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**LEDA TO CO-HOST INSPIRE LIMPOPO TOURISM,  
TRADE AND INVESTMENT CONFERENCE**

The Limpopo Economic Development Agency has sponsored and will this week co-host the Inspire Limpopo Tourism, Trade and Investment Conference at the Carousel Hotel on November 16 and 17. The conference is aimed at creating a networking platform to facilitate promotion of economic sectors and opportunities in Limpopo – including business opportunities emanating from the establishment of the Musina Makhado and Tubatse Special Economic Zones. These include in mining and mining beneficiation, manufacturing, agriculture and agro processing, transportation, freight and logistics, information and communication technologies, as well as infrastructure development.

LEDA has partnered with Inspire Communications and the *Mail & Guardian* for the hosting of the conference – securing the two-day conference through platinum sponsorship of the event. Key among the conference's will be issues concerning the industrialization and global competitiveness of Limpopo, energy efficiency and the green economy, skills to support Limpopo's economic sectors, as well Information and Communication Technologies and the Knowledge economy. The conference will also reflect on resolutions of the Limpopo Economic Summit hosted by the province recently – addressed by Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa and other senior government and private sector participants. The draft resolutions centered around road and transport infrastructure, growth point infrastructure development, collaboration and governance, agriculture and agro-processing, matters concerning

youth, SMMEs, Cooperatives, and Traditional Leadership as well as ICT Knowledge Economy. These two developments, the Limpopo Economic Summit and the Inspire Limpopo Tourism, Trade and Investment Conference will be covered in more detail in the forthcoming issue of LEDA Focus, the official LEDA newsletter.

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