Media alert

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To All media

**LATE KHABA MKHIZE TO BE HONOURED THROUGH A ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION**

KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport, Arts and Culture will, on Friday 17 June, host a Roundtable Discussion to honour renowned journalist, editor, playwriter and activist, Mr Khaba Mkhize. Mkhize was revered as a journalist who served various media houses and covered widely the political violence that engulfed the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands in the mid-1980s.

He served the better part of his life as an Editor of Echo, assistant editor of Natal Witness and KwaZulu-Natal SABC Regional Manager where he used his craft to spread the philosophy *of Sxaxa Mbiji* (pulling together) which was not only a call for unity but social cohesion. Mkhize posthumously received the national Order of Ikhamanga in Silver for his contribution to journalism.

The Roundtable Discussion will explore his influence and how his philosophy towards unity and ubuntu will impact on future generations and inspire positive change. Panelists include Nobuntu Mkhize, Mazwi Msimanga, Bhozo Nzimande, Musa Mnyandu, Ray Msomi and Jeff Jafta.

‘Khabazela was a storyteller, historian and unifier who did not polarize people in the way he captured history. The lives and philosophies of people such as him are a pattern from which we can strengthen our pursuit of social cohesion. Through oral history we get to piece together history and heritage that is rich in our communities,” said MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Hlengiwe Mavimbela.

Members of the media are invited to cover the event to be held as follows:

**DATE**: 17 June 2022 (Friday)

**TIME**: 10am

**VENUE**: Msunduzi Museum Auditorium, 351 Langalibalele Street, Pietermaritzburg \*

\**The programme will also be streamed live on Facebook @sportartskzn*

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