
MEDIA ADVISORY

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Attention: Journalists and News Editors

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PUBLIC INVITED TO COMMENT AND MAKE INPUTS ON THE NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AMENDMENT BILL

The Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, wishes to inform the public that Cabinet approved the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) Amendment Bill on 18 October 2020, as a discussion document to be further consulted. The Bill is available for public comments.

The NYDA Amendment Bill, amends the NYDA Act, No. 54 of 2008, which is the founding legislation of the NYDA. The amendments seek to strengthen the Agency's operations; enhance governance; and promote visibility for access of the agency's products and services. The mandate of the NYDA in relation to that of other key players within the youth development space is clarified. The amendments also seek to make the agency to be more focused, thus maximising the impact of its services.

All interested stakeholders, and in particular young people; youth-serving and youth-led organisations; community and faith-based organisations; government departments; municipalities; academics; business and civil society sector organisations, are invited to submit written inputs and comments.

The NYDA Amendment Bill is available for download from the government's website. Comments and inputs can be emailed to NYDABill@women.gov.za or submitted in person at 36 Hamilton Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0007 on or before **15 February 2021**. Postal submissions can be sent to: The Director-General; Attention: Mr Emmanuel Kganakga; Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities; Private Bag X931; Pretoria; 0001

The (NYDA) Amendment Bill is available for download here:

<https://www.gov.za/documents/national-youth-development-agency-amendment-bill-14-oct-2020-0000>

and here:

<http://www.nyda.gov.za/latest-news>

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Women Abuse Helpline: 0800 150 150

Child line: 0800 055 555

SAPS Crime Stop: 0860 10111

GBVF-related service complaints (SAPS): 0800 333 177/

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National AIDS Helpline: 0800 012 322

National Human Trafficking Helpline: 0800 222 777

Suicide Helpline: 0800 567 567

National Department of Health: <https://www.health.gov.za>

National Institute of Communicable Diseases: <https://www.nicd.ac.za>

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