



Media Statement, 25 September 2025

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**MINISTER BUTI MANAMELA TO ADDRESS NUM'S
INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY IN PHALABORWA.**

The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) will host its annual International Literacy Day event on **Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Mopani TVET College in Phalaborwa, Limpopo**. The event, which begins at **08:00**, will celebrate the achievements of adult learners and promote the importance of education within the mining sector.

Minister of Higher Education and Training, Buti Manamela, is scheduled to address delegates alongside NUM President Phillip Vilakazi. This year's theme is **"Celebrate the power of Literacy as a Transformation Tool."**

The event aims to encourage new and current learners in Adult Education and Training (AET) programs to continue their studies, highlighting how literacy is key to improving productivity, health, safety, and empowering workers.

NUM holds this flagship event annually to drive participation in AET programs and encourage mining companies to register more employees. This initiative underscores the union's commitment to empowering its members through continuous education.

Details for Media:

WHAT: NUM's International Literacy Day Celebration

WHO: Minister Buti Manamela, NUM President Phillip Vilakazi, and adult learners

WHERE: Mopani TVET College, Phalaborwa, Limpopo

WHEN: Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 08:00

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