



**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE KING ENTERING THE KRAAL  
(UKUNGENA ESIBAYENI)**

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On behalf of His Majesty King Misuzulu ka Zwelithini, and at the request of the Zulu Royal Family, I am pleased to announce that His Majesty will perform the traditional ceremony of entering the cattle kraal (ukungena esibayeni) at KwaKhangelamankengane Royal Palace on Saturday 20 August 2022.

This ceremony is performed in line with Zulu custom in order for the King to fulfil the necessary rituals in celebration of his installation as King of the Zulu Nation. As the President of South Africa has recognised and announced His Majesty's position, the King has ascended to the throne *de facto* and *de jure*.

The handing over of a certificate by the President, which is both symbolic and formally required, will take place on a date yet to be determined. It has been agreed between the King and the President that that will be at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban.

On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2022, this agreement between the King and the President was announced to the meeting of the Royal Family about the venue of the handing-over of the certificate by the President to the King, at Moses Mabhida Stadium. There were no issues raised either for, or against in view of the previous agreement of the meeting of the Royal Family where the Royal Family had agreed unanimously that the ceremony will be at Enyokeni Palace. Later His Majesty the King responded to the issue by saying that the choice of Mabhida Stadium as a venue was found more

suitable, as there was likely to be a problem of accommodation for some of his guests if it was held at any of the Palaces.

The traditional ceremony of His Majesty entering the kraal will precede this formality and will take place at the King's own Palace. Members of the Royal Family and Amakhosi will be present, and an invitation is hereby extended to anyone who wishes to witness this historic ceremony.

In due course, an announcement will be made as to the programme of proceedings, to ensure that the ceremony is orderly, despite the likelihood of large numbers of attendees. For now, we simply announce that on 20 August 2022, His Majesty will enter the kraal.

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