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## **Media statement**

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Freedom Day is an annual celebration of South Africa's first non-racial democratic elections that took place on 27 April 2004. It is a day that represents peace, unity, and the restoration of human dignity of all South Africans. In the spirit of building a South Africa that belongs to all, Freedom Day celebrations are intended to unite all South Africans in consolidating our country's democracy. It is a milestone event given our history of centuries of colonialism followed by decades of racial oppression in the form of apartheid

The department of Agriculture and rural development therefore finds it important to use the Freedom Day Celebrations to guide farm workers and dwellers to embrace the principles of equal treatment for all and human rights values, forms of discrimination and injustice. This will ensure that farm workers and dwellers embrace and strive to protect democracy, equal treatment for all and to build a united, non-racial, non-sexist and democratic country.

The total number of five thousand farm workers and dweller are expected to attend this celebration whereby they will not only be celebrating the freedom day but they will be given feedback of resolution taken at the farm workers summit that was held recently. It is envisaged that by hosting the Freedom day with farm workers and dwellers the objective of celebrating 20 years of democracy will be achieved.

The Department of Agriculture and rural development therefore extends this invitation to your media house to be part of the celebration as arranged as follows:

Date: 26 April 2014

Place: Sandveld farm, Virginia

Time: 09:00

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