

AfriForum to boycott show over Tshwane name

AFRIFORUM intends boycotting the Tshwane International Show because its use of the name "Tshwane" instead of "Pretoria", it said yesterday.

The civil rights initiative wants organisers to recall their decision to rename the show before January 15.

The show's decision to change the name would "aid the Tshwane metropolitan council in their efforts to mislead the public into believing that the capital's name is no longer Pretoria.

"This, even though the legal name of the capital is Pretoria," AfriForum chief executive Kallie Kriel said.

The organisers, the Tshwane Business Agricultural Corporation, said the decision to use the name Tshwane was not political.

They had originally called themselves the Pretoria Business and Agricultural Corporation. They renamed the Pretoria Showgrounds the Tshwane Events Centre and then the Pretoria Show, chief executive Wim du Toit said.

The name change was a decision taken by the board. He said he had not received notice from AfriForum on the intended boycott. - Sapa