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Ceremonial Greetings

Honourable speaker & deputy speaker,
Honourable premier,
Colleagues in exco,
Honourable members of the legislature,
Citizens of the eastern cape “the home of legends”
Government officials and administrators,
Chairpersons of our entities and various stakeholders,
Members of the media,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Introduction

As we prepare for the new financial year, we will align ourselves with the Eastern Cape Government Provincial Policy Context - Priority 6: Social Cohesion and Safer Communities. Our programmes, projects and activities will be informed by the EC Prioritisation Framework of 2023/2024 which seeks to address the implementation of, amongst others, the **Provincial Social Cohesion Strategy, Gender Based-Violence and Femicide Strategy and Moral Regeneration Movement Strategy** to ensure achievement of a diverse socially cohesive society with a common identity towards nation building.

The plan responds to challenges and opportunities that have been identified through a review of the department's existing programmes; best practices, consisting of a value-based approach and feedback received through the public consultation processes that have unfolded during 2022/23 financial year.

The promotion, development and transformation of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation in order to contribute to sustainable economic growth and opportunities, nation building, good governance, social and human capital development is not a simple mandate. Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture are tools through which strong and resilient communities are built. It is for that reason that we work tirelessly to ensure that we build our communities.

2023 marks 29 years of democracy. Our key priority as a sector through these years has been to try creating an enabling environment for social cohesion and nation building. Building a social cohesive society means working hard in building positive social relations which will bind us together irrespective of our diversity as people. Government prioritises this in a bid to look after the wellbeing of the nation, fight exclusion and marginalization, create a sense of belonging for all citizens and promote harmony.

The Department has managed to lay a foundation through policy formulation, implementation and development processes that enabled access to sport, recreation, arts, culture, heritage, library and archives services for Eastern Cape communities. Our strides of opening the doors of learning and culture were based on the mandate bestowed upon us, to build a nurturing service delivery system to serve the people of this province of Tambo, Sisulu, Hani, Mandela, Madikizela and many gallant warriors. Our commitment is to serve the citizens of this province with passion and commitment. Our social contract is with them.

Honourable Speaker,

I am pleased to acknowledge our heroes and heroines in the sport, recreation, arts, culture and heritage sector, thus.

- In sport, six players from the Banyana-Banyana WAFCON winning team last year are from the Eastern Cape. That's a return on investment. The department has been deliberate in supporting women in sport through our interventions at district level.
 - We are proud to have the first female referee from SA, Akhona Makalima who hails from Ngqamakwe. She will be officiating in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand in July and August this year. She is a product of our interventions as well.
 - Successful Season by Border Women Rugby Team that won the National League against all odds as it mainly formed up girls from poor backgrounds. The team continued to be the biggest feeder to the Women Springbok Team.
 - Women Cricket National Team wherein Eastern Cape had 3 Players in the team that reached the finals of the World Cup.
- **Amateur Boxing**
 - Simnikiwe Bongco: Attained a Bronze Medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games held in Birmingham in the U.K.
 - Titsetso Mtikınca: Crowned as Africa Champion in 54kg Division in the games held in Mozambique in 2022.
 - Amzolele Dyeyi and Lubabalo Lusizi and : Got gold medal in the Africa ZONE 4 held in Mozambique.
 - All these Boxers are very close in qualifying for the 2024 Olympic Games.
 - Sivenathi Nontshinga- IBF Junior Flyweight World Champion

Film Development Milestones

In post democratic South Africa, we as a province have manage to get ourselves a Telenovela produced locally and distributed nationally, we are certain that our talent and picturesque locations will be seen within and beyond our borders. With the hope to entice attraction to further economic opportunities within the creative industries to our region. We have pioneered and brought about the first ever film bootcamp that is aimed at exposing our young school learners to the various career opportunities within the film value chain. It must be noted that the National Film & Video Foundation in now rolling out the programme nationally. It was piloted here in East London.

We have further supported three new District film festivals as part of our audience development strategy. OR Tambo, Alfred Ndzo and Buffalo City Metro (Gompo) have been selected as the hosting regions that will host theses festivals. This will open an opportunity for the consumption of locally produced content, provide linkages with key industry players such as producers, directors, funders and distributors. Whilst simultaneously, a number of Master Classes will be held, focusing on areas such as script writing, production management, directing and camera work and lighting. The above are indicators that we remain true to our commitments that we will support the creative industries in a bid to ensure that they contribute to job creation and harnessing skills for the youth.

2023/24 Strategic Path

Cultural and Creative Industries

Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI) sector is one of seven focus areas in the country's revised Industrial Policy which is intended to address the challenges and constraints that need to be overcome to allow the sector to reach its full potential. The recent development of **National CCI Master Plan** for the sector aims to promote a collaborative approach among all stakeholders to address the needs of the sector in its entirety.

According to the South African Cultural Observatory (SACO Report, June 2022) the sector has contributed 7,5% to the provincial Growth and Development Product (GDP). This includes employment opportunities that have been created, and the broadened career paths it presents for our next generations.

In advancing EC Cultural and Creative Industries, we will focus on the following actions that support the sector to build digital capacity, reach new markets, and increase training opportunities, as well as those that will contribute to employment and income.

In stimulating growth in the sector, we shall continue to invest in people, product, and infrastructure to ensure that a solid foundation is in place from which the sector can thrive.

