

# MEDIA INVITE

**To : All Media Houses**  
**Attention : News Editor/Reporter**  
**Date : 13 December 2016**



## **CELEBRATING THE DAY OF RECONCILIATION**

16 December is a day of great significance in South Africa, because of 2 (two) historical events that took place on that day. In apartheid South Africa 16 December was known as Day of the Vow. The second historical event that took place on 16 December was on 1961, when Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), the military wing of the African National Congress (ANC), was formed.

In 1994 South Africa became a democratic country and the 16<sup>th</sup> of December retained its status as a public holiday. The non-racial and democratic Government was tasked to promote reconciliation and national unity and the one way to achieve this was to acknowledge the significance of 16 December in both the Afrikaner and liberation struggle traditions and to rename this day as the Day of Reconciliation.

On 16 December 1995, the Day of Reconciliation was celebrated as a public holiday in South Africa for the first time. It is against this background that President of Nxamalala Clan, President Jacob Zuma, together with KZN Premier, Mr TW Mchunu in partnership with Councillor Thobekile Maphumulo, Mayor of uMgungundlovu District invites all Media Houses to be part of the celebration of the Day of Reconciliation. The event is to be held as follows:

**Date : Sunday, 18 December 2016**  
**Venue : ENzinga, Impendle**  
**Time : 10h00 – 15h00**

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