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## MEDIA STATEMENT

Attention: Journalists and News Editors

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### DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARTNERS WITH FORTY UNDER 40 SOUTH AFRICA AWARDS

The Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities and the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) have partnered with Xodus Communications (Pty) Ltd for the Forty Under 40 SA Champion Summit and Forty Under 40 SA Awards, on 09 September 2023 at the Houghton Hotel, Johannesburg.

Forty Under 40 SA is an initiative of the prestigious continental concept, Forty under 40 Africa. The organisers, Xodus Communications (Pty) Ltd have curated this award ceremony to identify, honour and celebrate a cross-section of the nation's most influential and accomplished young business leaders under the age of 40 from a wide range of industries. Forty Under 40 SA has sought out a list of 151 finalists from a pool of 350+ applications, which 81 are women and 71 are men.

#### **Forty Under 40 SA Champion Summit**

The Champion Summit is an interactive gathering that aims to empower and equip young leaders with the necessary skills, knowledge, and networks to drive positive change in their communities. Through inspiring interactions, engaging workshops, and panel discussions, the summit creates a conducive environment for the exchange of ideas, and personal development. The Champion Summit will be held at the Houghton Hotel, on the 9th of September 2023, 08h00 – 13h00.

“The NYDA is excited to be presented with a platform for the showcasing of excellence within our country's youth on a continental and global scale. This platform will not only honour those who are thriving in their various industries, but also allow them to foster relations and collectively collaborate for meaningful development and growth. The Forty Under 40 SA Awards and Summit comes after the adoption of a Youth Council within the emerging economies bloc and we are excited to witness what opportunities and market access these cross border relations will bring to young people in the country, the continent and the world at large,” said the NYDA Executive Chairperson Ms Asanda Luwaca.

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## **Forty Under 40 SA Awards**

The awards ceremony promises to be a celebration of the remarkable contributions of young leaders across South Africa, and the Jury and Awarding Board Members will be instrumental in making it a success. The award ceremony is scheduled for the 9th of September 2023, 18h00 – 23h00 at the Houghton Hotel, Johannesburg.

“These awards will give recognition to young individuals who will be recognised, and their accomplishments will be celebrated in their respective fields, and encourage their contribution to nation building. This partnership is in the spirit of South Africa’s foreign policy of fostering shared prosperity, inclusive economic growth and African unity. The Awards will also contribute towards fostering social cohesion amongst young Africans”, said Dr Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister in the Presidency responsible for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities.

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