We will strengthen **Arts in School Programme**, with the intake of 35 practitioners, in partnership with the National Department (DSAC) to ensure strong outcomes for learners through foundational learning and skills development, particularly in creative, heritage and culture education.

Market Access - Visual Art, Craft, and Fashion Design.

The Craft Hub has taken advantage of the local tourist market and maximised on sales by setting up a retail shop at Nelson Mandela Museum and Mayfair Casino at BT Ngebs Mall in Mthatha. ECPACC is on a quest to roll out all programmes of the Craft Hub throughout the province. This is envisaged to be achieved through partnerships with the Municipalities in all the districts.

ECPACC will also be collaborating with likeminded stakeholders and supporting crafters, visual artists and designers in participating in the national and international markets such as Decorex Johannesburg, SARCEA and Cultural Seasons in different Countries of Africa.

Nonkqubela Weaving Cooperative – Weaving:- In the current financial year, ECPACC has supported Nonkqubela Weaving with business and product development. The new products have been tested in the market and the feedback has been positive. The plan is to attract more youth to join Nonkqubela Weaving and stay at until the business generates enough income to sustain itself.

Fashion Design Innovation Centre (FDIC) – Fashion Designers & Seamstresses

Over the years, FDIC that is housed at the Eastern Cape Arts & Craft Hub, Mthatha, has been focussing on training the newly qualified fashion designers, thus training over 80 since its inception in 2014. In the current financial year going forward, the FDIC in collaboration with the National Department of Sport, Arts & Culture will be supporting emerging seamstresses from across the province with sewing training. This programme seeks to equip the seamstresses with technical skills for them to produce more refined products so that they are competitive in the market. As the FDIC is one of ECPACC's flagship projects, the focus will be on soliciting meaningful partnerships that will advance the Fashion Design, Textile and Clothing sector.

Public Art Installations - Visual Arts:- In support of emerging visual artists, ECPACC identifies opportunities for them to develop their skills in various disciplines such as mural paintings, large scale mosaic and sculpture.

Through **Business Development and Entrepreneurship Programme**, ECPACC will equip the creative entrepreneurs with business skills, business systems and tools and ability to apply them in day-to-day operations. This is aimed at preparing them for leadership, mastery of the business aspect of their entities.

Performing Arts

In supporting artists, the department has made provision of the audio-visual recording equipment that records and edit productions at EL Guild theatre, and this will be available for use in the next financial year. Through the **Music Excellence Accelerated Programme (MEAP)**, the department will increase the record labels from 6-8 to increase beneficiation.

Film Development

Our pipeline of projects that we are developing stretches across genres. We are supporting long format television productions such as the "Ultimate Book Show", which plays during weekdays on SABC 3. We have a further 13 projects that we are developing that consists of factual documentaries, short films and once off features.

As, part of galvanising continuity to the work that has been undertaken, further support is being sort for the Telenovela **Gqeberha The Empire** and our two Drama Series (Abahambayo & Ebukhosini). This will ensure continuity and create a formidable environment for sequels to be produced.

We have also identified a gap in the market, where there is a lack of qualified drone pilots within our province. We shall disrupt the status-quo by opening training opportunities that will result in qualified professionals within this regard. Through our development entity ECPACC, further collaborations in relations to skills development and training programmes are being planned with stakeholders such as the SABC & MultiChoice.

This year will see the establishment of the Provincial Film Office realised. Vast plans and engagements are underway currently underway with the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan to host the office. We envisage an accessible one stop shop for filmmakers, where they will receive the needed administrative support and access to high end facilities and equipment that are usually out of reach for the ordinary creative on the street.

In 2023/24 financial year, documentaries such as uHadi, Silibalekile, Paulina, Chosi Ntsomi and the gallant Dr. Madosini's Life and times will hit the small screens. While short films like The Rise of Nguni, Inkunzi Madikane, iSabelo SikaTata are aimed at hoisting the provincial flag high at various film festivals across the continent. This year we will intervene and roll out film festivals in the OR Tambo, Umzimvubu and Gomo region as a stride to develop our audiences.

Market access is a priority, and through our support we have been able to ensure that our locally produced film Series "**The Ultimate book show**", had showcased in France at the prestigious International Cannes Film Festival. This effort is to ensure that buyers and sellers of locally produced film works are given a platform for viewings, and ultimately generate new revenue streams. The producers of the Ultimate Book show have been re-invited to shoot a special season of their series during the May 2023 offering of the festival. Simultaneously, their presence at the Cannes Festival attracted Silicon Valley scouts which resulted in an invitation to screen at California in America in October 2023 at the Silicon Valley African Film Festival

The **Ultimate Book Show series slate**, a new Talk Show sub-genre in television which functions as a powerful transdisciplinary infusion between the old artistic mediums of Literature and Film. The show plays and will continue to play on SABC 3 during weekdays between 15h00 to 16h00, from 1 November 2022 to 30 November 2023.

Publishing Industry

To support the Emerging Authors in 2023/24 Financial Year, the Department will be conducting creative writing workshops in English, Afrikaans, IsiXhosa and SeSotho. Through the Library services, the department commits to buy books produced through the publication initiative for distribution to all the libraries supported by the department. During Literature festival at National Arts Festival (NAF) an opportunity is presented for authors to submit their manuscripts which are later compiled and published as Isivivane.

