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MEDIA INVITATION: SYMPOSIUM TO DISCUSS HIGH FOOD PRICES

The Minister for Agriculture and Land Affairs, Hon. Lulu Xingwana, invites members of the media to the symposium on High Food Prices, organised by the Interministerial Committee. This symposium aims at opening a national discourse on food prices, formulating joint strategies with the business sector as well as civil society, all in an effort to address the food price challenges faced by our communities.

Participants will be drawn from the South African commodity organizations, input suppliers, manufactures (processors) retailers in the food industry and other allied industries in support of the food industry.

The workshop will, through a multi-stakeholder participative process, use the International Marketing Council (IMC) plan of action on food prices that has been approved by cabinet to come up with creative, responsive and practical solutions to address food insecurity and poverty in the country, especially among the vulnerable groups.

Against this background, media is invited to cover the event and give information to the public in this regard. The symposium will take place as follows:

Date: 06 March 2009
Time: 08:00 – 13:00
Venue: CSIR Conferences; Meiring Naude Street; Lynnwood; PRETORIA

Please RSVP to Innocent Mhlanga on 012-319 7827 and Dineo Mokoena on 012 319 7224 by 04 March 2009

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