



DIASPORA OUTREACH FORUM IN MIDRAND, GAUTENG

Ghallager Convention Centre, Lotus Suites

3 May 2019 (Friday)

17 :00 – 18 :00	Registration
18:00-18:45	<p>I. Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks from High Commissioner <i>H.E. Mr. Ralechate Linclon Mokose</i> • Introduction and programme of the 2 day Diaspora Outreach Forum (MC: PS Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Relations <i>Ms. Mamonyane Bohloko</i>) • Welcoming remarks from IOM Regional Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congratulate Lesotho on her initiative to engagement with diaspora and opportunities turn the scenario - “Brain drain to Brain gain” <i>(Light food served with Cocktail / drink)</i> • Entertainment (cultural dance, music)
18:30-21:00	<p>II. Speech from Key Ministries and Institutes</p> <p>18:45-19:15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks from Hon. Minister of Ministry of Home Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eighth Amendment to the Constitution (Dual citizenship, restoration of rights of the diaspora); facilitation of movement of people; and Lesotho Special Permit (LSP) - <i>Maximum 3 questions from diaspora members and answer</i> <p>19:15-19:45</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks from Hon. Minister of Labour and Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Various efforts to improve situations of labour migrants from Lesotho, including National Labour Migration Policy, to improve social protection, uphold migrant labour Rights, address occupational health and other issues - Importance of labour migrants’ contribution to Lesotho in the form of skills transfer - <i>Maximum 3 questions from diaspora members and answer</i> <p>19:45-20:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks from Chief Executive Officer of Lesotho National Development Corporation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investment opportunities in Lesotho and importance of diaspora investors to develop Industry, tourism, agriculture and other emerging sectors - <i>Maximum 3 questions from diaspora members and answer</i> <p>20:00-20:15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks from Central Bank Governor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial sector product and services in Lesotho; remittance; diaspora bond - <i>Maximum 3 questions from diaspora members and answer</i> <p>20:15-20:45</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Note Address: Remarks from Hon. Minister of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Importance of diaspora towards NSDP II realization and Government’s willingness to

	<p>have an open and regular dialogue with diaspora, establishment of Diaspora Directorate, formulation of diaspora association and diaspora policy development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Reform Process and importance of all Basotho including Diaspora - <i>Maximum 3 questions from diaspora members and answer</i> <p>20:45-21:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remarks from Hon. Minister of Prime Minister's Office - Government commitment to closely engage diaspora in order to understand its challenges and find solutions in consultation with other stakeholders (RSA Government, Employees, Trade Union etc)
21 :00	Closing of Day 1

4 May 2019 (Saturday)

	Preparation for the Desks /
09 :00-10 :30	<p>I. Visiting Desks – finger lunch; music entertainment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk 1: LNDC; Desk 2: LTDC; Desk 3: MoHA / MoFAIR / MoLE; Desk 4: NUL (MoET) Desk 5: MoH ; Desk 6: MoDP; Desk 7: PMO; Desk 8: IOM; Desk 9: CB/MoF
10 :30-13:00	<p>II. Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remark (MoFAIR, Principal Secretary), registration of diaspora members who will be a member of Basotho Diaspora Association <p>III. Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesotho National Development Plan Phase II (2019-2023) (MoDP, Principal Secretary) - <i>Maximum 3 questions from diaspora members and answer</i> • Investment Climate and Emerging Opportunities in Lesotho (LNDC, Representative) - <i>Maximum 3 questions from diaspora members and answer</i> • Introduction of New Financial product/services (Central Bank, Representative) - <i>Maximum 3 questions from diaspora members and answer</i> • Open discussion with Diaspora
13 :00-13 :30	<p>IV. Closing Remarks / Way-forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remark (MoFAIR, PS Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Relations)
13 :30-17 :00	<p>I. Visiting Desks – finger lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk 1: LNDC; Desk 2: LTDC; Desk 3: MoHA / MoFAIR / MoLE; Desk 4: NUL (MoET) Desk 5: MoH ; Desk 6: MoDP; Desk 7: PMO; Desk 8: IOM; Desk 9: CB/MoF
17:00	Closing of Day 2