Expand markets and Audiences

In modernising and streamlining the existing funding support to improve delivery, and effectiveness, the department will implement a new model on festivals by giving out calls through proposals and partnerships. The initiative will be taking festivals to arts communities for the purposes of addressing the challenge of fragmented festivals existing in the province and ensure that the positive impact to beneficiaries is sustainable.

Policy & Legislation Review

We aim to focus policies, programmes, and services with a view to increase capacity development and empower the sector to share its unique products and experiences within the province and with outside markets. We will develop new and revise the existing policies, relevant pieces of legislation and regulations to respond to the needs of the sector. Here I refer to ECPACC Act, Museums Act, Library Services Act, and Archives Act.

Acknowledging that each industry is unique and through identifying and sharing the diversity of resources within them, it will lead to a better understanding of the creative and cultural ecosystem in the province. Government aims to minimize barriers and increase access for those already in the sector, as well as for those voices seeking to participate.

I, therefore, believe through collaboration, representation and establishing networks this diverse sector can become stronger. Exploring opportunities in cultural tourism will allow the EC to share and celebrate its culture, creativity, experiences and history with the rest of the world.

This will be achieved through improving interdepartmental collaboration to facilitate complementary program delivery. To this end, we will continue working together with the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT), Department of Education (DOE), Department of Health (DHS), Department of Social Development (DSD), and Department of Health (DOH).

Community Art Centres

We will bring life to our existing Community Arts Centres to potentially expand their role in the assisting artists. This will be done through the advancement of their responsibilities as wide institutions by encouraging further programming in, and representation of rural communities and support a wider range of creative disciplines.

This will encourage the sector to be inclusive of underrepresented communities to expand the demographics of programming and audiences; and to provide opportunities for those communities to share their voices through a variety of mediums.

Youth Development

Hon. Speaker, our youth are key to longevity and sustainability and therefore education is more than academics and learning from others is invaluable especially in knowing and respecting cultural traditions, protocols, and practices. We will **promote involvement of youth** in the department as ambassadors with a view to encourage career choices through creation of job opportunities in sport, recreation, arts, culture, heritage, library and archives sectors. Three hundred (300) young people will be drawn particularly from rural areas to benefit from these sectors.

Heritage Resource Services

In tying heritage to tourism, the department will continue to foster economic development and viability through long term investment and heritage resources and programmes. We will grow and protect heritage programme in the province, and in doing this we will provide clear and consistent heritage policies, effective heritage management tools and continue to identify a broad range of historic places, including those with social and cultural heritage values that illustrate EC's rich history, diversity, and development.

The geographical place name change programme. DSRAC will focus on post gazetting, enhance public awareness, and continue to conduct public hearings with a view to standardize place names. The following place names, amongst others, will be considered: Cala, Tarkastad, Tylden, Sterkstroom, Algoa Bay, Colchester, East London, etc

The exhumation, repatriation and reburial of the human remains of those who fell in defence of their land will continue. In collaboration with the Department of Justice's National Prosecuting Authority Missing Persons Task Team and the Department of Military Veterans, the department will repatriate the remains of Zwelibanzi Khweshube, and Yiva Voyoyo from Mamelodi to Mbizana; King Zanzolo Hintsa from Nqabarha Village to Nqadu, Great Place. The Department will also collaborate with the National Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture, Department of Justice and the Department of Military Veterans to repatriate remains of South Africans that fell during the liberation struggle in Tanzania and Lesotho respectively.

The department will continue with its commemorative partnership programmes to advance, amongst others, Resistance and Liberation Heritage Route. In this financial year, we will remember the life and times of Nkosi Jongumsobomvu Maqoma who passed away while imprisoned on Robben Island 150 years ago on 09 September 2023. Heritage Month in September will be dedicated to Nkosi Maqoma. We will also celebrate the centenary of the birth of isithwalandwe Wilton Zimasile Mkwazi, a freedom fighter who spent 25 years in prison. He was born in Chwarhu near Xesi on 17 December 1923, and Reconciliation Month in December will be dedicated to his legacy. In the same vein, Freedom Month in April will be dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the assassination of Thembisile Chris Hani on 10 April 1993. Also, OR Tambo Month in October will be dedicated to the life and legacy of the legendary Oliver Reginald Tambo who passed away on 24 April 1993. These will enhance branding of the Eastern Cape as the 'Home of Legends'.

Furthermore, we will collaborate with Buffalo City Municipality and SEK Mqhayi Foundation to restore the grave of poet Laurette S.E.K. Mqhayi at Ntabozuko, build a memorial dedicated to Happy Boy Mgxaji and other heroes and heroines from Mdantsane; develop Dr. Robert Lamb Peterson's burial site at Sulenkama in Qumbu, and refurbish Mama Winnie Madikizela- Mandela Cultural Landscape at Embhongweni Village in Mbizana.

On the same vein, we will revamp the "Cradock Four" exhibition at Great Fish River Museum in Cradock. The department will install exhibitions, thus

- Healdtown exhibition at Fort Beaufort Museum,
- The exhibition on 1992 Bhishe Massacre and other epochs of conflict in the province including the 19th century Wars of Resistance at Bhishe Memorial Massacre Centre.

