

PRESS STATEMENT

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Provincial women and environment conference

The department of Economic development, Environment and Tourism will host the first ever one day Women and Environment Conference on Friday 9 May 2006 at the Touch of Eden (Dendron road next to Excel Garage). The conference is expected to attract prominent women organizations, professional bodies, women occupying strategic positions in government and parastatals and the media fraternity.

This conference is as a result of a National women and Environment Conference which produced a National document in the name of Mogale City Declaration. It will focus on the empowerment of male participants to the principles of that declaration, highlighting the challenges and opportunities facing women dealing with environmental issues and identifying programmes to combat them.

The MEC for Economic development, Environment and Tourism, Mr. O.C Chabane will deliver the keynote address under the theme “The environment, our challenge, our future”.

To date about 300 delegates had confirmed their attendance which indicates a tremendous interest from all our stakeholders in the Province.

It is the intention of the Province to adopt a Provincial declaration on women and environment in the spirit of the Mogale City Declaration.

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