



LIMPOPO

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & TOURISM

MEDIA ALERT

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LIMPOPO TO RE-SHAPE PROBLEMATIC COMPLIANCE WITHIN THE LIQUOR INDUSTRY

The Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism has over the past year noted with concern the number of Liquor outlets found operating illegally, non-compliance on building structures, underage drinking, illicit liquor trading, alcohol abuse, noise pollution, escalating takeover of liquor business by foreign nationals without verification, violence and killings at liquor outlets, sexual assaults as well and the continued non-confirmation of fines by the Magistrate Courts and the National Prosecuting Authority which severely undermines compliance efforts, enforcement and community safety.

The Department is highly aggravated by the consistent infringements on the liquor laws by the liquor industry inclusive of the nonchalant attitude carelessly displayed by liquor licence holders. Failure to immediately restore accountability, protect communities and uphold the law within the liquor industry, will result as a serious threat to regulatory integrity, economic governance and public safety.

The 2026 Limpopo Liquor Indaba is intentionally designed to bring together regulators, government departments, municipalities, law enforcement agencies, traditional leadership, liquor associations, and civil society to collectively, shape a responsible, compliant and sustainable liquor industry in Limpopo.

Members of the Media are invited to the 2026 Limpopo Liquor Indaba which is to take place as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 03 March 2026

Time: 09h00

Venue: Kalahari Waterfront, Thulamela Local Municipality, Thohoyandou, Vhembe District

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