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**MINISTER DIDIZA TO HOLD A SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION FOR WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE**

**05 OCTOBER 2022**

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Ms Thoko Didiza, will hold a Symposium and Exhibition for Women in Agriculture and Agro-processing, Africa Free Trade Agreement: Market Access on Friday 07 October 2022 at Birchwood, Boksburg.

Minister Didiza will also officiate and deliver the keynote address during this engagement. Additionally, the department, in collaboration with Total Energies, will host a Gala Dinner in recognition of the women farmers with disabilities and those involved in agriculture and agro-processing. This is in light of the recently signed Agriculture and Agro-Processing Master Plan.

The purpose of the minister's engagement is to increase active participation of women in agriculture, agro-processing and agribusinesses for the sustainable social and economic wellbeing of households.

The symposium and exhibition will take place under the theme: **Women's socio-economic rights and empowerment: Building back better for women's resilience.**

Women's participation in agriculture, land reform and rural development is generally unequal to that of men in many ways such as access to land, commercial farming, finance, technology, training, infrastructure, water, production inputs, extension support, markets, etc. African women tend to be at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder because of these obstacles.

Members of the media are invited to attend the event which will take place as follows:

Date : 07 October 2022

Venue : Birchwood, Boksburg

Time : 09:00–14:00 and 18:00-21:00

For RSVP, please contact Matsepo Malatswane 0660846355 or [MatsepoM@dalrrd.gov.za](mailto:MatsepoM@dalrrd.gov.za)



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