A nomination dossier was submitted in February 2023 to the World Heritage Centre to consider the technical application for listing the Klasies River Caves Archaeological landmark as a World Heritage

Site. UNESCO World Heritage Centre has since responded positively in March 2023 that the application has met the requirements for completeness check that they have undertaken to date. This year the department has undertaken to conduct a feasibility study and develop a conservation management plan on the Klassies River Caves Archaeological Caves in Koukamma Local Municipality. The report of the study and the management plan will form part of dossier of South Africa's submission to UNESCO for declaration of the landscape as a World Heritage Site.

The department will continue to engage the public in **heritage education and recognition** by supporting programmes and project that empower people to understand and value province's rich and unique history. This will be done through the celebration of significant historic days such as Heritage Day, Reconciliation Day, Human Rights Day, etc.

Promoting Multilingualism

The department is charged with responsibility to develop and promote Language and Literature in the province with the aim to change the linguistic landscape of the province, creating a conducive climate for multilingualism and for flowering and blossoming of linguistic and literary activity in the province for the benefit of our word artists.

Guided by the Eastern Cape Use of official Languages Act, 2016 and the Eastern Cape Use of Official Languages Act Regulations, 2020, which put high premium on language diversity and indigenous language development, the department will vigorously and aggressively pursue corpus planning initiatives. This will entail, among other things – orthography and terminology development. The department will ramp up its efforts to assist and get public institutions conform with provisions of the Eastern Cape Use of Official Languages Act, Regulations. Towards the end of the 2022-23 financial year we saw commendable effort by some departments to align themselves with the stipulations of our provincial language prescripts.

In keeping with our collaborative approach, we shall continue working with institutions of higher learning and the Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB) to develop vocabulary of our indigenous languages so that the utility value of these languages is enhanced.

The manuscript development program driven by the department has yielded enormous benefits for budding writers across the different linguistic communities in the province. Through this program we have unearthed huge talent in creative writing as some literary artists produced books that approximate a classic publication. The department is partnering with SABC to get some of best drama publications produced by our budding writers converted into Radio drama. This initiative will have more economic spin-offs for developing writers.

Translation of Public Documents: To promote language diversity and accessibility of information and knowledge to the public the department will continue to translate government documents from and into all four-official languages of the province, which are isiXhosa, Afrikaans, English and Sesotho.

Celebration of Eastern Cape Literary Icons Program: The Department intends to grow and expand the Provincial Literary Icons Program which is aimed at identifying, profiling, and celebrating the EC Literary Icons for the profound and the immense work they have done to develop and uplift our official languages, especially the indigenous languages. **EC will be hosting the inaugural Provincial book Fair in 2023.** The project will attract a wide spectrum of language role-players in the province and

across the borders of the province: The event- among other things will serve as a platform for all language role players in the province to come and identify challenges in the language sector and devise and deliberate on solutions. The topics or themes that characterize this event range from translation, interpreting, creative writing, book analysis, poetry, to drama.

Sign and Khoisan Languages: Given the fact that the South African Sign Language is accorded official status, the department will continue working with Pan South African Language Board (PanSALB) and other critical role players to advance the development of sign language. Regarding Khoisan language the department has worked with the department of education, PanSALB, Northern Cape Province and Khoisan communities. In language revitalization efforts the department trained 10 people in Introduction to the Nama in Graaf Reinet. For 2023 the same group will go through a more in-depth training session to be more fluent in Nama Language. These training programmes will be starting at community schools in the targeted area, guided by the Nama facilitators.

Library and Archives Services

Library service facilitates lifelong learning by connecting the community, collections, programmes, and technology. Through public libraries, our government invests in the intellectual, cultural, and economic future of our province. Over the past decade, the province has supported public libraries as they transform their technology and online resources to improve access to information across province.

To this end, over 10 000 people were able to access books from the e-book platform at the comfort of their own homes. With an amount of **R1.1m**, the department will enhance its e-book system, ensuring that communities are provided with a much wider variety of books to select from for their diverse reading needs.

In advancing access to information and resources, the department will continue to provide and maintain resource collections which are responsive to the varying needs of the community. We will continue to make a deliberate effort to support local authors by buying their publications for our public libraries.

From a book budget of R10m in the 2022/23 financial year, which benefited all the libraries in the province. The R8m of this amount was utilised for library needs, while the R2m was biased towards the local content, which benefited over 30 local Authors and publishers.

In the new financial, R1m is set aside for local content. In ensuring efficient functionality of all the libraries, R7M has been set aside for the procurement of computers.

We will continue to develop and promote a wide range of free services to all sectors of the community with the view to increase awareness and usage of library services, particularly by target groups. We will ensure that there are well patronised set of library outreach services, activities and programmes which include amongst others International Literacy Day, South African Library Week, Alex Matikinca Reading Competition, Book Club Development, Funda Mzantsi Championship, etc.

The department will foster excellence and best practice, build capacity across all public libraries to be inspirational, be leaders in practice and be responsive to their community needs. To realise this, we will facilitate strategic opportunities through participation in Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA) and other related platforms for professional development, collaboration and

knowledge exchange, so that library council/committees, staff and volunteers can learn from each other's successes, build best practice and respond to the evolving needs of users. We will continue to support libraries in improving the digital literacy skills of users and staff so that they can participate in an increasingly digital world.

