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NEWSLETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNANCE, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS & TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS



The Deputy Minister for Traditional Affairs, Prince Zolile Burns-Ncamashe delivered a keynote address during the meeting.



The Chairperson of the National Initiation Oversight Committee, Ikosi Mahlangu.



The meeting was attended by members from both NIOC, PICC, Provincial CoGTA Departments and other key stakeholders.



NIOC AND PICC WORK TOGETHER FOR SAFER INITIATION SEASON.

As the 2026 initiation season approaches, government is taking bold, coordinated action to protect young lives and uphold this sacred cultural practice. The National Initiation Oversight Committee (NIOC) and the Provincial Initiation Coordinating Committee (PICC) recently convened in Limpopo, sending a clear and uncompromising message: zero tolerance

for negligence, abuse, or illegal operations. The high-level gathering brought together government leaders, traditional authorities, and community stakeholders — united by a single mission: to ensure every initiate returns home safely.