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Dear Thenjiwe Roda

Executive Secretarial Institute of environment and Recreation Management

RE: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY 2023

Warm Greetings from the Green Development Foundation and Association of Parks and Recreation Africa

Nelson Mandela Day is an international day recognized by the United Nations in which people around the world are invited to participate in a day of giving back to their communities by carrying out and supporting acts of service and kindness. However, this year people are encouraged to align with 2023 Nelson Mandela Day programmatic activities including *tree planting, home/community-based gardens, and positive climate actions.*

The Green Development Foundation in partnership with the Association of Parks and Recreation Africa will have a Nelson Mandela Day activation in various cities across the world in honour of Tata Nelson Mandela. The Nelson Mandela Foundation through its Mandela Day Programme announced the theme for this year as "**Food, Climate and Solidarity.**" As such we would like to encourage global citizens to **#PlantForMandela!**

On the 18th of July 2023, we would like to encourage you and your organization to stand in solidarity and **plant trees for Mandela Day**, as we contribute towards a greener, healthier, and more beautiful environment. You are encouraged to plant indigenous and fruit trees as we seek to highlight the intersection between climate change and food security. The objective is to use Mandela Day as a platform that will feed into long-term impact through sustained programmatic interventions.

- Plant fruit and indigenous trees both in South Africa and internationally.
- Strengthen and capacitate community and home-based gardens.
- Awareness raising and advocacy related to climate change.

After planting your tree, you are urged to take a picture with a caption of your location and post it on social media using the following hashtag: **#PlantForMandela**. The intention is to kickstart a mega tree-planting movement in honour of Madiba.

Our Social Media Handles: Instagram:@gdf_sa, Twitter:@GDF_SouthAfrica, Facebook: Green Development Foundation

Your support is greatly appreciated as we **#PlantForMandela!**

Yours sincerely,

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