

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Attention: Journalists and News Editors
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MINISTER CHIKUNGA TO LAUNCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1976 YOUTH UPRISING

Pretoria: The Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Sindisiwe Chikunga, will officially launch the national programme commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the 1976 Youth Uprisings on Thursday, 14 May 2026.

The official launch marks the start of a year-long government initiative that aims to reflect on and honour the sacrifices of the historic 1976 student uprising, which shaped the country's liberation struggle and continues to inspire generations of young people to pursue freedom, justice, and equality 50 years on.

Marked as a key milestone of commemoration under the government's Milestones of Freedom programme, the event will honour the courage, resilience and sacrifices of the 1976 youth by creating a platform for dialogue on the current challenges facing young people, including unemployment, mental health, education, gender-based violence and social inclusion. This forms part of the government's ongoing commitment to preserving the legacy of the youth of 1976 and strengthening youth participation in nation-building and socio-economic development.

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE INVITED AS FOLLOWS:

Date: 14 May 2026

Time: 07:00-12:00

Venue: Uncle Tom's Hall in Soweto.

The launch will bring together government leaders, youth formations, veterans of the liberation struggle, civil society organisations, students, and the development partners.

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