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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**25 NOVEMBER 2022**

**MINISTER STELLA NDABENI-ABRAHAMS TO PRESENT A KEYNOTE SPEECH AT THE BMF PROFESSIONAL SMME AWARDS**

The Minister of Small Business Development, Ms Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams is expected to deliver a keynote address at the 2022 BMF Professionals SMME Awards in East London on the 26th of November 2022.

The Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) is mandated to create an enabling environment for small businesses and cooperatives in the country for them to thrive but acknowledges that it is not a simple task unless it recognises the importance of partnerships in order to achieve this objective. The participation and involvement of DSBD in the BMF Professional SMME Awards signal another important partnership that enhances cooperation between government and various stakeholders in the private sector and non-governmental role players.

The Department of Small Business Development invites members of the media to cover the event and awards ceremony as follows:

Date: Saturday, 26 Nov 2022

TIME: 17H00 – 22H00

Venue: ICC East London

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