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## **32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Nelson Mandela's release from in prison to be hosted at Drakenstein Correctional Services**

The Nelson Mandela Museum in partnership with Drakenstein Correctional Services, Robben Island Museum and Incarceration Nations Network will celebrate the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Nelson Mandela release from prison on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2022. His release is aligned to the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Nelson Mandela Museum in Mthatha.

The Mandela Release celebration will be live from Drakenstein Correctional Services in Paarl, a prison where Mandela spent 14 months of his 27 years of imprisonment and the last stop of his long walk to freedom. The debate will feature two ex-prison warders - Christo Brand and Jack Swart.

The ex-prison warders had special relations with Former President Nelson Mandela during his imprisonment. They remained in contact with him following his release from prison. The debate will focus on the nature of the connections they established with the late Nelson Mandela during and after the imprisonment. The debate will also remind people about Nelson Mandela's life in prison and how to continue to preserve his legacy.

Media is invited to attend the debate. The media briefing will be at 08h00 and the broadcast time on SAFM radio station will be from 09h00 until 12h00.

The event will accommodate hundred and twenty-five attendees due to COVID-19 regulations and safety of the Centre. Attached is the programme for the day.

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