In creating lasting and sustainable partnerships, the department is committed to continue its leadership role in this area by focusing on relationships with its partners, stakeholders, libraries, and council. We will create opportunities for libraries to work together with other government departments and local sphere of government to identify and achieve mutually beneficial outcomes, through the understanding that libraries provide communities with diverse information, programs, and services. In this regard, we will establish a formal framework to engage in regular and ongoing dialogue with library partners.

Digitisation of Archives

The project for the conversion of Provincial Archival records into digital format will continue. A Service Provider has been appointed and the 1st phase of the project has commenced which consist of selection of identified groups of records with the first group as Land Allotments of the former Ciskei- the Victoria East (Alice, Peddie and Middledrift), former Transkei of Herschel and Cacadu Lady Frere). This group consist of series on Chiefs and Headmen, Genealogy, Native owned land ,urban settlement of Zwelitsha, Dimbaza and Mdantsane. This collection is widely utilized by the communities for land claims and chieftainship rights and research, with the oldest record dating back in 1879.

This group has been arranged and described to be par with the international standards utilising ISDIAH- international Standard for Describing Institutions with Archival Holdings aligned with AtoM (Access to Memory) a system that provides access to the digitised record, with over 8million entries of archival records from the Eastern Cape captured in AtoM through migration from the old system of NAAIRS (National Archives Automated Information Retrieval System) This project will assist in enhancing preservation and access of these records. Unemployed Youth (graduates) will be recruited to assist with this project.

Discussions have been finalised with the Western Cape Department for Cultural Affairs and Sport with regards to access to Eastern Cape archival records housed in the Western Cape. Youth will be deployed to assist the Western Cape archives in the digitisation of those records for them to be preserved and accessed by the Eastern Cape repositories.

The Department is in the process of finalising the discussion with the Nelson Mandela University. The partnership is interested in assisting with the arrangement and description of archival records that will be digitised and exposing university history students to the archives repository as a research facility which also mean that they will be able to learn how to conduct research in an archives and be skilled in the work that is conducted by archivist, thereby assisting the Gqeberha repository to enable easy retrieval and access by requesters. Budget allocation digitisation and archives is **R9904m**.

Records Management

The department will continue to provide support to governmental bodies as per its constitutional mandate. Having finalised the Provincial Records Management Policy, the focus will be on the marketing and monitor implementation of the policy throughout the Province to ensure that governmental bodies are responsible for the proper management and care of public records while

they are still in their custody and not yet due for transfer to the archives. Budget allocated for Records Management is **R986 000**.

Sport and Recreation.

Hon. Speaker, DSRAC believe sport and recreation has a big role to play in improving the physical and mental health of the nation, supporting the economy, reconnecting communities, and rebuilding a stronger society for all. Therefore, we collectively need to reimagine how we keep movement, sport and recreation central to the lives of everyone, because if we harness its power, we'll be able to improve people's lives in so many ways.

We are mindful of the fact that in terms of the South African Sport and Recreation Act, the Confederation is the Macro-Body for all Sport Structures whilst Federations are delegated to be the regulators and implementors of their specific programs. However, we have noted the fact that the majority if not all our Provincial Federations are not reaching out to the far-flung areas and as such the majority of our communities are not in the mainstream of the federations and that has resulted into a lot of rural talent being left out when it comes to development and progression.

As an attempt to improve in this area, in 2023 working with Eastern Cape Sport Confederation the department will pay attention and focus on, **Taking Sport to all corners of our province** no matter how remote they maybe. We are now 29 years into the new dispensation and guided by the efforts that were championed by former Non-Racial Sport bodies like National Sport Congress we must turn around the situation and move out of comfort zones.

Our call is that sport must be freed from highly bureaucratic practices and be made a people driven commodity wherein all have access to. In delivering out the programs we shall remain married to the Universal Sport Development Continuum to make sport a source of living for some at the end of the day. The following will underpin our plans, **Mass Participation, Development and Excellence**. This approach will also cover Schools Sport as it remains the bedrock of sport development in the province.

Rural Sport Intervention

The Confederation will lead the call for mobilisation and inclusion of all into sport. On the same breath whilst we respect the autonomy of federations, the exclusion of some communities due to prolonged suspensions will have to be resolved within reasonable timeframes. Working with federations the so-called teams in the rural and farm areas will be guided into setting up themselves as clubs in terms of the individual federation's standards.

Premier 's Provincial Sport Development Games

Hon. Speaker, the resolution of the Lekgotla was that the co-ordination of the various Mayoral Cups must be escalated to the provincial level in a form of the **Premier's Cup**, led by the department.

During 2023/24 financial year, the department will implement **Premier's Provincial Sport Development Games** to ensure that the sport and recreation system is disrupted to include all citizens of the province. This programme seeks to promote active communities in each ward of the province, crossing through the valleys and hills, cities, and towns of the province to increase participation, strengthen sport institutions and unearth the hidden sport stars of the Eastern Cape. This will transform the sport and recreation landscape to improve access from the street corners to

the sport fields, provincial, national, and international platforms. Through this intervention, the department will ensure that sport is played across the province, in both rural and urban communities.

In consultation with sport structures and municipalities, department's resources will be channelled to development with a view to align to Long Term Participant Development (LTPD) plans of various federations.

