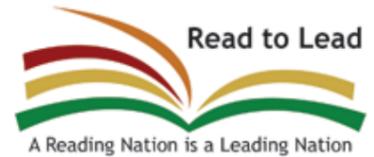




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NEWSLETTER

## Youth Development and Career Expo encourages our youth to move South Africa forward



The Deputy President of South Africa, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, accompanied by various Ministers, Deputy Ministers and the Premier of the Northern Cape, Ms Silvia Lucas, gathered at the Mxolisi Dicky Jacobs Stadium in Upington on 10 June 2016, to participate in a Youth Development and Career Expo.

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) and the Northern Cape Provincial Education Department shared an exhibition stall where learners, parents, youth and the community members engaged on education's role in youth development. The information provided included social cohesion, wellness, care and support, the teacher recruitment campaign, career and subject choice, Kha Ri Gude, the Second Chance Matric campaign and the Accelerated School Infrastructure Development Initiative (ASIDI). The Deputy President urged young people against substance abuse and to rather focus on education and reading. "Information is power; today that power is in your hands. We applaud you, the youth of the Northern Cape, for saying no to drug abuse and embracing education," said the Deputy President.

The Expo took place under the theme, *Youth moving South Africa forward*, which is the theme for Youth Month 2016, and serves as a call for young people to determine their destiny and seize the opportunities provided by Government and the private sector. The Youth Expo was a platform where national, provincial and local government, together with private sector partners, showcased opportunities available to young people in education, training and entrepreneurship. Private-sector partners at the Expo included Microsoft, Kellogg's, Coca Cola, Vodacom, MTN, De Beers, SENTECH, SAB Miller and the Information Technology Association (ITA). The Expo was preceded by the Northern Cape Provincial Youth Summit, which took place from 09 to 10 June 2016.

# Legacy of '76 lives on in the delivery of quality education for all South African Learners

## by the Minister of Basic Education, Mrs Angie Motshekga, MP



We've come a long way as a country and as an education system since the restless class of 1976 took to the streets of Soweto and demanded the right to quality education, only to be met with violence and murder at the hands of a brutal Apartheid police force.

Fundamentally the activism of the 1976 youth was around the provision of quality education. The inferior Bantu Education system introduced in 1953 by Verwoed's Government, with the specific intention to ensure black children's hopes and dreams for a better life for themselves were stifled. The architects of Apartheid Education ensured that black children would not have the same opportunities that were afforded to white children.

In the book "Submissions on Apartheid Education", a collection of personal stories about schooling under the Bantu Education system, John Dee Masombuka writes about how as a high school student Afrikaans was introduced as the medium of instruction and how this impacted on his entire life.

"This made the already useless Bantu Education system even worse and has been a cause of major havoc in my daily life."

"We were forced to do all subjects in Afrikaans and that was the cause of many failures and dropouts. Secondly the subjects in most black schools were simply too useless as they did not prepare students to be productive and participate in the economy of the country." Wrote Masombuka.

Apartheid education was orchestrated in a way that was deliberately designed to frustrate the black child, and to ensure that they did not succeed.

It has been 40 years since the youth uprising against Bantu Education and we can celebrate the gains we have made in the education system. Education is now the apex priority of this Government and education is combined with a package of social services such as the National School Nutrition Programme and no fee schools as well as the provision of text books and stationary to ensure that learners today can go to school in an enabling environment with the best possible chances of success.

Click on the below link to read the full article by the Minister of Basic Education, MP, Mrs Angie Motshekga:

<http://www.education.gov.za/Newsroom/OpinionPieces/tabid/609/ctl/Details/mid/1909/ItemID/4052/Default.aspx>

# Deputy Minister Surty addresses a commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the June 16 Uprisings

The Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Mr Enver Surty, addressed a commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the June 16 Uprisings at the Feta Kgomo High School, Mhlaletsi in the Sekhukhune District in Limpopo on 15 June 2016.

Deputy Minister Surty was joined by the MEC for Education in Limpopo, Mr Ishmael Kgetjepe, and other guests who were invited to serve on the dialogue panel. The panellists engaged with learners on the topic: *“The role of youth in utilising existing educational opportunities to move the South African economy forward”*. The activities of the day also included a career exhibition with various SETAs.



# ABC Motsepe Schools Eisteddfod is a celebration through music

## INVITATION

The Minister of Basic Education, Mrs Angie Motshekga, MP, cordially invites you to the

### 2016 ABC MOTSEPE SCHOOLS EISTEDDFOD

**Date:** 28 June - 1 July 2016

**Venue:** The Rhema Church, Randburg

**Time:** 09H00 - 17H00

**R.S.V.P:** 23 June 2016

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CELEBRATION THROUGH MUSIC



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Through the Department of Basic Education's sponsorship agreement with the Motsepe Foundation, the South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod (SASCE) is now known as the ABC Motsepe Schools Eisteddfod. This prestigious Choral and Traditional Music Eisteddfod will be hosted by the DBE from 30 June to 01 July 2016 at the Rhema Bible Church in Randburg.

