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**MEDIA INVITE**

**MINISTER DIDIZA TO LAUNCH AND HANDOVER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION  
INPUTS AND EQUIPMENT TO THE SOKHULUMI AGRI-PARK.**

**27 MAY 2022**

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Ms Thoko Didiza, will launch and handover agricultural production inputs and equipment to the members of the Farmer Production Support Unit (FPSU) under the Sokhulumi Agri-park on 30 May 2022. The Sokhulumi Agri-park is one of the agri-parks under the City of Tshwane Agri-park Programme earmarked for support by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

The minister will hand over the agricultural production inputs and equipment to the Sokhulumi Agri-park as part of the departmental farmer support programme to assist smallholder farmers to maximise agricultural production, maintain their supply contracts, create jobs, enhance food security, stimulate agro-industrialisation and help to grow the country's economy.

This initiative emanates from the outcome of a study that was conducted by Urban-Econ, a specialist consulting firm in the arena of development economics, to look at viable commodities which can form part of the master plan for a possible agri-park in the City of Tshwane. The study identified suitable commodities for each agri-park based on, among others, climatic conditions, land use capabilities and economic factors.

In the City of Tshwane, the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development will, in the current financial year, provide support to three agri-parks, namely Sokhulumi Agri-park, Rooiwal Agri-park and Winterveldt Agri-park.



The launch and the handover of agricultural inputs and equipment to the Sokhulumi FPSU will take place as follows:

Date : 30 May 2022  
Venue : Public Works Offices (Bronkhorstspuit)  
Time : 9:00–10:00

**Visit to the chief**

Venue : Sokhulumi (Esigodlweni)  
Time : 10:00–11:30

**Main event**

Venue : Sokhulumi Village (Napwa Building)  
Time : 12:00–14:00

For **RSVP** and further information on the event, kindly contact the following officials: Mr Tshifhiwa Tshikhudo on 071 850 1805/tshifhiwa.tshikhudo@dalrrd.go.za and Themba Hleko on 083 400 4768/[Themba.hleko@dalrrd.gov.za](mailto:Themba.hleko@dalrrd.gov.za)

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