget Vote Speech the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Mrs. Limakatso Mahasa, made a commitment to the effect that a Free State Creative Arts Sector Summit will be hosted.

The purpose of the Summit is to work towards a structured creative sector in the province and it will be staged under the related theme: “Towards A Structured Free State Creative Sector”. Central focus will be placed on the following key issues:

- Establishment of Arts and Culture Centre Advisory Councils and Programming Committees.
- Framework Towards Establishment of the Free State Film Commission as a Catalyst for Economic Growth in the Free State.
- Policy Guidelines and Criteria for Payment of Artists Fees.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Summit was postponed on few occasions. With the COVID-19 restrictions relaxed recently the Summit will finally take place in Bloemfontein from 26 to 28 March 2022.

The following stakeholders are expected to be part of the Summit: Creative and Cultural Industry of South Africa (CCIFSA); Lengau Choral Music Association (LECOMA); South African Arts and Culture Youth Federation (SAACYF); Performing Arts Council of the Free State (PACOFSA); University of the Free State; Central University of Technology and others.

Commenting on the matter, MEC Mahasa stated that “this Summit is long overdue and we appreciate the patience of our creatives when the Summit

kept on being postponed due to reasons beyond our control. We have no doubt that the Summit will go a long way in ensuring a structured approach of working in this sector. We need to build on the good work that has already been done so far in the advancement of our creatives in the province”.

Attendance at the Summit is per invitation.

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