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Promoting household food production through urban farming

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, General Bheki Cele (MP) will promote various ways of producing food in urban areas during an imbizo on urban farming in Umlazi V section, KwaZulu-Natal. The imbizo, which will be held under the theme: *“The Year of OR Tambo: Celebrating Our Liberation Heritage”*, will be dedicated to promoting urban farming and to highlight the role that various religious groups can play in order to feed the community.

There will be demonstrations of urban farming methods such as the Tower Garden, where greywater is used, family drip system through rainwater harvesting and Pallets gardening by the use of compost for planting.

The Deputy Minister will plant a vegetable garden and fruit trees at the church field and establish orchards at Coastal College. He will also visit and assist agricultural and aquaculture projects in the area. Sixty-two households have been identified to receive starter pack packs, seeds and fruit trees.

Details of the event:

Date: Thursday, 21 September 2017

Venue: St Augustine’s Anglican Church (KwaMdladla), Mangosuthu Highway, Umlazi, V Section.

Project visits

Time: 08:30 -11:30

Main event

Umlazi Comtech High School Sports Ground
Ethekwini Municipality, (Mangosuthu Highway)

**To RSVP for accreditation please contact Rony Moremi on 073 347 0391
Transport for media is available on request.**

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