



## MEDIA ALERT

### NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOST THE INAUGURAL NELSON MANDELA YOUTH DIALOGUE

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ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS/JOURNALISTS

The National Youth Development Agency together with the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, working in partnership with the Presidency, Department of Higher Education and Training, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, the Eastern Cape Provincial Government, Royal House of Mandela, the Insurance SETA and the Wholesale and Retail SETA will host the inaugural session of the Nelson Mandela Youth Dialogue from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in Mthatha, Eastern Cape under the theme of "Ethical and inter-generational leadership for a better Africa"

Championed by President Cyril Ramaphosa and anchored in former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela's legacy of transformational leadership, this dialogue session will provide a platform for the young people within the African continent to engage in constructive discussions on pressing socio-economic issues on the continent such as leadership and governance, free trade, labour migration and a just energy transition.

It will bring together young people from 20 African countries including, amongst others, South Africa, Algeria, South Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Kenya and leaders from government, business, labour and civil society.

Through engagements between young leaders across all spheres of society, the dialogue session will foster ideation, problem solving and decision making. It is further intended to create space to reflect on and strengthen existing continent-wide plans and agreements such as the African Union Agenda 2063, African Youth Charter, and the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) through the intensification of collaboration and the development of inter-generational leadership.

Delegates will gather at the Walter Sisulu University's Zamokulungisa Campus for a 4-day programme of robust discussions towards the development of a better Africa and a better world.



President Cyril Ramaphosa will participate in a panel discussion with young Africans from 12pm on 10 March 2023.

To close off the event, a traditional dinner will be hosted on the evening of 12 March 2023 in Mvezo, the birthplace of former President Nelson Mandela.

Members of the media are invited to attend the Nelson Mandela Youth Dialogue Session. For media accreditation, media are encouraged to work through the channels listed below.

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**Members of the media can also follow the conversation on NYDA's social media platforms**