Club Development

Club development has been allocated a budget of R2 192 000, and the department is targeting to reach out to 120 Clubs with the ratio of 15 from each district to provide equipment and or attire. Provision of equipment and or attire will be accelerated during 2023/24 financial year as it will not only cater for Federation Affiliated Clubs but to be an incentive for the unregistered clubs/teams to strive to be in the mainstream program so that talented athletes can find their way up the development pathway.

All the resourced clubs will be guided and be encouraged to register with Local Leagues and that will be coupled with training of the volunteers in Administration, Coaching and Technical Officiating.

For 2023/24 with resources at our disposal we will target to reach out to 120 Local Leagues and train 150 volunteers that are based and attached to clubs. Netball being the biggest sport played by women will continue to get a bigger share. Our previous experience is that this program has great potential of creating opportunities for the young talent to grow to higher levels.

Netball World Cup

This year, in July to August 2023 South Africa will be hosting the Netball World Cup in Cape Town. Our view as the department is that Cape Town is hosting on behalf of us all as South Africans. Guided by the lessons we learnt when we hosted the 2010 FIFA World Cup, we will mount **Pre-World Cup activities across the province** and our resourcing of Federations and schools will be more biased towards Netball.

When the Netball World Cup trophy arrives and a tour undertaken from 29th June to 3rd July, the Eastern Cape will be the second last province to have it and then hand it over to the Western Cape. Working with Eastern Cape Netball, a pool of netball greats will be setup in each district to serve as **"Ambassadors" that will assist in growing and promoting the game.**

The tour in the province will be enriched by mounting of activities that will place the Game of Netball in a better pedestal going forward. We also appeal to all in the province to follow and support netball and not forget to buy tickets so as to support our Proteas Team.

Boxing:- The province is known across the world to be big in boxing **at both Amateur and Professional levels.** In order to retain this accolade and build future world class boxers the department, **working with Boxing South Africa, will fund the staging of Eastern Cape Title Boxing Tournaments.** All the winners will be crowned with the **Provincial Title Belt** and the tournaments will be spread across all the districts. In all the tournaments the **inclusion of women bouts** will be a must and that is non-negotiable. Our investment towards this initiative will be R1 200 000 00 (One Million and Two Hundred Thousand Only). Tapping from the Conditional Grant

allocation an amount of R350 000 will be used to stage an **All-Women Professional Boxing Tournament in August**. Our view is that although boxing is growing at a fast pace when it comes to males, the progression by females is not at the desired pace.

Schools Sport

The investment into the federations will also be mirrored in the School Sport Program in order to achieve a Seamless Process. 240 schools across the 8 Districts will be resourced with Equipment and/or Attire. The beneficiary schools will be the Quintile 1 to 3 as guided by the DoE approach on equitable distribution of resources. The resourced schools will be assisted to set up vibrant Intra-School and Inter-Schools Programs.

Our call to schools is that regular participation is the most efficient way of preparing the talented athletes to be the Stars of tomorrow. Learners from schools that participate in the program will get opportunities to participate in National, Regional, Continental and National Championships.

Recreation.

The province remains convinced that, regular participation by more people is what keeps life going and building more interest from our citizens across all ages. The start of any sport and recreation system is when people engage in activities for fun, enjoyment, socialising, and health benefits. This level is commonly called Recreation and it is where we are investing to get more numbers participating regularly across all ages. This will be driven by community ownership of the activities so that they become part of their daily life and culture. The department will target 90 communities for rolling out of the program. Youth from these communities will be trained on program development, interpretation and application of rules community mobilisation and event management. Taking forward the call for reviving, promotion of Indigenous Games all these Hubs will be obliged to include them in their daily activities. The elders will teach the young.

Horse Racing :- The Department is currently supporting horse racing and in the next financial year, the Department will continue supporting horse racing in **four Districts**. At **Chris Hani**, horse racing will be held at Cofimvaba, at **OR Tambo** the Tsolo Junction horse racing will be held at Tsolo, at **Amathole**, the horse racing will be held at Idutywa, and at **Alfred Nzo**, the Traditional horse racing will be held at Matatiele.

Girl Guides and Boys' Scouts: These are youth movements which gives young girls and boys the skills, motivation, and commitment to participate in programmes that advocate for change in communities. It aims at mentoring its citizens through its philosophy of promise, duty, people, and law. The activities in the programme increase the social cohesion in the awareness of self-discipline and respect for people, to do duty in service to the vulnerable and therefore be obedient to the laws of the movement and the country.

The department commits to continue supporting their programmes as they contribute towards social cohesion and moral regeneration.

Transformation in Sport

The democratic government of South Africa led by the African National Congress remains committed in transforming the landscape across all aspects of life. Sport is a highly contested terrain as some people are still clinging in the past practises and even confuse transformation as a method of countering selection on merit. Transformation is not only about the colour of the skin but also about making sure that there is also a change in the following:

Women in Sport- Currently the girl child in sport cries daily for progressive and genuine opportunities in sport. A special focus will therefore be paid to the resourcing of participation of women in those codes that are historically male dominated. The department will pay attention and invest in Women Boxing, Women Cricket, Women Football as well as Netball across its sport and recreation programs.

