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MINISTER LAMOLA TO OFFICIALLY LAUNCH POINT FAMILY COURT

In fulfilling the constitutional mandate of ensuring access to justice, Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Ronald Lamola, will officially launch the Point Family Court in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, on Friday, 26 March 2021. The launch will be part of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development's Human Rights Month Commemoration.

The Point Court is the first facility to be launched by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DOJCD) that offers integrated services including those relating to Domestic Violence, Maintenance, the Children's Court and Protection from Harassment, among others. This means that communities can now access a variety of family services at one service point.

In addition, the Court's offerings will be inclined towards more digitization such as applying for protection orders and other services online or designated computer self-help portals, instead of queuing.

Previously accommodated at the Durban Magistrate Court, the Family Court experienced severe spatial challenges and this necessitated radical alteration to be effected thus culminating in the establishment of the stand-alone Point Branch Family court.

Offering services in a more secure and private atmosphere that promotes and maintains human dignity, while ensuring an environment that is victim and child friendly, the court consists of six family court rooms with expanded waiting rooms.

As part of the launch, media are invited to participate in a walkabout with Minister Lamola to view the new technological facilities that will become available at the court.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date : Friday, 26 March 2021

Time : 07h30

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