



Media Advisory

The 2025 International Nelson Mandela Day Youth Dialogue

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18 July is the International Nelson Mandela Day, in recognition of Nelson Mandela's legacy, the University of South Africa (Unisa)'s College of Law in collaboration with the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DOJ&CD), the South African Youth Council (SAYC), Gauteng Legislature and the City of Tshwane (CoT) will convene a solution-centred Mandela Day Youth Dialogue on Friday, 18 July 2025 at Unisa Muckleneuk Campus in Tshwane.

The dialogue will take place under the theme: "***Municipal governance: A youth-led path to community participation and sustainable solutions***", with the objectives to:

- Foster a solution-centred exchange between municipalities and youth on community planning, addressing youth-specific challenges within municipal governance, while explicitly recognizing and addressing the diverse needs and experiences of youth across various intersecting identities (e.g., gender, disability, socioeconomic status, geographic location).
- Explore innovative measures for youth to effectively participate in and influence municipal decision-making, particularly concerning their socioeconomic well-being, ensuring equitable access and meaningful engagement for all young people, including those from marginalized or vulnerable groups.
- Inspire and empower youth to engage in local government beyond elections, fostering their role as co-creators of sustainable solutions for

South Africa's democratic project and community advancement, by cultivating inclusive platforms that amplify diverse youth voices and ensure their varied perspectives are integrated into policy and practice.

This Mandela Day Youth Dialogue is a vital and timely initiative, especially with the 2026 Municipal Elections approaching, providing a crucial platform to empower youth as co-creators of sustainable solutions for local governance. By ensuring diverse and inclusive youth participation, the dialogue aims to significantly strengthen South Africa's democratic project and improve community well-being.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the dialogue as follows:

Date : Friday, 18 July 2025

Time : 10:00 -14:00

Venue: Senate Hall, 3rd Floor, Winnie Madikizela Mandela Building, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria

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