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**MEDIA STATEMENT**  
**FREE STATE YOUTH EXPO**  
**25 JUNE 2019**

To commemorate the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of June 16 Soweto Uprising, the Free State Government will host the Free State Youth Expo at Dr. Rantlai Molemela Stadium.

The three day event will see more than 1500 young people descending at the venue to explore available entrepreneur and career opportunities available for young people in the Free State.

Setting the tone for the Expo with the theme: **“25<sup>th</sup> Years of democracy: A celebration of youth activism”** will be a round table discussion with captains of the industry hosted by Premier Sisi Ntombela.

The centre piece of this Expo will be the entrepreneurial village where 1500 young people will interact with big businesses in search for opportunities. The highlight of the Expo will be the pitching session where three most deserving young people will each walk away with R100 000.00, R70 000.00 and R50 000.00 prizes.

In the mix will be the Women in Transport Summit where 200 people will be exposed to entrepreneurship tools, strategies, best practices, techniques and methodologies that will increase their entrepreneurial capacity.

As the champion of young people and economic development in the province, MEC for Department of Economic, Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (DESTEA) Makalo Mohale will on the main event, speak on the role of youth in the Free State Province: The economic perspective.

This Expo will be the launching pad for renewed and fresh ideas to tackle runaway unemployment among young people.

Youth (under 35) should bring an ID book or student identification card to register at the entrance.

**Details of the event are as follows:**

**Dates:** 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Venue:** Dr. Rantlai Molemela Stadium, Bloemfontein

**Time:** 09:00 – 17:00



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