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Sedibeng District Municipality hosted a successful two day Regional Heritage Summit

The Sedibeng District Municipality working together with its local municipalities, hosted a two day Regional Heritage Summit from the 15th to 16th November 2012 at the Emerald Resort & Casino in Vanderbijlpark.

It was held under the theme: **"Releasing Our Human Potential Through Consolidation and Promotion of Sedibeng's Rich History and Heritage"**. Our theme recommits all stakeholders to the long journey and the commitment by our selfless heroes and heroines of the many massacres at the hands of the apartheid regime in the region of Vaal.

In the main, the Summit was expected to developed a plan to observe the traditional heritage and commemoration events, a remembrance of the ground-breaking efforts and victories by the communities of Sedibeng.

This Summit offered a much needed platform for government, political and community based parties and heritage interest groups to interface with other organs and families representing our heroes and heroines to discuss and develop consensus on an approach of the format of celebrating our Regional and National Historic Days.

"It is through consultative programmes such as this one that the Sedibeng District Municipality continues to recommits itself to working together with the people of Sedibeng on issues which seek to better their lives", said the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng.

The following were the main objectives of the Regional Heritage Summit:

- To open a dialogue regarding Heritage Programmes in the Sedibeng Region with Heritage Stakeholders.
- To develop a strategic approach on Heritage issues with the main view of developing a new approach in celebrating Commemorative Events.



- To utilize the rich Heritage Resources of the Sedibeng Region to instil cultural pride within the community of the Sedibeng Region thereby promoting Nation building, social cohesion and inclusivity.
- To create an awareness of our Cultural Heritage in the whole of the Sedibeng Region and South Africa.
- To create opportunities for Heritage Stakeholders to participate in the Heritage museums and activities as well as Commemorative Events
- To build and nurture a strong partnership between the Sedibeng District Municipality and other Heritage Stakeholders.
- To source funding opportunities for Cultural and Heritage capital projects and hosting of Commemorative Events.

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