People Living with Disabilities- In analysing the attainment of medals and accolades in National and International Platforms it is clear that people that come from this category are doing very well as they fly the Eastern Cape Brand high. The department will continue to have a special and ring-fenced funding across sub-programs. The inclusion into leadership and management positions of volunteers living with disabilities will be an enforced requirement from all federations/codes that benefit from DSRAC funding.

Sport as a tool for Socio-Economic Development

Eastern Cape is aspiring to be a destination of choice by hosting Sport Major Events and as such would want to position itself to achieve this milestone. This idea is further strengthened by the understanding that **Sport Tourism is one of the fastest growing sectors in other parts of the country and it brings a lot of economic benefits.** The department will close ranks with strategic partners like, Eastern Parks and Tourism Agency, Department of Economic Affairs, Environment and Tourism, Federations and Municipalities in driving this program. **As at March 2022 the records revealed that Sport Events contribute up to 5% towards the country's GDP.** Whilst the department is mindful of the fact that the events have great potential to boost local economic development it shall also monitor the legacy and the direct benefit to the federations concerned.

The focus will be on getting into **partnerships with renowned and accredited professional Event Management institutions**, with the priority being hosting events that are aligned to the following: Signature Events, International Events, National Events, Provincial Events, Small Scale Events and Exhibitions/Expos/ Symposiums.

International Relations

In area of International Relations, DSRAC has vibrant cooperation relations with the State of Lower Saxony – Germany. The revised Joint Declaration in the field of Sport will be signed between Lower Saxony Ministry of Interior and Sport, Landes-SportBund (LSB) and DSRAC during 2023. The agreement will focus on reverse volunteer exchange programme, Federation Specific Exchange Programme, Women Football Exchange programme, Youth Exchange programme and Lower Saxony Minister of Sport delegation and DSRAC Top Management visits.

The department has conducted evaluation sessions with their counterparts in Lower Saxony and finding was that over years young people that benefitted from the program have progressed well as athletes, coaches and administrators. It has also been found out that some are now using the skills

they obtained through this program to work independently. Rural areas like Coffee Bay have benefitted and improved their sport activism in sport through the German Volunteers deployed in their area over years.

Academies of Sport

As a means to polish the identified Talented Athletes through our Academy System the focus will be on the following.

- Increase on the quality and effective delivery of Sport Science, Life Skills service, especially reaching out to the Rural Areas.
- Upskill the Coaches and other specialists that deal with Athletes at High Performance Level by affording opportunities to undergo further training in line with International Trends.
- Increase the focus towards Athletes with Disabilities as they have proved over years that they are the biggest medal achievers at both National and International levels.
- Give more support to those athletes that show great potential to be in the 2024 South African Olympics Team. The support will be for making sure that they meet the selection criteria set by the Olympic Movement.

The Academy supported by the Department will partner with the University of Fort Hare in hosting an All-Africa Sport Exercise and Psychology Conference in September 2023 at the Buffalo City. The conference is expecting an attendance of about 200 people mainly being Sport and Recreation experts from African States and a few from other parts of the world. Our coaches will be exposed on the best modern practises applied in sport development.

Recognition of Excellence

The Eastern Cape prides itself for continuously producing sports people of note on both on and off the field of play. The department will once-more stage the **Annual Sport and Recreation Achievers Awards**. This event has grown over years and it is now a night that all sports people look forward to attend to every year. We shall therefore continue showing appreciation to those that keep the Eastern Cape Flag high.

Moral Regeneration and Social Cohesion

The Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture is mandated with a task of driving and conducting social cohesion and nation building programs in the province.

In organizing social cohesion building programs the department conducts social cohesion dialogues where it identifies topical topics that beset our communities, such as Gender Based Violence, unemployment, crime, drug abuse, etc and get people versed in these areas to engage with various stakeholders and community members with the purpose of finding a solution.

The department also use national days, festivals, arts, culture and sport as a way of promoting and advancing social cohesion and nation building. Because of their mass appeal these programmes and projects are convenient vehicles to spread the message of social cohesion and nation building.

As a way of practising the strategy, the department conducts social cohesion working groups, and social cohesion forum sessions. The department is also part of the social cohesion delivery forums

organised by Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC) at which the provinces are required to provide updates and reports on the programs, projects they conduct to give expression to social cohesion.

2023/24 Financial year, the department will continue with the programs on moral regeneration and social cohesion.

Infrastructure Development Plan

The department is committed to investing in the development of new and upgrading/refurbishment of existing facilities. Refurbishments at Fort Beaufort Historical and Uitenhage Historical Museums which started at the beginning of the 2022/2023 financial are at this stage, 95 and 98 % completed. I expect that they will be completed by the end of this month and thus resume full operations in April 2023. The department has recently completed construction of a new library in Cookhouse and refurbishments at Jeffery's Bay and Fort Beaufort. The department will continue with its current infrastructure projects in phases to ensure that it reduces the backlog. This will improve infrastructure within the province and access to information.

