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**MEDIA ADVISORY
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JUDICIAL HEADS OF COURT MEETING: APRIL 2015

Members of the media are invited to attend the open sessions with Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, the Judicial Heads of Court, and stakeholders which will take place on 11 and 12 April 2015 at the Southern Sun, O.R Tambo International, Johannesburg.

The Heads of Court meet three times a year to discuss matters concerning the Judiciary, the effective and efficient administration of the Courts and delivery of access to Justice to all South Africans. These meetings have taken on added importance since the enactment of the Superior Courts Act and the transfer of administrative functions of High Courts to the Office of the Chief Justice.

The National Efficiency Enhancement Committee (NEEC), which is a committee comprised of the Justice Crime Prevention and Security Cluster departments and important stakeholders who play a part in the efficient administration of justice. The committee established by the Chief Justice includes amongst these stakeholders the Department of Justice and Correctional Services, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Health.

The NEEC deals with various matters under its mandate, most importantly is the effective running of the courts. This is achieved through the inter-departmental relationships forged through this committee to insure efficient access to justice.

There have been many achievements by the NEEC. The close working relationship formed by all stakeholders has resulted in a decline in the numbers on remand detention.

The media is invited to attend as follows:

Venue: Southern Sun, O.R Tambo International Airport

Date	Meeting	Time
11 April 2015 (Saturday)	National Efficiency Enhancement Committee (NEEC) Meeting	The open sessions will begin at 09h00 on both days.
12 April 2015 (Sunday)	Heads of Court Meeting	

NOTE: A media briefing will be organized after each open session, members of the media are encouraged to submit their names confirming their attendance.

Ends.

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