DATE: MONDAY, 23 MARCH 2020
VENUE: ELANGENI HOTEL, DURBAN
TIME: 17H00 – 18H30

ATTENDANCE
Over 50 tourism partners attended the meeting, including:

- Organised tourism structures including the Southern Africa Tourism Services Association (SATSA), the Federated Hospitality Association of South Africa (FEDHASA) and the Southern African Association of the Conference Industry (SAACI).
- Owners and representatives of hotels, B&Bs and lodges.
- Tour operators.
- Municipal tourism marketing agencies.

MEC ADDRESS

- The MEC Dephasised the gravity of the epindemic and its effects globally, in South Africa and in the province. The MEC

- She also updated members of tourism trade of steps taken by government to ensure safety of both people of KwaZulu-Natal and tourists currently in the province.

- Furthermore, the MEC appealed to members of tourism trade to adhere to the directive given by government in providing a database of all foreign tourists from high and medium risk countries who are in their establishments, including the country of origin, duration of their stay and itineraries. This was to enable government screen the tourists to ascertain symptoms and thereby take the necessary steps, and track all individuals that have been in contact with those found positive for assessment.

- She encouraged tourism trade to actively participate in the KZN Tourism Recovery Task Team comprising both public and private sector representatives, whose main aim will be to work on a provincial tourism recovery plan post the pandemic that will drive greater domestic and international marketing.
KEY RESOLUTIONS

- Tourism accommodation establishments to submit the list of foreign tourists from high and medium risk countries to Tourism KZN, which will submit to EDTEA. The Department will, in turn, submit to NDT for a consolidated national list.

- Tourism KZN to send emails to organized tourism trade structures requesting them to nominate members to serve of the Tourism Recovery Task Team.

- A follow up meeting will be held with the tourism trade partners where the Tourism Recovery Task Team will present its recommendations for input, before these are submitted to the MEC for sign off.