



SANTACO POLICY CONFERENCE I 13 - 16 May 2024 BOLIVIA LODGE, POLOKWANE, LIMPOPO



MEDIA STATEMENT

Invitation to Media Houses

12 May 2024

To: News Editors and Reporters

SANTACO Hosts Inaugural Policy Conference in Limpopo.

You are cordially invited to attend the inaugural SANTACO Policy Conference, taking place from May 14th to 16th 2024 at Bolivia lodge, Polokwane, Limpopo. The conference, themed "*Uniting the taxi industry to enhance economic empowerment and sustainability*," is designed to be a pivotal event in the taxi industry's calendar. It aims to bring together leaders from various segments of the transportation sector including the national leadership of the taxi industry, government, policymakers, experts, development partners, researchers, stakeholders, business partners, private sector, and other influential individuals. The collective will come together to discuss and shape policies of the taxi industry and future prospects. The policy conference will serve as a platform for exchanging ideas, sharing research findings, exploring alternative approaches, and ultimately influencing decision-making processes.

The Deputy Minister of Transport Honourable Lisa Nkosingithi Mangcu and Limpopo Premier Honourable Chupu Stanley Mathabatha are amongst the dignitaries who will attend the event and give addresses. The conference will feature panel discussions, commissions and policy formulation forums all of which will result in the formulation of policies within the areas inclusive of Unity & Leadership, Economic Empowerment, Capacity Building, Formalisation & Regulations, Inclusion (gender, youth & persons with disabilities) as well as Technology & Innovation.

Please confirm your attendance by May 13th to Mmatshikhidi Rebecca Phala at rphala@santaco.org or call 078 619 6555/072 848 6097.

