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MINISTER DIDIZA TO LAUNCH THE AGRO ENERGY FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO FARMERS FOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Ms Thoko Didiza, will launch the Agro Energy Fund to assist farmers to alleviate the impact of loadshedding.

Earlier this year, in response to the energy challenges in the sector, the Minister established a Task Team comprising of sector partners, to advise on solutions to mitigate against the impact of energy cuts on the sector. In addressing alternative energy sources in the sector, the Minister together with the Land Bank will announce on how the farmers will access the Agro-Energy Fund. The focus for the Agro-Energy Fund will be on energy intensive agricultural activities. These will include irrigation, intensive agricultural production systems and cold chain related activities.

Members of the media are invited to attend the event as follows:

Date : 29 August 2023

Time : 14:00-16:00

Venue : Government Communication and Information Systems (GCIS), Ronnie Mamoepa Media Room.

Please indicated if you have any technical requirement to ensure a successful coverage of the event.

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