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ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR 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 Sports, Arts, and Culture (DSAC), Presidency and Limpopo Provincial Government, is looking forward hosting the commemoration of Youth Day 2024.

The purpose 2024 Youth Month and Youth Day is to promote the Sport for Youth Development (S4YD) agenda as tool for social cohesion and solidarity in South Africa.

As this year's Youth month is anchored around the role of sport as a transformative tool to build an inclusive and socially cohesive society, the proposed intervention is for government across all spears to identify various sporting codes that will feature in programmes and projects planned to commemorate the Youth Month.

Under the theme "Actively Embracing the Socio-economic Gains of Our Democracy", the NYDA is excited to host the National Youth Day Careers and Opportunities Expo in Polokwane. Over the last two years and post pandemic there has been a reimagining of what the commemorative days ought to look like as previous Youth Day approaches were no longer relevant to young people.

The focus has instead been on having a large scale career and opportunities expo for young people that offer as many live opportunities as possible. This is more relatable to young people, as this is what interests them – opportunities for study, volunteerism, service, employment and entrepreneurship. The expo will boast opportunity providers from the private sector, government departments, civil society, academia and development partners. "It is important that young people are provided with platforms to access opportunities for their personal development, so that they can become active participants in the economy," said the agency's Executive Chair, Miss Asanda Luwaca. The agency has confirmed over 110 opportunity providers all to be joining the National day of commemoration.

The opportunities and career expo will take place at the following details:

Date: Sunday, 16 June 2024

Venue: Old Peter Mokaba Stadium, Polokwane

Time: 09:00

Other programmes taking place in Limpopo are also anchored on the provision of access to opportunities as well as celebrating youth excellence.

On the 14th of June 2024, the NYDA in collaboration with the Department of Correctional Services as well as the Department of Labour and Employment will be hosting the certification ceremony of the young welders who have completed their accredited welding courses. This will take place at Fhulufelo Secondary School and the young people will also be given their start up toolboxes for their personal enterprises and cooperatives.

The 15th of June will also be an exciting one as the agency supports the Department of Sports, Arts and Culture at its annual Creative and Cultural Industries Youth Expo at the University of Limpopo, Mankweng.

We wish all participants well and look forward to engaging with them.

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