



## agriculture, forestry & fisheries

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Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **DEPUTY MINISTER TO EMBARK ON COTTON FARMING, FARM KILLINGS AND STOCK THEFT IMBIZO**

In response of the imbizo focus week call made by both the Presidency and the GCIS, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Mr Sfiso Buthelezi, will embark on an imbizo to try and address the multimillion rand cotton farming and processing plant, farm killings and stock theft on Friday, 20 July 2018 in Jozini, KwaZulu-Natal Province. The imbizo is an opportunity to engage the public on the implementation of government's programme of action, which is aimed at improving the lives of ordinary South Africans. The Deputy Minister will also engage with farmers dealing with cotton in the area (Makhathini Gin).

The imbizo which forms part of government's eighth National Imbizo Focus Week under the theme: "Together we move South Africa forward", will expose the community—including the youth, to careers available in the department and its parastatals. This year's imbizo takes place during the year in which South Africa celebrates former President Nelson Rholihlahla Mandela and Nontsikelelo Albertina Sisulu's 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays; and is an opportunity to honour Madiba's exemplary leadership that inspired all political parties to work together to build a democracy we continue to enjoy.

#### **Details of the event**

**Date: Friday, 20 July 2018**

**Time: 10:00**

**Venue: Ezibukweni Sports Ground, Jozini, Jozini Local Municipality, KZN Province**

To RSVP for accreditation and transport, please contact: Samuel Kgatla on 082 738 5237 or [SamuelK@daff.gov.za](mailto:SamuelK@daff.gov.za)

**Please note that the deadline for transport (from Richards Bay to Jozini) is Wednesday, 18 July 2018 by 17:00.**

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