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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Heads: Curriculum Coordination and Advice, Circuit Managers, Heads: IMG Coordination and Advice, Subject Advisers and Principals of secondary schools

**Subject: Request for schools to commemorate Africa Day during the week of 22 to 26 May 2017**

1. The 25<sup>th</sup> of May is annually commemorated throughout South Africa as "Africa Day".
2. The purpose of commemorating Africa Day is to celebrate African unity and the independence of African countries from colonial powers.
3. This commemoration will provide an opportunity to raise awareness and gain a common understanding of the different cultures at schools, while addressing the root causes of xenophobic attacks within communities.
4. Principals and teachers are requested to find a suitable time during the week preceding Africa Day to make learners aware of the significance of this day for all citizens.
5. The following attachments have been included:
  - An **annexure** to assist with activities for this day
  - Copies of the **African Union (AU) Anthem**
6. The AU Anthem is also available for download from the Western Cape Education Department's website at:  
<http://www.wcedcurriculum.westerncape.gov.za/index.php/student-parent-support/africa-day-celebrations>

7. For further information please contact Bridget Tobin, DCES: History via email address [Bridget.Tobin@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Bridget.Tobin@westerncape.gov.za) or telephone number 021 467 2590.
8. Kindly bring the contents of this minute to the attention of relevant personnel.

**SIGNED:** PAD BEETS

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL: CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT**

**DATE:** 2017-05-11