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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### Department of Health commemorates World Environmental Health Day

The Department of Health will on Wednesday, 25 and Thursday, 26 September join the global community to commemorate the World Environmental Health Day to raise awareness about environmental health issues and promote actions to improve and protect the environment, for the well-being of all living creatures, including humans.

Environmental Health plays a critical role in addressing Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction to create resilient and sustainable communities. Climate Change and disaster risks are fundamental threats to sustainable development, the living and health conditions for all humans on the globe and the reduction of poverty.

The negative impacts threaten to roll back decades of development gains. Building resilient and sustainable communities means addressing both climate change and disaster risks, and integrating these risks, as well as potential opportunities, into development planning and budgeting.

The 2024 World Environmental Health Day will be commemorated under the theme is “***Creating Resilient Communities through Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation***” and has been adopted in alignment with all the environmental health functions.

The event will be attended by amongst others, political principals, environment health practitioners.

#### Members of the media are invited as follows:

**Date:** 25- 26 September 2024  
**Venue:** Wild Coast Sun International (Mbizana) Port Edward, Eastern Cape  
**Time:** 09h00

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