

## **North West Legislature to Conduct Public Hearings on the Public Service Commission Amendment Bill 2015 and Protection, Promotion, Development and Management of Indigenous Knowledge Bill 2016**

On Tuesday, 22 May 2018, the North West Provincial Legislature' Standing Committee on Legislature Affairs will be conducting public hearings on the Public Service Commission Amendment Bill 2015 at Delareyville Community Hall; Chris Hani Community Hall in Tswelelang near Wolmaranstad; Kismet Hall in Vryburg and Reagile Community Hall in Koster at 10h00.

The Public Service Commission Amendment Bill 2015 aims to amend the Public Service Commission Act, 1997, so as to clarify the procedure with regard to the renewal of term of office of a commissioner; to provide for a commissioner to act as the chairperson when both the chairperson and deputy chairperson are absent or for any reason unable to act as chairperson, and to provide for matters connected therewith.

On Wednesday, 23 May 2018, the Portfolio Committee on Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs will be conducting public hearings on Protection, Promotion, Development and Management of Indigenous Knowledge Bill 2016 at Tshidilamolomo Tribal Hall near Mahikeng; Ventersdorp Ext 5 Hall; Tlou le Tau Tribal Hall in Ganyesa and Moretele Local Municipal Hall at 10h00.

The Protection, Promotion, Development and Management of Indigenous Knowledge Bill 2016 aims provide for the protection, promotion, development and management of indigenous knowledge; provide for the establishment and functions of the National indigenous knowledge systems office and to provide for the management of rights of indigenous knowledge communities. It seeks to provide for access and establishment and functions of the Advisory Panel on indigenous knowledge; provide for access and conditions of access to

knowledge of indigenous communities and provide for the recognition of prior learning.

Members of the media are invited to attend the public hearings and can contact Namhla Luhabe on 079 527 0628 for further information.