

Our knowledge, our heritage: Towards the identification, promotion and preservation of South Africa's living heritage.

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Venue:

Samson Phophi Stadium, Vleifontein, Makhado Local Municipality, Vhembe District

Keynote address:
President Jacob Zuma

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Heritage Day will be celebrated on 24 September 2015 and will take the format of a cultural fair that will showcase South Africa's living heritage. This will include indigenous foods, craft, dance, music, instruments and objects. The celebration will also accommodate foreign nationals who live in South Africa. Different communities will be encouraged to use aspects of their living heritage to promote and embrace cultural diversity, human rights, nation building and economic development.

Living heritage refers to cultural knowledge, expressions and practices of different individuals and communities. It is passed from one generation to another and is an important part of the tapestry that forms South Africa. It allows communities and different groups to keep their history alive and provides them with a sense of identity.

Government will use National Heritage Month as a vehicle for nation-building, moral regeneration, national reconciliation, and economic and social development. National Heritage Month is a platform for communities to showcase different aspects of South Africa's diverse heritage.

Government will also use the month to encourage South Africans to take pride in the country's living heritage and play an active role in affirming, promoting and preserving it.