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RTMC to host high profile indaba with Traffic Officers

Pretoria:- The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) will be hosting a first ever indaba with traffic officers from all provinces and municipalities to seek solutions to the carnage on the country's and share best practices on how to improve the image and professionalism within the sector.

The indaba is scheduled to take place in Durban on December 5 to 9. The first day will be dedicated to the registration of delegates with the summit officially opening the following day (December 6). Ministers, MECs, Mayors and members of Mayoral Committees are expected to take part in the meeting.

The indaba has attracted local and international experts who will deliver papers on different topics. Delegates from neighbouring states are also expected to attend.

Motor vehicle accidents are one of the major causes of death worldwide. According to world atlas statistics, South Africa has the sixth highest road traffic death rate in the world.

South Africa is a signatory to the UN Decade for Road Safety 2011-2020, which seeks to reduce road accidents and fatalities by half by 2020 based on 2011 baselines.

“The Road Traffic Management Corporation is “pulling all the stops,” to ensure that South Africa achieves these goals. One death on our roads is one death too many,” RTMC CEO Advocate Makhosini Msibi said.

Adv. Msibi added that: “The role of law enforcers continues to evolve, becoming even more complex in our dynamic country, warranting that we pool all resources and create a platform for the public sector and the private sector to robustly engage and tease all salient issues to place us in a good stead to improve our Law Enforcement in the country and provide some lasting solutions.”

It is against this backdrop that the Road Traffic Management Corporation considered it prudent to convene the first of its kind National Traffic Indaba, he said. It is designed to share expertise, best practice models and experiences in order to improve the image and professionalism in the traffic fraternity, to improve service delivery and devise means on how to educate and create a culture of voluntary compliance to road traffic rules within our society.

The conference will also address issues around:

- Improved and integrated law enforcement
- Best practices in the law enforcement fraternity
- Economic impact of road carnages
- Norms and standards of law enforcement
- New technologies to improve efficiency in law enforcement
- Improved working conditions for traffic law enforcement officers
- Quality of licensed drivers

Venue: Inkosi Albert Luthuli, Durban ICC

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