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The preparations for the official opening of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature as well as the delivery of the State of the Province Address are proceeding well and are already at an advance stage. This significant annual event, which will be held on the 28 February 2014, comes immediately after the State President has delivered the State of the Nation Address in Parliament in Cape Town.

This will be the sixth rise of the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature where the Premier, Mr DD Mabuza, will deliver the State of the Province Address, his last for this term, before the 2014 elections.

To ensure wider public access to this major event, the Legislature has secured satellite broadcast venues in the three districts. These will be taking place at Mjindini Community Hall, Waterval Boven Community Hall and at Secunda's Sasol Club in eMbalenhle. It is estimated that almost 700 people will attend in each venue.

The main event will take place in Nelspruit at the Legislature where a specially designed chamber will accommodate about 1200 people.

As the Legislature we are now ready to host an event of this magnitude in all four venues.

All former Speakers, Premiers and business people are expected to be part of this event which will also be a celebration of South Africa's twenty years of democracy.

In consultation with Department of Culture, Sports and Recreation, we have identified a local *Imbongi* (praise singer) and local artists for entertainment.

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