The following infrastructure Projects Will Be Undertaken:

- Upgrading of Tombo Art Centre is one of the arts centres targeted for 2023/24 financial year.
- Alfred Nzo Cultural History Museum that was vandalized during successive lockdowns will be restored. To minimize costs and strengthen cooperative governance DSRAC is collaborating with the host municipality Umzimvubu Local Municipality in this work.
- Assessments at Somerset East, Amathole and Sterkstroom Museums will be carried out with a view to start refurbishments during the 2023/24 financial year.
- Major construction of library projects that the department will continue with are as follows:
 1. New construction of Ntabankulu Library.
 2. New construction of Ngquza Hill Library.
 3. Refurbishments of Patterson, Ugie and Pearston.
 4. Upgrading with fencing and abolition facilities at Kuyga and Colchester modular libraries
- The department has done an assessment of the state of the **Provincial Archives Repository** in Qonce. With designs completed, this will be followed by the mobilisation of funding to continue with the project of upgrading this facility in phases. R1.2m has been set aside to continue with the project.

Administration

The previous audited financial year (i.e., 2022/23) has marked an extraordinary improvement in the department, the attainment of a **clean audit**. While this turnaround has many causes, it could not have happened without substantial improvements in governance and administration. Generally, as an essential driver of development results across sectors, governance work contributes to, amongst others, economic growth, poverty reduction, more efficient public service delivery, etc.

Despite this progress, a lot more remains to be done. To meet the complex and interlinked challenges faced by the department, governance and administrative reforms will be placed at the forefront of its development agenda.

We will continue to build the capacity of officials and volunteers to flawlessly execute applicable policies, whilst simultaneously ensuring that the department and its service delivery institutions are capable of delivering reliable and high-quality services. We will improve awareness and knowledge of the relevant systems, policies, procedures, rules and regulations including the requirements of the PFMA, Public Service Regulations, Preferential Procurement Policy Framework, National Treasury Circulars/Instruction Notes and Supply Chain Management Guidelines amongst our employees.

Through our ethics and anti-corruption strategy, we will further empower citizens to engage with their leaders from various sector organisations (e.g., Eastern Cape Sport Confederation (ECSC), Cultural and Creative Industries Federation of South Africa (CCIFSA), Eastern Cape Academy of Sport (ECAS), etc) and hold them accountable. This in turn, is meant to create conducive environment for private sector investment that will drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

We reaffirm ZERO TOLERANCE as our statement of attitude towards corrupt and fraudulent activities.

The department will continue with the transformation programmes adopted in the previous financial years to address gaps identified for attainment of good governance. We will continue to contribute to the reduction of unemployment in the province and also allow for fair and equal representation in the workplace. This will be realised through the empowerment of youth, women and people with disabilities. The following interventions will be undertaken.

Youth empowerment & creation of job opportunities: - We will strengthen our partnerships with TVET Colleges, SETAS, private sectors, and other funders to host experiential learners in the department. Through the Skills Development Levy we will recruit more interns for the line/core function of the department.

Women Empowerment: - The department will continue to capacitate women through short courses, bursary awarding, leadership development programmes (i.e., Emerging Management Development Programme (EMDP) and Advanced Management Development Programme (AMDP). The department will continue with the mentoring and coaching training programme as one of the key elements of the departmental Women Empowerment Programme.

Bursaries: We will support the 27 existing bursary holders and award 55 new bursary applicants for the academic year 2023.

Artisan Development Programme: - regarding professional employees without a trade we will be capacitating 6 officials from Bayworld Museum to get trade certificate in various trades such as Electricity, Welding Industrial Pneumatics etc.

Change Management: Training in this area will target middle management levels to transform the culture of the department. The department will continue to implement Compulsory Induction programme to enhance professionalism and ethical behaviour in the department.

High performance teams and service delivery excellence has also been introduced as new training programmes to the departmental officials in the 22/23 financial year and this will continue beyond 2022/23. This will be coupled with the Stress Management training that will be conducted continuously to assist employees to better manage and take control of all circumstances within the workplace.

Modernisation & automation of business processes: - The department has made a significant progress with the automation of PMDS and e-leave and will continue with the automation of other business processes as the need arises.

Organogram: - The department has appointed Departmental Task Team (DTT) to review the current organisational structure. The process is envisaged to be finalised by end of the financial year whereat the department will be seeking concurrency with the Minister of Public Service and Administration (MPSA).

A robust monitoring and evaluation framework will be put in place, including the full implementation of the department's electronic monitoring and evaluation system that should assist the department in the analysis of its performance using real time data, thus shaving the path for making informed decisions.

Conclusion

Honourable Speaker,

I present to this House and to the community of the Eastern Cape the **2023/24 Annual Performance Plans and Operational Plans** for both the **department** and the **Eastern Cape Provincial Arts and Culture Council (ECPACC)**.

The department will continue to strive to achieve its vision by investing in people, product, marketing and infrastructure to ensure there is a solid foundation in place from which our sector can thrive. We will ensure that there is greater collaboration, sharing of resources and establishing networks as these are key components of success for this diverse sector. Understanding the creative and cultural industries through research, training, and education is key to establishing ongoing development for future generations. Regular review and specific metrics will be identified to ensure the actions are effective and achieving the outputs and outcomes as set out in the 2023/24 Annual Performance Plans.

The Departmental Budget for 2023/24 is as follows:

Programme	Medium-Term Budget Estimates		
	R'000		
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
1. Administration	329 664	323 312	331 873
2. Cultural Affairs	228 228	242 215	253 268
3. Library and Archives Services	266 425	283 088	295 765
4. Sport and Recreation	169 577	176 122	183 924
Total	993 894	1 024 737	1 064 830

I, Thank You.

Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts & Culture

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