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### **B-BBEE COMMISSION TO HOST PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE IN THE WESTERN CAPE**

The Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Commission will host the Western Cape leg of its provincial conferences at the Cape Town International Convention Centre on Thursday, 17 October 2019 from 9:00.

The provincial conferences are part of the major education and awareness programme to educate, create awareness, and showcase services of the B-BBEE Commission and various related government entities that are tailor-made to assist businesses, especially Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs), and previously disadvantaged individuals, to participate meaningfully in the South African economy.

The B-BBEE Commissioner, Ms Zodwa Ntuli says the B-BBEE Commission is committed to continuously communicate with the public on various aspects of the B-BBEE Act that would enlighten South Africans to identify instances where they are being exploited for fronting and prevent these practices. They will also be able to identify empowerment opportunities offered by the B-BBEE Act such as enterprise and skills development programmes.

“Given that we do not have provincial offices, these provincial conferences are a step to reach out to South Africans and equip them with knowledge on B-BBEE. The more informed businesses and citizens there are, the closer we will get in achieving the intended economic transformation. The level of attendance in other provinces that the conferences have already taken place in is an indication that more sessions are needed,” says Ntuli.

Departments and entities that will form part of the conferences include Department of Small Business Development, National Treasury and Department of Trade and Industry, as well as Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC), South African Revenue Service (SARS), and the National Empowerment Fund (NEF).

*The B-BBEE Commission was established in terms of Section 13B of the amended B-BBEE Act No 46 of 2013 effective from 6 June 2016. The Commission's mandate, amongst others, is to supervise and encourage adherence to the B-BBEE Act in the interest of the public, to promote good governance and accountability by creating an effective and efficient environment for the promotion and implementation of the objectives of broad-based black economic empowerment.*

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