



## LEPHALALE MUNICIPALITY

### **RURAL COMMUNITIES IN THE LEPHALALE AREA TO ACCESS LAND CLAIMS PROCESS**

The Office of the Regional Land Claims Commissioner: Limpopo, in partnership with Lephale local municipality is to embark on a public information drive spreading the message on the reopening of land claims and the availability of mobile lodgement offices to prospective claimants targeting far flung villages in Lephale.

The commission visited the Steenbokpan area on Saturday 7 November 2015 as part of the awareness campaign and in preparation of future visits by the mobile lodgement bus to Steenbokpan and other remote areas in the Lephale region.

President Jacob Zuma has, in terms of section 84(2)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, assented to the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act. The Act now provides for the re-opening of the lodgement of land claims by people who missed the 31 December 1998 deadline to lodge land claims. The lodgement of land claims shall take place over a period of five years, ending on 30 June 2019

The Constitution provides that persons and communities that lost their land, after 19 June 1913, as a result of past racially discriminatory laws or practices are entitled to restitution or equitable redress. The re-opening of lodgement of land claims enables those that did not lodge claims before 31 December 1998 to do so.

Information on the schedule for mobile offices for lodgement of claims, criteria for qualification, and a copy of the manual on how to lodge a land claim, is available from the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform's website: [www.ruraldevelopment.gov.za](http://www.ruraldevelopment.gov.za) or Limpopo Office: 015 284 6300. Possible claimants can also contact Ms Lorraine Mosebedi at 071 302 2719 or Nicholas Magada on 082 465 7848. The information can also be obtained by sending a message to the email address: [claim@drdlr.gov.za](mailto:claim@drdlr.gov.za). Pamphlets are available at the Municipality reception area.