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Lephalale Municipality hosted the provincial Africa Day event at Ga-Seleka on Wednesday, 25 May. Crowds of local residents enjoyed a beautiful blend of colour, music and dance from several cultural groups. Government officials from Zimbabwe and Namibia as well as a representative of the Africa Union also joined in the festivities

The Mayor of Lephalale, Cllr Jack Maeko said in his address: "I hope this day will assist us to search and find the real African in all of us. That it will assist us to do serious introspection as Africans and go back to our roots. Corruption and xenophobia are not part of our African culture."

On behalf of the Premier of Limpopo, Mr. Chupu Mathabatha, provincial Treasury MEC, Mr. Rob Tooley, thanked the people of Lephalale for providing the stage for the rest of Limpopo to celebrate this important day. "Our province represents a fusion and melting pot of Africa's diverse cultural heritage. Let us unite and celebrate together." she said.

Africa Day is celebrated annually on 25 May within the African continent to mark the formation of the Organization of African Unity on 25 May 1963 and the African Union in 2002 and the progress made by the continent to advance democracy, peace, stability and socio-economic development.

South Africa rejoined the continent and the international community in 1994 following the dawn of freedom and democracy. Africa Day 2016 will therefore marked the celebration of 22 years since the country's reintegration into the OAU/AU and the international community.

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