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MEDIA INVITATION

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Attention: News Editors and Journalists

Qunu- The Nelson Mandela Museum, an entity of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, in partnership with the Eastern Cape Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, will host a Women's Dialogue aimed at creating a multigenerational platform for cultural preservation.

The event seeks to celebrate the unsung women heroes who have shown resilience in maintaining cultural traditions and to highlight their central role in the past, present, and future of cultural heritage. It will also serve as an inspiring space for young women to embrace their role in the preservation of culture and heritage. This year's dialogue will be commemorated under the theme **“Challenges of Preserving Culture, Tradition and Heritage for Future Posterity.”**

The dialogue will feature voices from different backgrounds who will share perspectives on women's vital role in sustaining and transmitting cultural heritage.

Hon. Ms. Sibulele Ngongo, MEC for Eastern Cape Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, will take on the theme “Preservation of Tradition,” posing the question “What Must We Leave Behind or Carry Forward?” and exploring whether tradition can evolve without losing its significance, meaning, and value.

Ms. Ziyanda Mavumengwana will speak on “The Matriarch's Mantle,” exploring the power, responsibility, and influence of women as the first historians in every household. She is a respected psychologist, cultural advocate and storyteller, known for her work in intergenerational knowledge across the Eastern Cape.

Queen Tina Madosini Ndamase, reigning monarch of AmaMpondo aseNyandeni Kingdom in Western Mpondoland and Chairperson of the South African Queens Council, will address the “Promotion of Cultural Heritage” and consider the question “What Must We Share or Obliterate?”, reflecting on what happens when women shape the narrative of cultural preservation.

The session will be facilitated by **Ms. Faith Mtyida-Mngandi**, a seasoned communicator and community engagement specialist with a passion for cultural storytelling.

Reflecting on the significance of the event, **Ms. Nontlahla Tandwa Dalindyabo**, **Senior Manager: Public Engagement & Marketing** at the Nelson Mandela Museum, said: “Women are the living vessels of our traditions and stories. In preserving heritage, we honour the mothers of our identity and ensure our roots remain alive for generations to come.”

The Women’s Dialogue will take place as follows

Date: 18 August 2025

Venue: Nelson Mandela Museum Youth and Heritage Centre in Qunu, starting at 09:00.

Media representatives are invited to attend and cover the event.

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