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MPUMALANGA EDUCATION TO COMMEMORATE OR TAMBO MATHEMATICS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY (MSTA)

The Mpumalanga Department of Education will host the 2026 Commemoration of the OR Tambo Mathematics, Science and Technology Academy on Tuesday, 28 October 2026 at 10H00 at the OR Tambo MST Academy in eMalahleni Local Municipality.

The commemoration honours the legacy of Oliver Reginald Tambo, who was a Mathematics and Science teacher, and reflects on the journey of the Academy which was established in 2013 to improve performance in gateway subjects.

The Academy currently supports 101 secondary schools across the province that specialise in Mathematics, Physical Science and Technology.

Over the years the OR Tambo MSTA has become the Department's Centre of Excellence and a flagship intervention for improving learner performance in STEM fields.

Through structured learner support including extra classes, winter and spring camps, common examinations and quality learning material, the Academy has contributed to improved pass rates and quality passes in Mathematics and Physical Science.

It also provides continuous professional development for teachers, equipping them with improved content knowledge and modern teaching methods.

By exposing learners to career opportunities in engineering, medicine, ICT, mining and other scarce skills areas, the Academy is building a pipeline of skills needed for the provincial economy and preparing learners for the Fourth Industrial Revolution, while upholding Tambo's belief that education is central to development and economic emancipation.

The MEC for Education will deliver the keynote address.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the commemoration.

Date: 28 October 2026,

Time: 10H00, Venue: OR Tambo MSTA

Academy, eMalahleni.

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