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**Department of Cooperative Governance,
Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs
NORTHERN CAPE**

MEDIA STATEMENT: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**MEC VASS REMINDS ALL STAKEHOLDERS OF THE CLOSING DATE FOR
SUBMISSION FOR RECOGNITION AS KHOISAN COMMUNITIES AND
LEADERS.**

MEC Bentley Vass, responsible for the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA) in the Northern Cape, reminds all stakeholders, Khoisan communities, leaders and government entities that the closing date for submission of applications for recognition as Khoisan communities and Khoisan leaders is on Thursday, 29 May 2025.

The application process for recognition was officially opened by the Commission on Khoisan matters from 30 March 2022, with the initial closing date of 29 March 2024, which was then extended to 29 May 2025.

Any community and leader who meets the criteria as stipulated in the Traditional and Khoisan Leadership Act, 2019 (Act No.3 of 2019) may apply.

MEC Vass said, "It is important to note that the application for recognition of a community must be accompanied by an application for the recognition of a leader of such community. A Khoi-San community must meet the set criteria and must provide supporting evidence to the Commission."

MEC Vass further stated, "The community applying must have a history of self-identification by members of the community concerned, as belonging to a unique community distinct from all other communities; and must observe distinctive established Khoi-San customary law and customs, among other requirements."

All applications must be submitted to the Commission on Khoisan Matters, Private Bag X 22, Pretoria, 0083 (registered mail) or hand delivered to 509 Pretorius Street, Pencardia 1, 3rd Floor, Office no 339, Arcadia, Pretoria.

Application forms are available on the Department of COGHSTA website <http://www.coghsta.ncpg.gov.za/index.php/resource/policies/forms> and at our Regional Offices across the Province.

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