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MEDIA INVITATION AND ADVISORY: KWAZULU-NATAL HEALTH CONSULTATIVE FORUM

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Health, Ms Neliswa Nkonyeni, will be hosting the KwaZulu-Natal Health Consultative Forum which will bring together representatives from various sectors including the Hospital Boards, Clinic Committees, Civil Society Organizations, Traditional Health Practitioners, Trade Unions, Tertiary Institutions, Private Health Institutions, Pharmaceutical Companies, Financial Institutions and various other organizations.

This event will be held on the 17th July 2007 at the Royal Show Grounds in Pietermaritzburg. Among the issues that will be addressed are the following;

- Provincial Health Bill and the Provincial Traditional Health Practitioners Bill,
- Progress report on the TB Crisis Management Plan,
- National STI, TB, HIV and AIDS Strategic Plan 2007 – 2011,
- Report on the Departmental Preparation for the 2010 FIFA World Cup,
- Maternal, Child and Women's Health,
- Inanda-Ntuzuma-KwaMashu (*INK*) Hospital Development Plans, and
- Report on the Targeted Enterprises Unit of the Department of Health.

These matters will be discussed by all delegates and issues that need to be raised at the coming National Health Consultative Forum will be identified.

The Provincial Health Consultative forum is tasked, by the National Health Act, with: **Promoting, and facilitating interaction, communication and sharing of information** on provincial health issues. The Act gives guiding principles about these forums, emphasising that their purpose **is to exchange information between government and all relevant stakeholders on provincial and municipal health issues.**

This forum forms part of the Department's commitment to involving communities in the development, implementation and monitoring of health policies and programmes in the Province.

The media is invited to attend and report on this event. The details are as follows;

DATE : 17 JULY 2007, Tuesday
TIME : 08H00 for 08H30 am
VENUE: The Royal Agricultural Show Grounds
Olympia Hall, Pietermaritzburg

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