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MEC Xasa hosts send off dinner for teams participating at Inter-Governmental Games

MEC for Local Government and Traditional Affairs (DLGTA) Mrs Tokozile Xasa will host a send off gala dinner for the Eastern Cape Team which will be participating in Inter-Governmental Games in Richards Bay from the 12th - 14th December 2008.

MEC Xasa and MEC Abrahams-Ntantiso embarked upon an initiative to introduce inter-governmental games to promote sound intergovernmental relations between Provinces (Eastern Cape, Free State, Mpumalanga and KwaZulu Natal). The initiative has built strong partnership between the departments of Local Government, Sports and Recreation and SALGA in the Provinces.

The games are seen to be having a positive effect in promoting sound intergovernmental relations, networking, best practice sharing, sporting infrastructure development, local economic development, development of sporting heroes, promoting indigenous and classical sport to all communities to promote health and wellness of communities.

The Department (DLGTA - Eastern Cape) has rallied the support and interest of the province on the upcoming 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup by encouraging its participation in the Inter-Governmental Games. These Games will serve as the springboard to stimulate sporting activity in the communities throughout the province and advocacy on 2010 FIFA World Cup awareness.

The Eastern Cape team will be participating in various sporting codes namely; dibeke, football, golf, kgati, mrabaraba, netball, rugby, table tennis and volleyball.

Members of the media are invited to a press conference which will be held at the Regent Hotel at 17h00 on the 9th of December 2008 where the MEC Xasa will make an announcement and give an update on the state of readiness of the Province to the Games.

The send off gala dinner will be held on the 9th of December 2008, at the Regent at 18h00 following the press conference where the media is also invited.
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