



MEDIA ADVISORY

INFORMATION REGULATOR ROADSHOW IN EASTERN CAPE TO PROMOTE POPIA AND PAIA

13 NOVEMBER 2023

The Information Regulator (Regulator) in partnership with the Eastern Cape Provincial government, and the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality will conduct a roadshow in the Eastern Cape Province. As part of the roadshow the Regulator will host a Community Engagement (Dikopano) at the Babs Madlakane Community Hall in Uitenhage on 16 November 2023 followed by a Stakeholder Engagement Breakfast on 17 November 2023 in Gqeberha.

The Dikopano will create an opportunity for the Regulator to interact directly with the community of the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality who will gather at the Kariega area, Babs Madlakane Community Hall and get perspective on issues relating to information rights (access to information and protection of personal information) as contained in the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA) and the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA).

The stakeholder engagement session will be conducted by the Regulator to engage with various public and private bodies who must comply with POPIA and PAIA. The session aims to equip the bodies with knowledge to implement compliance with the two legislations in their respective organisations or departments.

The theme for Eastern Cape roadshow is "*Taking the Regulator to the people*" and coincides with the principles of the Disability Rights Awareness Month in November, as it promotes human rights and empowers communities especially vulnerable groups with information, in order for them to exercise their right to privacy and right to access information.

The Regulator will be hosting multiple public activations in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality to disseminate information of the Regulators services to the communities. The activations will be attended by various regulatory bodies and government departments who will also be providing services and information to the members of the public.



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

Community Engagement (Dikopano)

Date: 16 November 2023, Thursday

Time: 10:00 -14:00

Venue: Babs Madlakane Community Hall, Uitenhage, Kariega.

Stakeholder Engagement Breakfast

Date: 17 November 2023, Friday

Time: 08:00-10:00 am

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Marine Dr, 9th Ave, Summerstrand, Gqeberha.

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