# Programme

## Ministerial Send-off Ceremony for Foreign Economic Representatives (FERs)

**Date:**
24 November 2026

**Time:**
14:00 – 16:00

**Venue:**
Premier Hotel
O. R. Tambo Airport





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| 14:00 – 14:05 | Arrival<br>**Minister Parks Tau and guests** |
| 14:05 – 14:10 | Welcome and programme introduction<br>**Mr Willem Van der Spuy**,<br>Acting Deputy Director-General (ADDG): Exports |
| 14:10 – 14:20 | Opening remarks<br>**Mr Simphiwe Hamilton**,<br>Director-General (DG) |
| 14:20 – 14:25 | Introduction of Foreign Economic Representatives (FERs)<br>**Mr Simphiwe Hamilton**,<br>Director-General (DG) |
| 14:25 – 14:30 | Message of Support - ProudlySA<br>**Mr Eustace Mashimbye**,<br>CEO |
| 14:30 – 14:35 | Message of support on behalf of entities<br>Mr **Ntshengedzeni Gilbert Maphula,**<br>Acting COO |
| 14:35 – 14:40 | Message of Support from DIRCO<br>**Ambassador Andre .J. Groenewald,**<br>Acting Chief Director |
| 14:40 – 14:45 | On behalf of FERs<br>**Ms Yandeya Mashau** |
| 14:45 – 15:05 | Minister's address and charge to FERs<br>**Minister Parks Tau** |
| 15:05 – 15:15 | Signing of the Pledge and Pinning of FERs |
| 15: 15 – 15:20 | **Official group photograph** |
| 15: 20 – 15:25 | Vote of thanks<br>**Mr, Willem Van der Spuy**,<br>Acting Deputy Director-General (ADDG): Exports |
| 15:25 – 16:00 | **Media engagement & Refreshments and networking** |



