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**CRL RIGHTS COMMISSION MEDIA STATEMENT FOR HERITAGE MONTH
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The Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities will be joining the rest of the South African Communities and the Department of Arts and Culture in celebrating the Heritage month during September 2011 under the theme **'CELEBRATING THE HEROES AND HEROINES OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTH AFRICA'** in the Mpumalanga Province.

September marks the annual Heritage Month in South Africa, and the CRL Rights Commission recognizes different aspects of South African culture, religion, language, creative expressions, traditional and inter-generational dialogues, visit to heritage sites, historical inheritance, indigenous art, food, traditional medicine, African calendar, rites of passage, animal slaughtering ceremonies, respect for sacred sites, and popular memory.

We therefore re-assert that as the Commission, we are able to embrace our commitment to our rich diverse cultures, religions and languages and honour our unsung heroes and heroines and continue to note that the struggle of cultural, religious and language rights has just started in the 21st century.

The Commission would celebrate the Heritage month with various cultural institutions such as the Freedom Park Council and will throughout the month focus on its internal programmes such as promoting and protecting diminishing and diminished heritage, intervention on challenges faced by Khelobedu speaking community in Limpopo, intergenerational dialogues, launch of CRL Community councils in North West Province, launch of national initiation report, fact finding missions to sacred sites, public participation on the heritage legislations.

The Commission would like to encourage the full participation of communities in the celebration of Heritage month activities.

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