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MEDIA ADVISORY

INFORMATION REGULATOR PROVINCIAL ROADSHOW IN NORTHERN CAPE TO PROMOTE POPIA AND PAIA

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The Information Regulator (IR) in partnership with the Northern Cape Provincial government, Dawid Kruiper Local Municipality and Government Communication Information System (GCIS) will host a Dikopano (Community Engagement) at the Raaswater Community Hall in Upington on 14 November 2024. This will be followed by a Stakeholder Engagement Breakfast on 15 November 2024 in Upington. These events are part of the IR's Provincial Roadshows aimed at promoting and raising awareness around the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) and the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) as well as commemorating National Disability Rights Awareness Month.

The Dikopano is an information sharing session that aims to increase the Regulator's visibility specifically in disadvantaged and rural communities as per the strategic focus. There will also be an exhibition of services and information by regulatory bodies and public sector agencies and government departments. The session will raise awareness and promote the right to privacy as it relates to the protection of personal information and the right of access to information. The event will be led by the IR's Chairperson Adv. Pansy Tlakula and the Executive Mayor of Dawid Kruiper Municipality, Mr Michael Segede.

Following the Dikopano, a stakeholder engagement session will be conducted to engage with various public and private bodies that handle POPIA and PAIA on a regular basis. The session aims to equip the bodies with knowledge to better implement and comply with the two legislations in their respective organisations or departments. During the week the IR will also conduct public awareness activations in and around Raaswater and the Upington area, as well as provide an online training session for Civil Society Organisations, Information Officers and Deputy Information Officers in the province.

The theme for this roadshow is "*Taking the Regulator to the People*".

Members of the media are invited to attend the two events as follows:

Dikopano (**Community Engagement**)

Date: 14 November 2024, Thursday

Time: 10:00 -13:00

Venue: Raaswater Community Hall, Upington

Stakeholder Engagement Breakfast

Date: 15 November 2024, Friday

Time: 08:00-10:00 am

Venue: Protea Hotel Upington

To RSVP for the Community Engagement or Stakeholder Breakfast contact Tshegofatso Letshwiti tletshwiti@infoeregulator.org.za / 083 702 7833.

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