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**KZN GOVERNMENT TO HOST A ONE DAY PROVINCIAL TAXI INDABA**

KwaZulu-Natal Government, led by the Honorable Premier Dr. Zweli Mkhize, will tomorrow (04/09/2012) host a one day Provincial Taxi Conference to discuss instability in the taxi industry.

This historic gathering will be held at the Olive Convention Centre, Durban.

The Taxi Indaba follows a decision taken by the cabinet after receiving a report from MEC for Transport Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu on instability that is currently engulfing the taxi industry in the province.

Mchunu's report sensitized the Cabinet on issues adversely affecting the taxi industry but in the main it raised concerns over the on-going killings of taxi operators.

The main purpose of this Indaba is to afford all role players an opportunity to engage constructively in ensuring that taxi industry is a viable and peaceful business. This Taxi Indaba is the beginning of the wide-ranging process of consultation with all the stakeholders in the industry aimed at finding remedy for instability and to ensure consistency of taxi operations.

In attendance will be community structures, local government councillors, traditional structures, taxi operators, law enforcement agencies and religious community.

Commenting on the significance of this Taxi Indaba, Mchunu said, **"Such a conference should ultimately be sufficiently informed to make resolutions on the creation of a provincial consultative structure of Public Transport Industry. We must entrench a culture of accountability in public transport industry. This will mark a beginning of an era where violence and anarchy will not be preferred as a way of determining the development of this important industry in our province."** said Mchunu.

**Details of the conference are as followed**

**DATE : 04 SEPTEMBER 2012**  
**VENUE : OLIVE CONVENTION CENTRE, DURBAN**  
**TIME : 09H00**

Media representatives are invited to attend and report on the Taxi Indaba.

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