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ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR 2025 YOUTH DAY COMMEMORATION

The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), under the Department of Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities, in partnership with the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC), the Presidency, and the North West Provincial Government, looks forward to hosting the commemoration of Youth Day 2025.

As we commemorate Youth Month 2025 under the theme *“Skills for the Changing World – Empowering Youth for Meaningful Economic Participation,”* we are reminded that the spirit of the youth of 1976 lives on in today’s generation. This year’s theme responds directly to the evolving demands of the global economy and the urgent need to prepare South African youth to thrive within it.

With South Africa’s labour market undergoing rapid change — driven by technological advances, economic shifts, and youth unemployment challenges — the focus on skills development, innovation, entrepreneurship, and inclusive economic participation has become more urgent than ever. The 2025 Youth Month theme calls on all stakeholders, including government, business, civil society, and training institutions, to work alongside the NYDA in creating tangible pathways for young people to access work and enterprise opportunities. By investing in demand-driven skills and expanding support for youth-led businesses, we move closer to building a capable and future-ready generation. This is a call to action, to close the gap between the potential of South Africa’s youth and the opportunities they deserve — ensuring that no young person is left behind in our country’s journey toward inclusive and sustainable economic transformation.

“As young people, we are the backbone of future development taking place in the world. Significant financial resources must therefore be dedicated to educating the country’s youth,” said NYDA Executive Chairperson, Asanda Luwaca.

The NYDA remains committed to championing youth development and ensuring that Youth Day is not only a moment of remembrance, but a catalyst for meaningful action, opportunity, and change for all young South Africans.

Event Details are as follows:

Date: 16 June 2025

Time: 08:00

Venue: The NWU Rec Farm, North West Province

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