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NYDA Proudly Sponsors the Mail & Guardian Top 200 Young South Africans Awards

The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) is honoured to sponsor the prestigious *Mail & Guardian Top 200 Young South Africans Awards Gala Dinner*, taking place this evening, 08 August 2025, at the Kalahari Waterfront in Thohoyandou, Limpopo.

This esteemed event recognises and celebrates the country's most dynamic young leaders, innovators, and change-makers who are shaping South Africa's future. The 2025 Top 200 list highlights young South Africans who are making remarkable contributions across various sectors, including business, science, the arts, activism, and public service.

As an agency committed to youth empowerment, the NYDA is proud to be associated with this initiative, which not only honours excellence but also serves to inspire and uplift the next generation of leaders. Our sponsorship reflects our ongoing mission to provide meaningful platforms for youth recognition and inclusion in national development.

The NYDA extend our sincere appreciation to the Limpopo Government, the event's main sponsor, for their continued commitment to youth development. Their support demonstrates the power of collaboration in advancing opportunities for young people.

This collaboration underscores the NYDA's dedication to celebrating the achievements of young people and creating environments where they can thrive. The agency believes that initiatives such as the *Mail & Guardian Top 200* are vital in showcasing the talent, resilience, and potential of South Africa's youth.

The NYDA executive board chairperson, Dr Sunshine Minenhle Myende, reaffirms the agency's commitment to youth development. "NYDA remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering youth excellence and leadership. By supporting the Mail & Guardian Top 200 Young South Africans Awards, we reaffirm our belief in the power of recognition to motivate and elevate young changemakers.

"As we celebrate the remarkable achievements of this year's honourees, we call on all stakeholders, government, private sector, and civil society, to continue investing in South Africa's youth. Together, we can build a future where every young person has the opportunity to succeed and contribute meaningfully to our nation's growth," says Dr Myende.

The NYDA is proud to sponsor the 2025 Mail & Guardian Top 200 Young South Africans Awards, celebrating the country's most inspiring young leaders and innovators. This partnership reflects the NYDA's commitment to youth empowerment and recognition. By honouring these trailblazers, the NYDA reinforces its mission to foster youth excellence and create opportunities for the next generation to thrive.

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