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LISTENING SESSION OF 14 RECORDED ALBUMS & CLEANING CAMPAIGN

DATE **Saturday 2 April 2016**

VENUE **Makgabeng Lodge**

PARTICIPANTS **14 Traditional music groups recorded**

- BMS FESTIVALS is a 1 year project funded by the national Department of Arts and Culture, implemented by MAK HERP.
- The project was about identifying and recording traditional music talent within the 21 wards of Blouberg Municipality, Capricorn District, Limpopo Province.
- Four competition sessions were conducted throughout the 21 wards to identify and select talented traditional groups: **Festival 1:** Seshane School on 24 September 2015; **Festival 2:** Ben Seraki Sports Complex on 15 October 2015; **Festival 3:** Eldorado Sports Complex on 31 October 2015; **Finals:** Ga Raoweši Satellite Office on 27 December 2015.
- 14 groups were selected and were then recorded at Ga Raoweši Satellite Office on 2 and 3 January 2016: 1)Ramashako; 2)Dikgwari tša Ga Kobe; 3)John Morukhuladi; 4)Dietlaetla; 5)Irak; 6)Combo, 7)Ngoako Ramotodi; 8)Sekamonyane; 9)Maineleng; 10)Komang; 11)Tlaamela; 12)Phuti-Kwena; 13)Mokudung Women's Club; and 14)Mareisi.
- **On Saturday 2 April 2016**, all the 14 groups will come together at the Makgabeng Lodge to listen to their mastered music before the final production into CDs – groups will dance and sing along their music, but not with their traditional instruments of *dinaka* and *meropa*, but recorded sounds.
- **Before the listening session, all groups members will be involved in a cleaning up campaign in which they will pick up litter – emphasising the need to live in clean environment.**

Some of the eye-sore sights of litter around BMS area



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