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NELSON MANDELA MUSEUM TO HOST THE 3RD AFRICAN LIBERATION HERITAGE INDABA

Gauteng: The Nelson Mandela Museum, in partnership with the University of Johannesburg (UJ), National Liberation Heritage Institute of South Africa (NaLHISA) will host the 3rd edition of the African Liberation Heritage Indaba 2024, under the theme **“30 Years of Freedom: What Have Become of Heritage Assets and Repatriation in South Africa”**. The event will take place on the 28th and 29th of October 2024 at the University of Johannesburg, Arts Centre, Kingsway Campus.

In October 2022 the Museum hosted its inaugural African Liberation Heritage Indaba in East London. This was followed by its second edition which took place in Gqebera at the Nelson Mandela University. The success of these two heritage Indaba paved the way for the third edition which will take place at UJ.

The museum will again partner with institutions of higher learning, historians, and heritage practitioners who have a deep knowledge of Africa and the liberation struggle history in the continent.

The third edition of the African Liberation Heritage Indaba will be officiated by the Department of Sport, Arts, and Culture Minister Gayton Mackenzie and will draw attention to the policy direction of African Countries towards human rights, the rule of law, and democracy.

This year's objective of the Indaba is to encourage Heritage practitioners to:

- Preserve, protect, and promote African liberation heritage within their institutions
- Build decolonised, transformative, and emancipatory African liberation epistemologies
- Nurture and share experiences with the youth in understanding African liberation heritage from the 21st century

To advance its objectives, guest speakers will make presentations on various sub-themes. Invited speakers are:

- Mr. Neo Letswalo (UJ), Dr. Rekgotsofetse Chikane, and Mr. Sifiso Sabela (UJ) will be presenting **on the role of youth in the protection, preservation, and promotion of South African heritage.**
- Ms. Ngcane Madikizela, Ms. Nomboniso Gasa, Dr. Sibongile Masuku **on Repatriation of artefacts and human remains: Whose agenda does it serve?**
- Ambassador Mbulelo Rakwena, Dr. Sifiso Ndlovu, and Dr. Thami ka Plaattjie **on the role of liberation archives in deepening democracy in South Africa:**
- Dr. Verne Harris, Sibongiseni Mkhize, and Dr. Thabo Manetsi **on National Tourism Strategy and its link to heritage in the country**
- Mr. Litha Jolobe, Ms. Thembi Mawao, Mr. Ben Mwasinga **on International Status on Stolen Artefacts & Heritage Assets**
- Dr. Luvuyo Dondolo, Dr. Noel Solani **on Monuments- Impact of Apartheid Monuments on the Transformation of South African Heritage landscape**
- Dr. Sifiso Ndlovu, Dr. Thina Nzo, Dr. Janeke Thumbran, **on Nelson Mandela`s Properties- Legislations on Protecting Heritage Properties**

Media is invited to attend.

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