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Nelson Mandela Rules Training Academy Groundwork to Commence at Drakenstein Correctional on Nelson Mandela Day

Drakenstein Correctional Centre is to house the Nelson Mandela Rules Training Academy as structural building work is to commence on 18 July 2025, marking a profound milestone on Nelson Mandela Day.

The Training Academy will focus on advancing knowledge, training, and application of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, universally known as the Nelson Mandela Rules.

Nelson Mandela's enduring legacy, shaped by his 27 years in incarceration, continues to influence progressive correctional reforms that prioritise human dignity. The choice of Drakenstein Correctional Centre, where Madiba spent his final months before walking into freedom and the Presidency, adds powerful symbolism to this initiative.

The media is invited as follows:-

Date: Friday, 18 July 2025

Venue: Drakenstein Correctional Centre, Western Cape

Time: 09h00

The Nelson Mandela Rules Training Academy will serve as a centre of excellence, fostering the study and application of international correctional standards. It reaffirms South Africa's commitment to humane incarceration practices and positions the country as a global leader in institutional reform and the promotion of inmate rights.

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