The Eisteddfod sponsorship is part of a 10 year partnership agreement between the Motsepe Foundation and the DBE. The Motsepe Foundation will sponsor the ABC Motsepe Schools Eisteddfod for an amount of R3 million per year. During the first five years of the partnership, an amount of R55 million will be shared between the Kay Motsepe Schools Football Cup, the ABC Motsepe Schools Eisteddfod and the Kay Motsepe Schools Netball Cup. The Motsepe Foundation will contribute an additional R62,5 million towards these initiatives between 2021 and 2025. All 25,000 public and private schools in South Africa from the rural and urban areas have been invited to participate in all three competitions. This partnership with the Department of Basic Education is also supported by the Departments of Arts and Culture; and Sport and Recreation.

Sporting and cultural activities in education help advance social cohesion and are an integral part of a holistic education system. The Eisteddfod forms part of advancing the development of learners as an integral educational programme. Sports and music make an important contribution to the growth and development of youth and helps them become good role models. The Motsepe Foundation sponsorship is a much needed boost for these activities.

# Oliver Tambo Debate Series and Assessment Dialogues

WITS SCHOOL OF GOVERNANCE  
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DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME  
INVITES YOU TO THE SIXTH DEBATE ON  
ALIGNING THE SDGS TO THE NDP: TOWARDS  
DOMESTICATION OF THE SDGS IN SOUTH AFRICA

RESEARCHER: Alessandra Casazza (UNDP Regional SDG Advisor)  
PANELLISTS: Tebediso Matona (Director General, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation)  
Joanne Yawitch (Chief Executive Officer, National Business Initiative)  
Kefilwe Masiteng (Deputy Director General: Population and Social Statistics, Statistics South Africa)  
Siphso Mhathli (Executive Director, Oxfam South Africa)  
MODERATOR: Mansour Ndiaye (UNDP Regional Inclusive Growth Policy Adviser)

Date: Friday, 17 June 2016  
Time: 14h00 for 14h30 - 17h00  
RSVP: Rechelle.Tsunke@wits.ac.za  
Light snacks will be served.

Venue: Wits School of Governance  
Donald Gordon Auditorium  
Wits Management Campus,  
2 St David's Place,  
Parktown, Johannesburg

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The Wits School of Governance, together with the Oliver and Adelaide Tambo Foundation and the United Nations Development Programme, hosted the sixth OR Tambo Debate at the Parktown Management Campus on 17 June 2016. The theme of the Debate Series is *Aligning the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to the National Development Programme (NDP): Towards Domestication of the SDGs in South Africa*.

The Minister and Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Mrs Angie Motshekga and Mr Enver Surty, will be hosting the Assessment Roundtable as part of the Oliver Tambo Debate Series on 07 July 2016 at the DBE in Pretoria. The focus will be on, amongst others, the strengthening of national assessment models to ensure effective learning and teaching, as well as the role of ICT to be in line with the SDGs.

On 01 January 2016, the 17 SDGs of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at a historic UN Summit, officially came into force. Over the next fifteen years, with these new Goals that universally apply to all countries, will mobilise efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and also tackle climate change.

The SDGs build on the success of the *Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)* and aim to end all forms of poverty. The new Goals are unique in that they call for action by all countries. They recognise that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that

build economic growth and addresses a range of social needs including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities, whilst tackling climate change and environmental protection.

## ASIDI programme hands over Mawonga Primary School in the Eastern Cape

The DBE's Accelerated School Infrastructure Development Initiative (ASIDI) continued with the delivery of newly build schools with the official hand-over of Mawonga Primary School in Qumbu, Eastern Cape on 10 June 2016.

The new Mawonga Primary School is another successful delivery of a state-of-the-art school built under the ASIDI programme. The school, located in the Mhlontlo Municipality of Qumbu, is fully furnished with a science laboratory, a media and resource centre, Grade R and nutrition centre, and was built at a cost of R20 million. With 162 schools completed as part of the programme, ASIDI continues to play a vital role in eradicating mud schools and restoring the dignity of rural education.



# Celebrating 20 years of the Constitution



**#LETSMAKEITREAL**

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa*. South Africa's *Constitution* is one of the most progressive in the world and enjoys high acclaim internationally. The Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DOJ&CD) will lead South Africans in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the *Constitution*. The *Constitution* was signed into law by former President Nelson Mandela in Sharpeville on 10 December 1996 and came into operation on 4 February 1997. As President Mandela described it, the signing of the *Constitution* in Sharpeville marked the closure of a chapter of exclusion and a reaffirmation of our determination to build a society of which all of us can be proud. Since its inception, the *Constitution* has drastically transformed the legal, political, social and economic landscape of the country.

