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## **MEDIA ALERT**

**DATE: Friday, 23 September 2016**

**TO: All Media**

**ATTENTION: News Editors / Transport Reporters / All Reporters**

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## **SOUTH AFRICA CELEBRATES 2016 WORLD MARITIME DAY**

**Free State** – This year on the 29<sup>th</sup> September, South Africa will celebrate the World Maritime Day at the Gariep Dam in Free State under the theme: ***"Shipping: Indispensable to the world"***

The event will be led by the Free State MEC of Police, Roads and Transport Mr Butana Komphela on behalf of the Minister of Transport Ms Dipuo Peters and Deputy Minister Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga.

World Maritime Day is an annual event celebrated by countries which are signatories to the United Nations' (UN) maritime agency known as the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). South Africa is also a member state of the IMO.

The World Maritime Day event is used to celebrate and raise awareness about maritime issues. In South Africa, the focus will be on sensitizing children and youth from previously disadvantaged communities about careers and bursary opportunities available in the maritime sector.

MEC Komphela will be joined by the Eastern Cape's MEC for Transport and Community Safety, Ms Weziwe Tikana, Acting Director-General of the Department of Transport Mr Mathabatha Mokonyama, captains of the Industry from the maritime sector, school learners as well as both senior provincial and national government officials.

The event will take place as follows:

**Date: Thursday, 29 September 2016**

**Time: 09:00 – 14:00**

**Venue: Gariep Dam (Forever Resort), Gariep, Free State Province**

Members of the media attending the event are requested to confirm their attendance with Mr Motlatsi Lebea on 073 323 9333 or email [lebeam@dot.gov.za](mailto:lebeam@dot.gov.za)

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