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MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, DR BLADE NZIMANDE, ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FORUM AT LEIPZIG- GERMANY

The Minister of Transport, Dr Blade Nzimande, is attending the annual International Transport Forum at Leipzig in Germany, from today, the 23rd May to the 25th May 2018. This year, the forum is held under the **theme: “Transport Safety and Security”**.

Since 2008, the Summit brings together Transport Ministers from around the world to share policy perspectives with captains of industry, heads of international organisations, as well as leaders from civil society, academia and the media.

Minister Nzimande says South Africa will be joining the nations of the world who will amongst others seek to find solutions to deal with the 21st century transport opportunities and threats.

“This forum creates a platform for Ministers to share and develop perspectives to make transport systems resilient and responsive to the development agenda of the state which seeks to improve the living condition of citizens” said Minister Nzimande.

“When citizens can travel without fear, societies grow together. When business can trust supply chains, our economies prosper,” Minister Nzimande emphasised.

Minister Nzimande said that political leadership, and expert knowledge, open discussion and international cooperation are the key to keep it that way.

In this conference, Ministers will be discussing amongst others, issues relating to the decarbonisation of transport, the protection of the skies with secure and efficient air

travel, road safety “Vision Zero” to safe systems, railway safety and security including the provision of a safe and secure transport for women.

“We are also at the cusp of a digital age that will clearly revolutionise mobility, bringing many new answers but also questions and fears. These changes will coincide with a dramatic increase in demand for transport, challenging us to provide new solutions that are sustainable as well as safe and secure” emphasised Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande says in order to give effect to some of the discussion in this forum, the Department of Transport has already developed the Green Transport Strategy to address challenges emanating from the effects of climate change; the amendments to the National Land Transport Act to include e-hailing services, and the introduction of intelligent transit systems, through the Integrated public transport networks, and the introduction of the demerit point system to improve road safety.

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