

Ilima

The African Centre for Biodiversity in partnership with Zingisa, Ntinga Ntaba ka Ndoda, Ilizwi Lamafama, Mxumbu Youth Cooperative, Calabash Trust and Khanyisa

Celebrate and honour local seed diversity, and local seed custodians.

Mxumbu Youth Cooperative's site in Middledrift, 16th October, World Food Day.

This event forms part of the National No-GM Maize Campaign - *Phansi GMO Maize Phambili Agroecology!* creating awareness on the extensive use and consumption of GM Maize, whereby around 90% of all maize in the country is genetically modified, and stimulating discussions to **transition out of GM maize** in the country.

Come join the discussion, and be a part of the Ilima – reviving a traditional practice to bring community together for a common goal, share seeds, learn about seed saving and seed production, and celebrate the traditional varieties, practices and knowledge in the area.

Programme:

MC: Busisiwe Mgangxela Peter

09.00 – 09.15:

Opening (Mxumbu Youth Cooperative)

09.15 – 09.30:

Welcoming (Chief Nokwandisa)

09.30 – 10.00:

Mystica (Ilizwi Lamafama)

10.00 – 10.20:

Introduction to the food system in South Africa (African Centre for Biodiversity)

10.20 – 11.00:

Screen the animations of GM Maize in South Africa

11.00 – 12.00:

Responses and Discussion (from local governments, farmers, NGOs, and local community)

12.00 – 13.00:

Lunch (Mxumbu Youth Cooperative)

13.00 – 13.30:

Ceremonial seed planting

13.30 – 15.00:

Ilima – collective planting

15.00 – 15.30:

Seed and knowledge exchange (Zingisa)

15.30 – 16.30:

Traditional music by Luyolo Lenga

16.30 – 17.00:

Thanks and Close (Mr Dobela)

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All are welcome