Chapter 1 of the *Constitution* contains the founding provisions and provides that the Republic of South Africa is one sovereign democratic state founded on the following values: Human dignity, the achievement of equality and the advancement of human rights and freedoms; non-racialism and non-sexism; supremacy of the constitution and the rule of law; universal adult suffrage; a national common voters' roll; regular elections; and a multi-party system of democratic government to ensure accountability, responsiveness and openness. Chapter 1 further provides for the supremacy of the *Constitution*, citizenship, the national anthem, national flag and languages of our country. *The Bill of Rights* (Chapter 2 of the *Constitution*) is the cornerstone of South Africa's democracy. It enshrines the rights of all people in South Africa and affirms the democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom. *The Bill of Rights* binds Parliament, the Executive, Judiciary and all organs of State. The rights contained in *The Bill of Rights* are subject to the limitations contained in or referred to in *Section 36* of the *Constitution*.

# Men's Health Month 2016: Awareness, prevention, education and family

**June is Men's Health Month**

*Men's Health Includes Mental Health*



**Wear Blue for your father, husband, son, co-worker...**



June is celebrated as Men's Health Month whilst Men's Health Week is recognised across the globe during the week leading up to and including Father's Day (13 to 19 June 2016). The purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and to encourage the early detection and treatment of diseases among our men and boys. Studies show that women surpass men in asking for help with their health as boys and men have been raised in a culture of being emotionally restrained, keeping things close to the vest, being in control, independent, competitive and to endure pain. Research shows that many men only seek medical counsel when under duress from a family member or when their condition has deteriorated to a severe state.

*Wear Blue* was created by Men's Health Network to raise awareness about the importance of male health and to encourage men to live longer and healthier lives. Men's health awareness means raising awareness of making healthy lifestyle choices, making regular annual visits to the doctor, getting educated on heart disease or diabetes or starting general health conversations with male friends. Whether it is your friend, brother, dad, boyfriend, spouse, or boss, show them you care about them and their health by wearing blue.

## Regional Round-up

### Western Cape



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BETTER TOGETHER.

The number of pupils at no-fee schools has increased sharply over the last 13 years, the latest General Household Survey has shown. Last year, 65 percent of pupils in the country attended no-fee schools, compared to 0.4 percent in 2002. In the Western Cape, the figure stands at 43 percent, or 457 240 of 1 063 349 pupils. Western Cape Provincial Education Department spokesperson, Mr Paddy Attwell, said there were 624 584 pupils enrolled at no-fee schools this year. Of the 1 456 public schools in the province, 879 are no-fee schools.

Provinces classify schools using five quintiles, according to the relative average income of their surrounding communities. The poorest schools are in quintile one and the least poor in quintile five. According to policy, provinces have to classify schools per quintile according to percentages set nationally by the Department of Basic Education, using Census data. "The Western Cape, therefore, has a smaller percentage of schools in quintiles one to three, compared to other provinces; and has found that schools in fee-paying areas are often just as poor as schools in quintiles one to three. For this reason, the WCED has added a further 216 schools in fee-paying areas to the list of no-fee schools," Attwell said.

*Cape Times / 07 Jun 2016, Ms Francesca Villette*

# Upcoming Events

- 17 June 2016: ASIDI school hand-over of Mahlathini Junior Secondary School in the Cofimvaba District, Eastern Cape
- 23 June 2016: ASIDI school hand-over of Jenca Primary School in the Qumbu District, Eastern Cape
- 23 June 2016: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Assessment Dialogue to be held at the DBE, Pretoria.
- 30 June 2016: Minister meets with District Directors at the DBE, Pretoria
- 30 June 2016: The closing date for registration to take part in the Sixth National Moot Court Competition
- 30 June – 01 July 2016: 2016 ABC Motsepe Schools Choral and Traditional Music Eisteddfod
- 07 July 2016: Minister Angie Motshekga and Deputy Minister Enver Surty will be hosting the Assessment Roundtable as part of the Oliver Tambo Debate Series at the DBE in Pretoria.
- 11 – 14 July 2016: Introduction of DBE, UNICEF, Vodacom and Microsoft *Managing and Leading Education with Digital Technologies* course at the University of Johannesburg
- 18 July 2016: International Nelson Mandela Day
- 18 – 22 July 2016: The AIDS2016 conference will be held at the Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal
- 22 – 24 July 2016: Youth Citizens Action Programme at Roodevallei in Pretoria
- 09 August 2016: National Women's Day
- October 2016: Teacher Appreciation Month
- 01 – 02 October 2016: iNikosi Albert Luthuli Oral History Programme and gala dinner
- 03 – 07 October 2016: Heritage Education Schools Outreach Programme in the North West Province
- 05 October 2016: World Teachers' Day