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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **HERITAGE CELEBRAIONS AT TSWAING METEORITE CRATER**

September is heritage as well as tourism month in South Africa. During this month all South Africans get an opportunity to celebrate their heritage by embarking on various activities. This is no different to DITSONG Museums of South Africa. Again, and for the third year running the celebrations will be held at DITSONG Tswaing Meteorite Crater North of Pretoria on 01 October 2011 at 10 am.

The event is growing from strength to strength and to raise the bar this year, the museum is partnering with Zakheni Training and Development Centre (ZTDC), a nonprofit organizational based in Soshanguve as well as involving all the Ward councilors around Tswaing. "The event will be used to emphasize the meaning of heritage and encourage Tswaing's surrounding communities to love and protect their traditional heritage sites, with the understanding it is preserved for their own benefit and that of future generations said Julia Banes Deputy - Director of Tswaing Meteorite Crater

The event will comprise among other items dance, song and praise poetry performed by local community members. All performances relate to the local heritage and cultures around Tswaing as well as celebrating the National theme "Heroes and Heroines of the Liberation Struggle in South Africa". Well known performers include musician Jo Shirimani, dancers from Africa E'ntle and Karos and Kambroo as well as noted poet and artist Lefifi Tladi.

Performances will be interrupted at by a short formal ceremony between 10:00 and 12:00 for official speeches. Speakers included by Eric Lubisi – world renowned artist, Ben Dikobe – former presenter at Motswedding radio as well as local tourism and arts and culture government officials.

The CEO of DITSONG, Mr. Makgolo Makgolo also invites the public to visit all the museums under DITSONG free of charge on 24 – 25 September 2011. “We will open our doors and ready to welcome all South Africans said Mr. Makgolo.

***DITSONG Museums of South Africa include: DITSONG Nation Museum of Military History, DITSONG Pioneer Museum, DITSONG Willem Prinsloo Agricultural Museum, DITSONG Kruger Museum, DITSONG National Museum of Natural History, DITSONG Sammy Marks Museum, DITSONG National Museum of Cultural History and DITSONG Tswaing Meteorite Crater.***

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