

AMATHOLE TO HOST LIBERATION HERITAGE ROUTE SUMMIT

“Our past is the compass to a fully democratic South Africa”

Amathole District Municipality (ADM) cordially invites all relevant stakeholders to the Liberation Heritage Route Consultative Meetings which will be held in various local municipalities within the district and the summit as reflected hereunder:

Date	Municipality	Venue	Time
22/10/09	Nkonkobe	For Beaufort Town Hall	14h00
23/10/09	Nxuba	Bedford Town Hall	14h00
12/11/09	Mbhashe	to be confirmed	14h00
13/11/09	Mnquma	to be confirmed	14h00
17/11/09	Great Kei	Town hall	14h00
19/11/09	Amahlathi	Council Chamber	14h00
20/11/09	Ngqushwa	LM Boardroom	14h00
24/11/09	Buffalo City	to be confirm	14h00
3-4/12/09 (Amathole District Liberation Heritage Route Summit)	Amathole District Municipality	Osner Hotel, East London	09h00

The concept of a Liberation Heritage Route is the result of an initiative that was taken by African countries to engage the United Nations, Education, Science, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for inscription of sites on the World Heritage List under a new category called Liberation Heritage Routes. At a conference in 2005, UNESCO accepted the proposal and adopted it.

In South Africa, the National Heritage Council and the Nelson Mandela Museum subsequently undertook to conceptualize and develop it within the South African liberation context. The aim is to identify and inscribe sites that epitomize the South African struggle on World Heritage Lists.

The Liberation Heritage Route is a path that can be followed tracing the process of human emancipation (liberation) over centuries, but for the purpose of declaration it will accentuate certain historical periods. It includes, amongst others, areas of major conflict. Thus, it is a trail which indicates a process of self-determination.

The attachment, value and meanings associated with the identified sites give them an intangible significance for different people at various levels. It is this intangible heritage that makes these sites important for communities and will be used to determine the Universal and Outstanding Value (Statement of Significance) of the route.

The ADM is undertaking consultative meetings with stakeholders in the district in an endeavour that seeks input and contributions in shaping this noble idea within its area of

jurisdiction. This process will culminate in a district-wide summit to be held in East London on 3 – 4 December 2009. The Summit is the outcomes of the engagement with the National Heritage Council (NHC) and Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) about the project in the district. The theme for the summit is as follows: ***“Our past is the compass to a fully democratic South Africa”***. For more information, please see the concept document.

Your presence and participation in these proceedings will be highly appreciated

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