



## Office of the MEC

## Media Release

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## MECs to focus on KZN & EC areas of collaboration during tonight's business meeting

Proposed areas of collaboration between the Eastern Cape and Kwa-Zulu Natal's departments of Rural Development and Agriculture, will be tabled at tonight's business meeting to be attended by MECs, Mlibo Qoboshiyane, Cyril Xaba and Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs MEC, Mike Mabuyakhulu at the Dube Trade Port's conference center.

Senior officials from both departments met since Monday to examine possible areas of collaboration and partnerships which will be presented to the MECs tonight for their consideration.

The agreed areas of collaboration will form a memorandum of cooperation between the two provinces to contribute in their efforts to fight poverty, attract youth into the agricultural sector, create jobs and increase resource and infrastructure investment in rural and agriculture economy.

Tomorrow morning, MECs Xaba and Qoboshiyane will visit Cedara to look into its research programmes and the agricultural college ahead of their meeting with the Sugar Association of South Africa aimed at exploring possible partnerships to help revive the Eastern Cape's sugar production.

Members of the media are invited to attend the business meeting.

Date: 11 March 2015

Venue: Latitude Conference Centre (Dube Trade Port)

Time: 18h00

NB: Journalists who wish to request one-on-one interviews with the MECs are requested to indicate by contacting us on the details below.

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