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ACTION ON THE AGRI-PARK FRONT: MINISTER NKWINTI TOGETHER WITH MEC XABA TO MEET WITH KZN FARMING ORGANISATIONS, TRADITIONAL LEADERS AND DISTRICT MAYORS IN KZN ON DISTRICT LAND REFORM COMMITTEES AND AGRI-PARKS IN THE PROVINCE

National Minister for Rural Development and Land Reform Gugile Nkwinti together with the KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba, will on the **12th of September 2015 at 09:00 am in Cedara, Pietermaritzburg** host a meeting and an information sharing session with KwaZulu-Natal Traditional Leaders, District Mayors and both emerging and commercial farming organisations.

In line with the 2015 State of the Nation address, President Zuma highlighted that Agriculture is a catalyst for growth and food security and R2 Billion would be set aside for the establishment of Agri-Parks. The SONA 2015 clearly states that some of the key interventions would be the promotion of the establishment of Agri-parks in each of the 27 poorest district municipalities including some in KZN to transform rural communities.

MEC Xaba sees the implementation of Agri-parks as taking a step-forward in putting the strategy on Agrarian Reform and Transformation in action. The Department is currently on a Provincial drive holding consultative meetings in the different districts to find synergy as the implementation process sets underway.

Minister Gugile Nkwinti together with MEC Cyril Xaba will also focus on the District Land Reform Committees, which consist of role players from both the public and the private sector. The invited audience will also get an opportunity to highlight issues of concern.

Date : 12 September 2015

Venue : Cedara Centenary Hall, Pietermaritzburg

Time : 09h00 -13h00

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