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North West Provincial Legislature Hosts People with Disability Parliament

The North West Provincial Legislature will be holding its annual People with Disability Parliament on Monday 28 November 2011, in the Legislature Chamber at 09h00.

The event, themed, “*Economic Integration of People with disabilities,*” will bring forth challenges facing people with disabilities and ensure that there is accountability on budgeted programs of people with disabilities by departments and relevant institutions.

The following thematic areas will be reflected on; Skills development for people with disabilities; and mainstreaming economic opportunities for people with disabilities.

Persons with disabilities encounter many disadvantages within society and are often subjected to stigma and discrimination. They are mostly unemployed and depend on social grants for survival. According to a research conducted by the United Nations, persons with disabilities make up an estimated 15 per cent of the world’s population, meaning that a quarter of the global population is directly affected by disability, as care-givers or family members.

As part of addressing these challenges, the North West government is now working on a strategy of mainstreaming disability in order to achieve equality. The North West Provincial Legislature is hosting this sectoral parliament to provide a platform that will allow people with disabilities to participate on policy making programs and projects aimed at improving their lives.

About 350 delegates from across the four districts of the province are expected to attend.

Members of the media are invited to attend. Please contact Namhla Luhabe on 079 527 0628 for more information.

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