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EU DAY CELEBRATIONS IN MASERU

'Civil Society: Our partner' is this years' theme of Europe Week in Lesotho

The EU Delegation in Maseru celebrates 'Europe Day' this year from 2 May to 8 May. A number of activities will be held around the theme: 'Civil Society, our partner'.

Announcing the events at a press breakfast held on 26 April at the EU residence, EU Ambassador Hans DUYNHOUWER said:

"With Europe Day we want to mark our continued engagement with the people and government of Lesotho. This year's theme of 'Civil Society, our partner' provides an excellent platform to the numerous civil society organisations active in Lesotho. Many of them supported by the European Union are making valuable contributions to the country. Despite financial and economic challenges, Europe's continued commitment and international leadership is beyond question."

To mark Europe Day, Ambassador Hans DUYNHOUWER will host a reception on 8 May at the Maseru Sun Hotel. Invitees to this occasion represent a broad selection of Lesotho society, government officials, the diplomatic corps, civil society representatives, etc. As was the case last year, the reception will be preceded by a panel discussion on this year's theme of 'Civil Society, our partner'. The panel will be chaired by Mr Liau John MOTOKO, from the Lesotho Council of NGOs. Panelists will include the Honourable Minister of Development Planning, Dr Moeketsi MAJORO.

Celebrating Europe Day is also a public event. The Pioneer Mall will host information stands on the European Union and the work of civil society organisations active in Lesotho from Friday 3rd May to Wednesday 8th May 2013. The displays will be inaugurated on Friday 3rd May at 16:00 by Ambassador Hans DUYNHOUWER; a quiz on Europe will be staged, with prizes to be won.

An activity day at Kick4Life on Saturday 4th May reaches out to the youth. A soccer tournament and side activities including one by deaf children are foreseen.

To kick things off the public is invited to view, free of charge, a selection of European films at the Alliance Française from Thursday 2nd May to Saturday 4th May. Entrance will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

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