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THE NYDA WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW BOARD AS ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA

The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) congratulates and welcomes the newly appointed board, as announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa. This appointment marks a pivotal moment in the trajectory of youth development in South Africa.

This appointment comes at a time when young people continue to face complex challenges, including high unemployment, limited access to skills development, and systemic socio-economic challenges. Therefore, the leadership and strategic guidance of a capable and committed board is more critical than ever.

President Ramaphosa has appointed the following board members:

- **Dr Sunshine Minenhle Myende (Executive Chairperson)**
- **Mr Bonga Siphesihle Makhanya (Executive Deputy Chairperson)**
- **Ms Kelly Sandra Baloyi**
- **Ms Thembisile Precious Mahuwa**
- **Mr Sibusiso Makhathini**
- **Dr Wiseman Mfaniseni Mbatha**
- **Mx Busisiwe Nandipha Nxumalo**

The NYDA sees this new chapter as an opportunity to intensify efforts toward meaningful and sustainable youth empowerment. The agency remains confident that the newly appointed board will bring the necessary vision and innovation required to serve South Africa's youth with excellence.

"We hand over a responsibility once entrusted to us with pride and confidence as the new Board brings with it a dynamic blend of expertise, passion, and commitment to advancing the youth development agenda in South Africa. We wish them well as they discharge their new responsibilities", said Executive Chairperson Ms Asanda Luwaca.

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The NYDA CEO, Mr. Ndumiso Kubheka, conveys thanks to the outgoing board. “We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the outgoing board for their hard work, dedication, and unwavering service to the Republic of South Africa. Their leadership and commitment have been instrumental in advancing the NYDA’s mission and delivering impactful programmes that benefit young people across the country.” said Mr Kubheka.

The appointment of the new board comes at a critical juncture where there is significant demand for innovative thinking, decisive action and continued unwavering commitment to the youth development agenda.

The NYDA remains committed to fostering innovative solutions, strengthening partnerships, delivering programmes, and implementing initiatives that empower young people to realise their full potential and contribute to the nation’s growth and prosperity. The agency looks forward to a fruitful and impactful term under the leadership of the new board, confident that their vision and dedication will drive meaningful progress in youth development across South Africa.

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