

ROYAL COMMUNICATIONS

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**A Statement from the Communications Secretary to  
The Duke and Duchess of Sussex**

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Sussex will undertake an official visit to Southern Africa between Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. At the request of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Their Royal Highnesses will together visit South Africa. The Duke of Sussex will also visit Angola and Malawi at the request of the FCO and will undertake a short working visit to Botswana while in the region.

This will be Their Royal Highnesses' first official tour as a family. Not only will this visit serve as an opportunity for The Duke and Duchess to highlight many of the causes



Their Royal Highnesses will later tour the District Six Museum to learn about their work to reunite members of the community forcibly relocated during the apartheid era. The Duke and Duchess will join a community cooking activity with former residents of Distric

met Archbishop Tutu in 2015, when he presented him with an honour in recognition of his services to UK communities and international peace and reconciliation.

From here, Their Royal Highnesses' programme will split – The Duke will travel onwards to Botswana while The Duchess remains in South Africa.

On the afternoon of 25th September, The Duchess will visit the Woodstock Exchange to meet female entrepreneurs and investors working in technology. Her Royal Highness will highlight the benefits of networking between aspiring female entrepreneurs and successful female role models.

The Duke will begin his working visit to Botswana on Thursday, 26 September, first travelling to Chobe Forest Tree Reserve, where he will join schoolchildren to plant trees and raise awareness of the fragility of these vital ecosystems.

His Royal Highness will then pay a visit to a local project run by his charity Sentebale which focuses on improving the mental health of young people affected by HIV.

From there, he will travel to Chobe National Park, where he will dedicate an area of forest to the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy. Situated near the border of Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, this will help link areas of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy across borders, to facilitate the





Duchess will meet academics and students to discuss the challenges faced by young women in accessing Higher Education.

Her Royal Highness will then visit a school to learn about the work of a local charity, which receives UK Aid funding for its work to raise awareness of and tackle sexual violence in schools.

Following The Duke of Sussex's arrival from Malawi later that evening, Their Royal Highnesses will resume their joint programme in Johannesburg.

On the final day of their tour, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Their Royal Highnesses will visit a township near Johannesburg where they will meet with inspiring local youth, entrepreneurs and view skills initiatives addressing the rising unemployment challenge