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NYDA PARTNERS WITH HYE TO ADVANCE YOUTH PARTICIPATION AT MINING INDABA 2026

The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) is pleased to announce a strategic partnership with the Hyve Group, organiser of the Investing in African Mining Indaba. This collaboration, led through the Office of the Executive Deputy Chairperson, Mr. Bonga Makhanya, will champion meaningful youth participation at Mining Indaba 2026 (MI26).

The partnership marks a significant milestone in the NYDA's efforts to mainstream youth development priorities within key economic sectors and high-level investment platforms. Through this collaboration, the Agency will support the inclusion of young people in structured engagements aligned to the Young Professionals Programme (YPP), ensuring that youth perspectives, talent and leadership are visible within one of the continent's most influential mining and investment forums.

Mining remains a critical pillar of South Africa's economy, yet it is an industry that has historically been difficult for young people to access and influence. "The Mining Indaba is one of the most influential platforms on the African continent, bringing together heads of state, global investors, industry leaders and policymakers to shape the future of mining and economic development. It is therefore critical for the NYDA to be present in these discussions, ensuring that young people are positioned within decision-making spaces and connected to opportunities that can drive inclusive investment and long-term economic participation," notes the Executive Deputy Chairperson of the NYDA, Mr Bonga Makhanya.

The NYDA's involvement at Mining Indaba 2026 reflects its statutory mandate to facilitate the integration of young people into the economy and to create platforms that link youth to opportunity, skills development and decision-making processes. By engaging at this level, the Agency seeks to ensure that youth are not only beneficiaries of development interventions but also active contributors to national economic discourse.

The partnership further reflects a shared understanding that sustainable growth and transformation within the mining sector require deliberate intergenerational inclusion, collaboration and long-term investment in human capital. Mining Indaba 2026 will provide an opportunity to demonstrate how youth development objectives can be meaningfully embedded within global industry platforms in a manner that advances public value.

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