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Media Advisory

MTHEMBU ACCELERATES THE FIGHT AGAINST FRAUD, CORRUPTION AND MALADMINISTRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in KwaZulu-Natal, concluded 38 cases of corruption amounting to R8.9 million in the last financial year. As a result, the Honourable MEC, Mr. Themba Mthembu, has referred all these cases to the police for possible prosecution and financial recovery.

Forty two (42) cases of corruption and maladministration are currently being investigated and will be concluded in the near future.

"We want zero tolerance on fraud, maladministration and corruption. Such activities can no longer continue to be the culture of this Department. From now on, committing fraud and corruption will be taboo and I will not hesitate to take action," said Mthembu.

The MEC also said that the government must take a concomitant action against land grabs that are currently gripping the province.

Furthermore, the MEC will outline the Provincial Agricultural Masterplan, which is a strategy to significantly drive the agronomy of the province and radically alleviate the triple threats which are poverty, unemployment and inequality.

To elaborate on this and other issues detailed in his 2018/2019 Budget Policy Speech that are pertinent, the MEC invites all media to engage with him during a breakfast session to be held as follows:

Details:

Date : 24 May 2018

Time : 08h00 to 10h00

Venue: Coastlands Musgrave Hotel, 315 Pieter Mokaba Ridge
(Durban)

For more information and to RSVP, please liaise with the Director: Media Liaison Officer, Mr. Khaye Nkwanyana on 083 952 9723 or e-mail khaye.nkwanyana@kzndard.gov.za