



## MEDIA ADVISORY

Attention: All Media Houses,

### 20 YEARS OF DEMARCATION, REFLECTION ON SPATIAL TRANSFORMATION

The Chairperson of Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) Ms Jane Thupana and the CEO, Mr Sigidi Muthotho invite you to a media breakfast as part of the preparation of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MDB. The anniversary (to be hosted in the form of a conference on 31 January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019) will be anchored under the theme: "20 Years of Demarcation, Reflection on Spatial Transformation,

The media breakfast will be held as follows:

**Date** : 24 January 2019

**Time** : 11:00 -13:00

**Venue:** Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) (Eco Origins Office Park Block C1, 349 Witch-Hazel Avenue, Highveld, 01570)

According to the Chairperson, Ms Thupana, the forthcoming celebration is a historic milestone in more ways than one. Firstly, it seeks to provide an opportunity for Local Government thought Leaders, Practitioners and Professionals to engage on matters of demarcation and spatial transformation accomplished over the past 20 years. To further ensure that these participants, as they reflect on the past 20 years look at how the demarcation instrument could be sharpened to facilitate developmental local government.

The conference is coming at the time that new ideas are beginning to emerge on whether the current legislative framework is still relevant to provide a well-defined instrument for ensuring that the mandate of the MDB is effectively carried out or whether there is a need to review the objectives and factors of demarcation? These and many more questions are beginning to be posed, and all these are meant to sharpen the demarcation instrument(s) to align with the current thinking which largely

is provided for in the National Development Plan (NDP) and in the Integrated Urban Development Framework (IUDF).

Despite all these ideas, the Chairperson undoubtedly believes that “MDB has made remarkable contribution to the spatial transformation agenda, specifically in reversing the apartheid spatial logic through consolidation of local government structures in a manner that facilitated the development of integrated settlements and an inclusive tax base.”

MDB is South Africa’s municipal demarcation authority, whose mission is to deepen democracy and facilitate the socio-economic transformation of the country for the benefits of its citizens.

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Please send your RSVP by not later than 21 January 2019 to Ms Dimakatso Makhetha at Email: [dimakatso@demarcation.org.za](mailto:dimakatso@demarcation.org.za). For more enquiries call her on 012 342 2481