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DEPUTY MINISTER LETSIKE HOSTS THE NATIONAL YOUTH CONSULTATION DIALOGUE.

PRETORIA: The Deputy Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons With Disabilities, Mmapaseka Steve Letsike, hosts the National Youth Dialogue with the youth practitioners on Friday, 02 September 2025, to address the persistent challenges facing young people in South Africa.

The Consultative Dialogue for Youth Development intend to mobilise the youth development practitioners towards youth development. ***The Youth dialogue will be centred around six interrelated thematic areas, guided by the PESTLE (Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Legal, and Environmental)*** framework. Which will assist in highlighting the current landscape and prospects of youth work in South Africa

National Youth Dialogue will take place as follows:

- Date: 05 September 2025
- Venue: Birchwood Hotel, Boksburg
- Time: 09:00-14:00

Young people face persistent high unemployment, economic inequality, poor access to quality education and opportunities, and a lack of funding for entrepreneurship and skills development. With youth comprising over one-third of South Africa's population, strengthening youth work is vital for national development, social cohesion, and economic inclusion. The government has since identified youth development as a strategic priority and introduced legislation and policy frameworks to guide the delivery of services to young people.

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