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MINISTER LAMOLA HOSTS WEBINAR MARKING 25TH ANNIVERSARY THEMED DEEPENING CONSTITUTIONALISM, RESPECT FOR RULE OF LAW AND THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Ronald Lamola, will on Friday 30 July 2021, host a webinar to mark the 25th anniversary of the Constitution, to be observed under the theme: “***Deepening Constitutionalism, Respect for Rule of Law and the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights***”.

This year marks 25th Anniversary of the adoption of the South African Constitution which reconfigured our nation, from a nation marred by colonialism, racial subjugation, suppression of human rights and racial supremacy to one which strives non-racialism, non-sexism, and unity in our diversity.

The South African Constitution was adopted by the Constitution Assembly on 08 May 1996 and certified by the Constitutional Court in October 1996. On 10 December 1996, President Nelson Mandela signed the Constitution into law, and it came into effect on 04 February 1997.

Among those scheduled to join the Minister, are some of South Africa’s thought leaders including retired Justice of the Constitutional Court, former Public Protector, Professor Thuli Madonsela, Former CEO of Business Leadership South Africa, Professor Bonang Mohale, Founder and CEO of the A-political academy Ms. Lindiwe Mazibuko as well as CEO of the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Mr. Sello Hatang.

As the Country enters this interesting epoch in the history of our constitutional democracy, the need for mobilising all sectors of society to reflect and engage on the meaning of constitutionalism is critical.

The webinar will afford South Africans from all walks of life a valuable opportunity to engage in a dialogue on how the constitution can be a catalyst to address deeply embedded socio-economic inequalities and address intolerances that manifest themselves in society. It further presents an opportunity for participants to reflect and discuss on how South Africans can further strengthen their hard-fought democracy while ensuring the human rights they enjoy are protected and balanced.

Lauded globally, the South African Constitution is the cornerstone of the country's democratic values and an instrument for development and transformation.

The webinar will be hosted as follows:

Date : 30 July 2021

Time : 10h00

A Zoom link will be provided in due course.

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