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MEDIA ADVISORY

INFORMATION REGULATOR PROVINCIAL ROADSHOW IN FREE STATE TO PROMOTE POPIA AND PAIA

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The Information Regulator (IR) in partnership with the Free State Provincial government, Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality, Government Communication Information System (GCIS) and the Barolong Boo Seleka Traditional Council will host a Dikopano (Community Engagement) at the Barolong Community Hall in Thaba Nchu on 25 July 2024. This will be followed by a Stakeholder Engagement Breakfast on 26 July 2024 in Bloemfontein, Free State Province. 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 Mandela Month.

The Dikopano will create an opportunity for the IR to interact directly with the community of Thaba Nchu and its surrounds and gather perspective on issues relating to information rights (access to information and protection of personal information) from the point of view of community members and potential requestors of information. The event will be led by the IR's Chairperson Adv Pansy Tlakula and Kgosi Gaboilelwe Moroka of the Barolong Boo Seleka Traditional Council.

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 Thaba Nchu and the Bloemfontein area, as well as provide an online training session for 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: 25 July 2024, Thursday

Time: 10:00 -13:00

Venue: Barolong Community Hall, Thaba Nchu.

Stakeholder Engagement Breakfast

Date: 26 July 2024, Friday

Time: 08:00-10:00 am

Venue: Protea Willow Lake Bloemfontein

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