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MEC MAKAMU TO HONOUR EXCELLENCE IN THE 8TH PROVINCIAL ABATTOIR RATING SCHEME

LDARD MEC Makamu will honour and recognize abattoirs that demonstrate excellence in meat safety, hygiene and compliance with prescribed standards during the 8th Provincial Abattoir Rating Scheme (PARS) Awards

Mandated under Section 12 of the Meat Safety Act (Act 40 of 2000), the scheme recognizes abattoirs that consistently maintain high hygiene standards and produce safe meat for human consumption.

The 2026 awards will be held under the theme: "Ten Years of Raising the Standard: Celebrating Excellence in Meat Safety and Inspiring the Future." This demonstrates that over the past decade, through PARS, the department continues to improve hygiene management systems, promote compliance and protect consumers against meat-borne diseases while supporting the economic growth of the province's livestock industry.

MEC Makamu will honour outstanding performers across the high-throughput, low-throughput, and rural abattoir categories, culminating in the prestigious MEC's Award for the top-performing facility.

The event will take place as follows:

Date: Thursday, 22 October 2026

Time: 17:00 for 18:00

Venue: Protea Hotel Landmark, Polokwane

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION / MEDIA ENQUIRIES

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