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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **TURNING A TIDE AND CHARTING NEW CYBERSECURITY WATERS OF POPIA**

Amidst the shifting tides of cybersecurity, a gathering of over 300 information officers and archivists hailing from diverse government departments and municipalities is set to navigate these digital waters of in Newcastle, Amajuba District Municipality on Thursday, 31 August 2023.

Facilitated by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, the stage is set for the insightful Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 ("POPIA") public awareness programme which will be headlined by Mr Carl Uys, a cybersecurity specialist, who authored the POPIA Manual.

POPIA as a legislation is gaining momentum in protecting citizens' privacy rights in the digital era, since their information can be easily shared and accessed. Its principal aim is to protect the right to privacy in South Africa, which encompasses data protection. It protects the flow of information and safeguards the interests of individuals whose personal data are transferred.



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The crux of this Act is its regulation of how personal information is collected, used, stored, retained, destroyed and generally processed from the moment of collection until the moment of destruction. It states how organizations use, share and handle their information.

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba, highlighted the importance of such sessions, “POPIA is important in the life of information officers and archivists who are entrusted with state information and personnel information. This public awareness programme is an important lifeline for these practitioners to be able to operate within the prescriptions of the Information Regulator an independent body which is empowered to monitor and enforce compliance of the POPIA within the Public and Private sector”.

Media is hereby invited to cover the Public Awareness Programme set to take place:

**DATE: 31 August 2023, Thursday**

**VENUE: Newcastle Municipality Hall**

**TIME: 10h00**

Ends.

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