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PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of Education and Skills Development will hold a Special Education Awareness Week on the 14th of February 2012 at Molepolole Sports Complex in the Kweneng Region.

The Minister of Education and Skills Development Hon. Pelonomi Venson Moitsoi will officiate at the event where admission and screening will be **FREE**.

The theme of this event will be **Community Mobilisation: A Call to Unearth Diverse Talents**.

The event aims to exhibit the works and skills of learners and youth with Special Educational Needs.

For the past two years, the Division of Special Education has held Mini Fairs through which targeted learners with Intellectual Disabilities. This year, the division has broadened its scope to encompass all disability areas which are: Hearing impairments, vision impairments, intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities and physical handicaps. In addition, some Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) with institutions which offer vocational education and training to learners with Special Educational Needs (SEN) have been invited to showcase their products and services.

To sensitize the general public and key stakeholders on services provided and programmes offered and to exhibit the talent and skills of learners with Special Educational Needs by guided display of products and artifacts produced.

During this week, different specialists within the department will share their expertise with the community on the following issues and not limited to;

- Hearing and vision screening
- Educational screening for learners with learning challenges
- Booking for comprehensive assessment
- Information dissemination on different disabilities

You are therefore requested to attend this special event.

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