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NYDA HOSTS THE STATUS OF YOUTH DIALOGUE

The National Youth Development Agency in partnership with the National Planning Commission will host the Status of the Youth Dialogue under the theme **“Crafting a pathway for 3.4 Million young people who are not in employment, education Or training-NEET”**

The Youth Dialogue aims to give a diagnosis and remedy to the challenges faced by young people in the modern day society particularly those that cannot be accounted for within formal education, employment and training, between the ages of 15 to 24.

The challenges encountered bare premise from the triple threats characterised by the South African Government as poverty, unemployment and inequality.

According to Statistics SA Q1 report of 2023, there approximately 3,4 million out of 10.2 million young people, within the NEET criteria. This means a staggering 33.6% of the population aged between 15 to 24 years.

The aim of the Status of Youth Dialogue is to bring about key economic role players, in an honest and robust discussion about how best the challenges of our youth can be addressed, through advocacy, policy and active reform.

The NYDA and NPC is of the view that challenges faced by young people manifest in multiple fold and such engagements which

are multi-sectoral and non-linear are important for youth participation regarding the development of young people and their inclusion into becoming economic role players.

This dialogue aims to stress the importance of this year's Youth Month commemoration theme "**Accelerating Youth Economic Emancipation for a Sustainable Future.**"

Thus is in keeping in alignment with the theme to emancipated young people various subject matters have been identified to reach a pinnacle for this dialogue.

High unemployment rates

The youth unemployment rate in South Africa, is still one of the key challenges that affect South African youth.

Education.

Access to quality education is this a challenge for most young people in South Africa. Education is the key to empowering the youth with basic skills to become more equipped and productive in society.

Young graduates also bare the brand although educated.

Employment opportunities.

With the education standards dropping, are young people equipped with the necessary skills to adapt to the labour market, especially with the 4th industrial revolution.

Lack of technology

The world continues to move into the 4th industrial revolution and many businesses adopting a digital approach, many of the youth, especially those in rural underdeveloped areas, struggle as they don't have access to technology and connectivity.

Education inequality

We live in a digital and knowledge-based society, having an education is fundamental. However, because of the education, inequality, the youth find themselves at a disadvantage. This is more so for those who come from low-income families or disadvantaged areas.

The dialogue will also discuss various other challenges facing the youth include:

- HIV/AIDS
- Access to housing
- Gender based violence
- Hunger and poverty
- Mental health issues
- Bullying and rejection of members of LGBTQI
- Voter Education
- Physical Health and Wellness

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**Venue: Country Yard Hotel,
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