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DEPUTY PRESIDENT DAVID MABUZA TO HAND OVER LAND TO THE COVIE COMMUNITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE

Deputy President David Mabuza in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Land Reform will lead a land handover ceremony to the Covie community in the Western Cape. The event is scheduled to take place on 30 April 2021 in Bitou Local Municipality at 10:00.

The Deputy President will be supported by the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Ms Thoko Didiza and the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Ms Patricia de Lille.

This is part of the ongoing work of the Land Reform Inter-Ministerial Committee to accelerate land reform by mobilising state resources to increase the efficiency and sustainability of land redistribution and restitution.

The land handover to the Covie community is as the result of a restitution claim that was lodged by past and present residents of Covie Village. The restitution claim will provide opportunities to a number of groups including, the claimant community with their historical connection to Covie and direct experience of dispossession as well as the broader Bitou community who live in the surrounding areas.

This handover ceremony takes place during the commemoration of Freedom Month and it further demonstrates government's commitment to human dignity, freedoms, and the pursuit of an inclusive economy based on equitable spatial justice.

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