



Media Advisory

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The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development hosts the 2016 Hlasela Tlala Ka Diratswana Awards

The annual Hlasela Tlala Ka Diratswana Provincial awards will get underway at Glen College of Agriculture, outside Bloemfontein. The Hon. Premier Ace Magashule and MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr Oupa Khoabane will be amongst the dignitaries attending the event.

More than 2 000 people from various districts of the province are expected to converge at this outdoor award ceremony to be held as follows:

Venue: Glen College of Agriculture

Date: 29 January 2016

Time: 09:00

The awards seek to recognize the efforts made by communities in contributing to food security through the establishment food gardens at their own backyards, schools, clinics, churches and Nutrition Development Centers in the province. Since the inception of this programme in 2013 there are now 9 756 food gardens established across the province benefitting more than 69 thousand households. This Vegetable Garden Development programme has been introduced to neighbouring countries such as Lesotho and Zimbabwe. In the province, the Department has also forged partnerships with other departments such as:

- Department of Health: 94 clinics will have food gardens
- Human Settlements: 30 Military Veteran Houses have food gardens
- Social Development: 24 Community Nutritional Development Centres (CNDC) have established food gardens
- Sanitation and Water Sanitation: Support with water tanks for CNDCs

PROVINCIAL AWARD CEREMONY

The Hlasela Tlala Ka Diratswana Municipal competitions were first held in October 2015. Finalists who were selected at this competition competed at the District competitions which took place in December 2015.

Finalists who were selected in the District competition will know their fate at the Provincial Award Ceremony after competing in the following categories:

- Best Backyard Garden
- Best school Garden
- Best Church Garden

- Best Community garden
- Best Clinic Garden
- Best Community Nutritional Development Centre

The winners in these categories will walk away with prize money ranging from R5000 to R 20 000 rand, the prizes will include sponsored material. Also forming part of the day's festivities, there will be a cook-off competition taking place between the 5 Districts.

The food prepared will feed the more than 2 000 people who will attend the event. A selected team of adjudicators will judge and the winner will be announced at the event.

There will also be exhibitions from various invited companies.
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