



Issued by Chief Directorate: Communications

Enquiries: Lennox Mabaso 082 884 2403

Issued: 31 October 2023

MEDIA INVITE

MINISTER SIHLE ZIKALALA TO HOST PROPERTY SECTOR CONFERENCE IN DURBAN, KZN

Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) Minister, Sihle Zikalala, will on Friday, 03 November 2023, address the Property Sector participants in a Conference to be held at the Olive Convention Centre in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal.

As part of the Minister's strategic engagement, he will start by visiting some of the hijacked buildings in Durban before outlining various strategies currently being developed by the Department to optimise the utilisation of state owned buildings, curb illegal occupation and hijacking of buildings, improving energy efficiency and discontinuing total reliance on private leases.

Minister Zikalala will also articulate the Department's plans regarding the ballooning government lease portfolio and how to further maximize the revenue generation for the Department. Some of the key focus areas the Minister will address include the transformation of the property sector, ensuring that DPWI's partnership with the private sector in delivering quality accommodation, is within budget and at a reasonable time.

The conference is aimed at engaging with stakeholders on various challenges facing the Department on delivering on its legislative mandate to be the real estate agent of the Department and, therefore, address property industry players on the key role they ought to play in collaboration with the Department.

EVENT DETAILS:

Venue: Olive Convention Centre in Durban, 81 Somtseu Road, North Beach, Durban

Date: 03 November 2023

Time: 10h00

ENDS

**Issued by: Lennox Mabaso
Head of Communications and Marketing
Department of Public Works and Infrastructure**

**Contact:
Thamsanqa Mchunu: Director of Media and Stakeholder Relations
Cell: 079 519 6997**