

# MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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Attention: News Editors

### Legislature to hold a Senior Citizens' Parliament to highlight rights of older persons

The Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature (MPL), led by the Speaker Ms. Violet Siwela will host a Senior Citizens' Parliament as part of enhancing oversight. In view of the fact that the country celebrates two of its struggle icons; namely Dr. Nelson Mandela and Ms. Albertina Sisulu in 2018, the Senior Citizen's Parliament is hosted under the theme "Improved socio-economic livelihoods: celebrating Tata Mandela and Mama Sisulu legacy."

Studies have indicated that the composition of the South African and world population has changed dramatically in recent decades. It shows that between 1950 and 2010 life expectancy worldwide rose from 46 to 68 years. Senior citizens remain the most valuable heritage and central catalyst players in the development of their grandchildren, their education and well-being.

It is therefore more critical to ensure that they are well cared for and protected as they age. The following topical issues will guide the discussions on the day;

- Access to basic commodities like health care, water and electricity
- Access to social grants
- Access to recreational facilities
- Equal Access to justice
- Fast-tracking service delivery

Members of the media are invited to the 2018 Senior Citizens' Parliament scheduled as follows:

**Date:** 9 November 2018, Friday  
**Time:** 10h00  
**Venue:** Ludlow Community Hall, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality

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