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A COMMISSION ON KHOI-SAN MATTERS HELD A SESSION IN GQEBERA



Early in April, Khoi and San people from across the Eastern Cape Province gathered at Bethelsdorp in Gqeberha, for the Provincial Launch of the Commission on Khoi-San (CKS) matters. The launch marked the start of lodging of Applications for the recognition of Khoi-San Leaders to the Commission. Speaking at the meeting, the Chairperson of the Commission, Professor Nico Botha said the Traditional and Khoi-San Leadership Act was assessed by President Cyril Ramaphosa and duly published in the Government Gazette on 28 November 2019.

“The Act commenced from 01 April 2021 as determined by the President under Proclamation No.38 and will end on 31 August 2025. The application process will culminate in the recognition of Khoi-San communities, branches and leaders. Applications may be lodged with the Commission from 30 March 2022 until 29 March 2024. Communities and leaders must note that the relevant parts of the form must be completed in full and evidence must be provided in respect of criteria recognition,” said Professor Botha.

He further called for unity so that the Commission achieves its purpose as this is just the beginning hence they must work together.

In her message of support, the Chairperson of the National House of Traditional Khoi-San Leaders Nkosikazi Nomandla Mhlauli said the process should include youth and people with disabilities to rewrite the history that is hidden from the people. Electronic versions of the Afrikaans and English application forms can be requested from cksm@cogta.gov.za



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