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During 2009 SA Sport Confederation and Olympics Committee (SASCOC) president, Mr Gideon Sam invited the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) Directorate of Sports for discussions on future cooperation in the development of sports in South Africa.

The SASCOC president was of the view that the SANDF could assist in the retention of athletes that re medal prospects. SASCOC proposed that boxing be made a pilot project in a partnership between SASCOC, the National Boxing Federation (SANABO) and the SANDF.

The pilot project kicked off in October 2009 with roadshows held in eight provinces. The plan involved identification of existing a potential talent, selection of the best prospects and to finally recruit them into SANDF. The roadshows were completed in early December in time for the January 2010 intake. A total of one hundred and seven athletes were selected and they begun their Basic Military Training (BMT) on 11 January 2010 at the elite SA Army Infantry School in Oudtshoorn.

Whilst undergoing military training, they have also been able to undergo boxing specific training and participate in sporting events.

You are cordially invited to send a journalist and a cameraperson to attend the event and give coverage which will be held at Oudtshoorn on Saturday, 22 May 2010. The event starts at 11h00.

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