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NELSON MANDELA MUSEUM MARKS 34 YEAR RELEASE OF MANDELA AT THE RAYMOND MHLABA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Nelson Mandela Museum in partnership with the Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Amathole District Municipality, and Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality will celebrate 34 years of Nelson Mandela's release from prison and 24 years of Nelson Mandela Museum's establishment. This year's event will be celebrated under the theme: **The Triumphant Walk into a Dream of Rainbow Nation**

The Museum and its partners have aligned the Mandela Release Rally with the 30 years of democratically elected government to celebrate the people of South Africa, liberation movements, and political parties for their sterling roles during CODESA.

The Mandela Release Celebration is scheduled to take place on the 10th and 11th of February 2024 at Dikeni. On the 10th of February, the museum with its partners will host a Round Table Discussion at Raymond Mhlaba Municipality Chambers. It is where different speakers are invited to unpack the theme and discuss at length the walk to freedom by Nelson Mandela. Invited speakers and the topics for discussion are as follows:

- Prof. Marianne Camerer of the School of Public Governance at the University of Cape Town: **How Nelson Mandela's leadership shaped public governance in South Africa**

- Prof. Xolela Mangcu of the George Washington University United States: **My encounter with Madiba Magic**
- Ambassador Mbulelo Rakwena from the National Liberation Heritage Institute of South Africa: **The day when Mandela walked into the dream of a new South Africa**
- **Mr. Bantubonke Holomisa who is the South African Member of Parliament**
- Prof. Somadoda Fikeni who is the Chairperson of Public Service Commission: **The contradictions of a rainbow nation**

The Release Rally will feature Former Deputy President Baleka Mbete, Former Robben Island Prisoner: Mr. Mxolisi Mali, Struggle Veterans: Mr. Bandile Ketelo, Former Minister of Sport: Mr. Ngconde Balfour and the Family Representative: Ms Ndileka Mandela.

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