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NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ENGAGES WITH PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

Today, the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), represented by its Board of Directors under the leadership of Chairperson Dr. Myende, together with the Agency's Executive Management led by Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Kubheka, appeared before the Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities.

The engagement formed part of the Agency's commitment to transparency and accountability, providing the Committee with a comprehensive update on its programmes, progress made in advancing youth development, as well as the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

South Africa's youth are navigating a period of shifting economic difficulties. This reality demands that youth agencies, government stakeholders, and the private sector respond with agility and intentionality. Addressing the challenges faced by young people requires coordinated action, innovative solutions, and a shared commitment to unlocking their full potential.

During the session, the NYDA tabled its strategic operational pillars, which will guide its work:

1. Economic Development through Youth Entrepreneurship
2. Decent Employment through Jobs Programme
3. Revitalisation of Service through the National Youth Service

The NYDA Executive Chairperson, Dr Sunshine Myende, says the NYDA leadership has welcomed this constructive dialogue with the Portfolio Committee.

"Through strategic partnerships, collaborative efforts (with stakeholders, including the portfolio committee), and an unwavering commitment to good governance, we will ensure that young people remain at the centre of all interventions.

"Central to this mission is our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and accessibility. The NYDA is dedicated to ensuring that all young South Africans, including those in rural and underserved communities, have equitable access to our services, resources, and opportunities. We are actively working to bridge the geographic and digital divide so that every young person can participate fully in the nation's development," says Dr Myende.

The NYDA reiterates its unwavering dedication to serving the country's youth with the highest levels of accountability and transparency as we work towards a more prosperous future for all.

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