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**For the attention of all media houses**

**Sedibeng honours & remembers Mme Christina Nku through Women's Month Programme**

The historical significance of 9 August, National Women's Day that has led to an annual commemoration programme which is celebrated in South Africa as a public holiday, started in 1956 when over 20 000 women from different walks of lives marched to the Union Buildings. The day celebrates women who led the march to protest against the inclusion of women in the pass laws apartheid systems which was intended to controlling the movements of Blacks. This was coordinated by the Federation of South African Women (Fedsaw).

The Sedibeng District Council Speaker's Office being the custodian of the programme, is mandated to lead and coordinate women's month activities on behalf of the Municipality.

"This year is an important one to us in Sedibeng in that we will be marking the first decade of celebration of the Women's Month Programme in the second centenary of the history of the Liberation Movement. We will further be remembering and honouring Mme Christina Nku through a memorial lecture. She was a missionary and the founder of the St John's Apostolic Faith Mission School of Small Farms Evaton and the St John's Apostolic Faith Mission Church of Southern Africa", said the Sedibeng Council Speaker: Cllr. Busi Modisakeng

The Memorial Lecture in her honour will be held at the St John's Apostolic Faith Mission Church with the expected attendance of over 1500 women from Sedibeng.

This year the Programme will focus on areas such as the distribution of vegetables to child headed households, Health Talk & Women Abuse Awareness through a Women Seminar, Women interdenominational prayer day, A day for the elderly, Women in Leadership Symposium through a multiparty caucus targeting women Councillors and municipal women officials.

The theme for this year's programme is: "**Addressing unemployment, poverty and inequality: together contributing towards the progressive future for women**". The campaign slogan is "**Forward to the Decade on African Women**".

The commemoration of the National Women's Day will take place in Tshwane, Union Building on 9 August 2012.

"As government always says, there is only one society, and every person and institution must "Play Your Part" to join forces to eradicate gender inequality. We urge all South Africans and communities



to partner with government and actively fight all forms of violence against women and children”, added the Sedibeng Council Speaker.

This programme is a continued attempt by the Sedibeng District Municipality to participate in the international, regional and sub-regional protocols which South Africa has ratified and in taking all necessary steps to protect women from discrimination and abuse in all spheres.

With this programmes, the Sedibeng District Municipality acknowledges the significant progress made in empowering women in the political, public and educational spheres and further acknowledges the marginalization of poor women which severely compromises progress.

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