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Limpopo experiences the 1913 Natives' Land Act exhibition

The Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform Mr Gugile Nkwinti officially opened the 1913 Natives Land Act exhibition in Limpopo on 20 September 2013 at the Polokwane International Airport.

Minister Nkwinti was joined by the Premier of Limpopo Mr Stan Mathabatha, Deputy Minister of the department Ms Pamela Tshwete as well as the MEC of Agriculture in Limpopo Ms Rosina Semenya.

The aim of this exhibition is to educate the public and the youth about the history of land dispossessions that the country went through after the promulgation of the notorious Natives Land Act of 1913. This Natives Land Act prohibited black people from lawfully acquiring, owning or renting land in the whole of South Africa except for the small pieces of land which was reserved for their occupation.

Premier of Limpopo Province Mr Stan Mathabatha indicated through his opening remarks that the province welcomes this exhibition and hopes that the people of Limpopo will learn a lot from it. He indicated that he was also a victim of the Act because he was moved three times by the previous regime to different places. He encouraged those who did not directly experience land dispossessions to come and see what "our parents" endured at the hands of the then apartheid government.



From left: Limpopo MEC of Agriculture Ms Rosina Semenya, Limpopo Premier, Stan Mathabatha, Deputy Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform Pamela Tshwete and Minister of Rural development and Land Reform Honourable Gugile Nkwinti