

MEDIA ADVISORY

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DWYPD HOSTS ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SESSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO ADVANCE INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

PRETORIA: The Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities will host a two-day Economic Empowerment Session for Persons with Disabilities from the 26 –27 February 2026 at Ditsong Cultural Museum, Pretoria under the theme, “Launching and Growing Your Business.”

Persons with disabilities remain significantly under-represented in entrepreneurship and the labour market. Although they constitute approximately 5.2% of South Africa’s population (about 3.3 million people), they account for only about 1–1.5% of employees in the public and private sectors, highlighting persistent economic exclusion.

The session seeks to advance disability rights and inclusive economic participation by providing practical guidance on:

- Starting and formalizing businesses
- Accessing finance and public procurement opportunities
- Tax compliance and regulatory requirements
- Labour rights, skills development, and available support systems

Details of the event are as follows:

Date: 26–27 February 2026

Time: 08h30

Venue: Ditsong Cultural Museum

The programme is aligned with the White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which promotes self-employment, inclusive economic participation, and the provision of reasonable accommodation defined as appropriate adjustments and modifications to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy equal access to employment and economic opportunities.

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