



**Attention: News Editors/Journalists**

**NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOST THE ANNUAL SOLOMON KALUSHI MAHLANGU SCHOLARSHIP FUND GRADUATION DINNER**

The NYDA will this year host the annual Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu Scholarship Fund Graduation Dinner to celebrate the achievements of the young people who have been afforded the opportunity to study at various institutions of higher learning through this initiative.

The scholarship fund was established by the NYDA in 2014 in honour of Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu who at the age of twenty-three, was executed under the apartheid laws after being wrongfully accused of murder and terrorism.

In its quest to address the challenges of youth unemployment, access to education and shortage of scarce skills, the NYDA through the Solomon Mahlangu Scholarship Fund has since its establishment, supported over five hundred (500) young people in higher education across the country, studying in various Public Universities and Universities of Technologies.

Annually the NYDA on the anniversary of Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu's execution, hosts a programme which takes the graduates through the final steps of Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu to commemorate his memory and to celebrate the achievements of the young people who has been able to further their studies through this scholarship fund.

These young people whom are in their majority from vulnerable and marginalised backgrounds and have been able to pursue full-time Bachelor Degree studies that fall within the priority growth sectors, as well as critical and scarce skills areas.

The NYDA through this scholarship fund has been able to contribute towards increasing the young people's chances of employability by empowering them with education or to pursue entrepreneurship to address socio-economic challenges.



**Members of the media are invited to attend the Solomon Kalushi Mahlangu  
44th Commemoration Dinner as follows:**

Date: Thursday, 6th April 2023

Venue: Sheraton Hotel Corner Stanza Bopape and Wessels Streets  
Arcadia, Pretoria

Time: 18h30 for 19h00

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