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NYDA PROVIDES FIRE RELIEF AND HOSTS CAREER EXHIBITION AHEAD OF SONA 2025

JOHANNESBURG: As part of the SONA 2025 Build-Up Program, the Executive Chairperson of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), Ms Asanda Luwaca in collaboration with the Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities, Sindisiwe Chikunga, and the Minister of Higher Education & Training, Dr. Nobuhle Nkabane, will lead two key initiatives in the Western Cape:

- Providing relief to learners and families affected by fires in Du Noon and Kwa Langa.
- Hosting a Career Guidance and Opportunities Exhibition in Khayelitsha to connect young people with post-school opportunities.

FIRE RELIEF ENGAGEMENT

Date: 4 February 2025

Venue: iNkwenkwezi High School, Du Noon, Cape Town

Time: 10h00 – 12h00

The Fire Relief Campaign seeks to support 130 children who lost school supplies due to recent fires in Du Noon and Kwa Langa. The NYDA, working with government and private sector partners, is mobilizing resources to provide:

- School supplies, including school backpack, stationery, and uniforms.
- Relief packs with essential household items.
- Access to psychosocial services and identity document replacement support.

The NYDA's National Youth Service Programme (NYS) will also deploy volunteers to assist with relief efforts.

Minister Sindisiwe Chikunga will join the NYDA to engage with affected learners and families.

CAREER GUIDANCE AND OPPORTUNITIES EXHIBITION

Date: 5 February 2025

Venue: O.R. Tambo Hall, Khayelitsha

Time: 08h00 – 15h00

The Career Guidance and Opportunities Expo will expose young people to education, skills development, and employment pathways. The NYDA, in partnership with DHET, SETAs, and key institutions, will:

- Provide career guidance and mentorship from industry professionals.
- Connect students with universities, training institutions, and government programs.
- Host discussions on youth unemployment, GBVF, and mental health.
- Include debates, spelling bees, and poetry competitions.

Minister Dr. Nobuhle Nkabane will address the exhibition alongside NYDA Executive Chairperson and sector partners.

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