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COPE to celebrate Bahananwa Heritage Day in Blouberg!

For Immediate Release.

The Congress of the People (COPE) is honoured to accept the invitation to be part of the Bahananwa Heritage Day Celebration, which will take place on 24 September 2025 at the Holly Ground in Kwarung Village, Blouberg.

This annual event celebrates the rich heritage and traditional culture of the Bahananwa people. It is a special day for the community to reconnect with their roots, honour their ancestors, and embrace the vibrant customs of their culture. The celebration is hosted by the Tribal Authority under the leadership of Kgosi Joseph Maleboho in the Capricorn District Municipality.

COPE will be represented by its Leader Teboho Loate, along with members of the COPE Limpopo Provincial Leadership.

“As a party we recognises the important role of traditional authorities and the communities they lead across the country. It is COPE's responsibility, particularly through our councillors, to hold local and district municipalities accountable,” said COPE Provincial Chairperson in Limpopo, Dr Makgwana Rampedi.

The party is fully aware of the challenges and neglect faced by our communities. We call on our councillors to work closely and respectfully with traditional leaders. We must not forget our roots, especially at a time when our culture and traditions are increasingly under threat.

Following the celebration, the COPE delegation will continue with party business. COPE Leader Teboho Loate will lead efforts to revitalise the COPE movement, rebuild structures within the Limpopo province, and begin preparations for the December Congress and the 2026 Local Government Elections, with the ultimate goal of returning COPE to Parliament.

A meeting is also scheduled with COPE members in the Limpopo Province, Capricorn Region at Blouberg Municipality to be addressed by Loate at Inveraan Village (Inveraan Dropping Centre).

Media houses and Community members are invited to attend the meeting, which will also take place on Heritage Day, after the Bahananwa celebration.

The COPE leader is expected to outline the party's strategic direction and give marching orders to members.

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