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NYDA EXECUTIVE CHAIR SUPPORTS FUND RAISING INITIATIVE TO ALLEVIATE STUDENT DEBT

The Executive Chairperson of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) is proud to endorse the Wits SRC's Kobo Ya Thuto Legacy Fund, a transformative initiative designed to combat financial exclusion and promote equitable access to higher education.

The agency recognizes the critical role education plays in empowering young people and shaping the future of South Africa. As advocates for youth development, we commend the Wits SRC for taking bold and innovative steps to address systemic financial barriers that disproportionately affect students from disadvantaged backgrounds, the "missing middle," and those who have been defunded by NSFAS.

In support of this noble cause, the Executive Chairperson of the Agency, Ms Asanda Luwaca, will be participating in the Kobo Ya Thuto Run: "Run for Change, Sprint for Hope", taking place [on Friday, 17 January 2025, at 16h00](#), at the University of the Witwatersrand. This event not only aims to raise funds but also to foster a sense of community and collective action in addressing the urgent issue of financial exclusion.

We call upon youth, stakeholders, and all sectors of society to actively participate in this campaign. Together, we can raise the necessary resources to ensure that no student is denied access to education due to socioeconomic limitations.

"Education is a cornerstone of youth development and nation-building. The NYDA is proud to stand alongside the Wits SRC in this impactful initiative. We encourage everyone to join us for the Kobo Ya Thuto Run and contribute to shaping a brighter future for South Africa's students," said Ms. Asanda Luwaca, Executive Chairperson of the NYDA.

For more information on how to participate in the Kobo Ya Thuto Run: "Run for Change, Sprint for Hope" or contribute to the Kobo Ya Thuto Legacy Fund contact:

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