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Attention: News Editors, Journalists

Media Invitation and Advisory:

Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli Public Lecture 2020

The annual Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli Public Lecture will be held on Friday, **28 August 2020** from **18:00 – 19:00** at the Luthuli Museum in Groutville.

The 2020 Mrs. Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli Public Lecture will be delivered by Prof. Pearl Sithole, Associate Professor at the University of Free State. She is an academic who has served the fields of Anthropology and Development Studies through teaching, research and publications. She has published on issues of governance, public policy, gender and heritage issues.

Among many hats she wore in her career, she served as Deputy Director, Association for Rural Advancement (AFRA) she led teams dealing with government responsiveness on issues of land applications and development issues in rural communities.

It will take place at the Luthuli Museum, on Friday 28 August 2020 at 18:00. Guests are to be seated by 17:30 as this will be a live broadcast on Ukhozi Radio Channel 90.8 – 107.4. There will also be an opportunity to phone in for those who are remote.

1. This live radio broadcast lecture is premised on Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli and was inaugurated on 3 March 2017 by Dr. Gcina Mhlophe.
2. The objective of this annual radio broadcast lecture is to:-
 - 2.1 Remember and honour Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli whose birthday is on 3 March.
 - 2.2 Provide a platform for public conversation, dialogue on issues related to women in history and current.
 - 2.3 Provide this public dialogue on these issues through a mass medium of communication and also in a language accessible to many South Africans.

Notes to editor (2)

Dr Mpilo Pearl Sithole (Short Biography)

Dr Mpilo Pearl Sithole is a resident **Public Service Commissioner in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal**. Before this she held a position as an Associate Professor of Community Development at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She completed her PhD in Anthropology at University of Cambridge in England, in 2001. As part of her career she has worked as a development practitioner, a researcher and an academic. For several years she taught in Anthropology and in Community Development Programmes.

Her research interests, and areas of expertise, are on:

- 1) Governance;
- 2) Gender and Development,
- 3) Analysis of Social Inequality, as well as,
- 4) Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

She has undertaken research on theory and practice of social development, including issues of Monitoring and Evaluation of social development and social cohesion. Her writings include a book titled ***Unequal Peers: The Politics of Discourse Management in the Social Sciences (2009)***, and a number of journal articles on governance and development – including traditional leadership.

A seasoned thinker in both theory and applied social science, Dr Sithole has been part of commissions, councils and boards that enrich institutional practice. She is a winner of the 2011 Women in Science Award from the National Department of Science and Technology.

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