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MINISTER CHIKUNGA TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT NEXTGEN CAREER EXPO IN KWAMHLANGA, MPUMALANGA

Pretoria: The Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, **Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga**, will on **Friday, 30 January 2026**, deliver a **Keynote Address** at the **2026 NextGen Career Expo – Mpumalanga Edition**, taking place in **KwaMhlanga, Mpumalanga**.

The **NextGen Career Expo** is a large-scale **career guidance and youth development initiative** targeting approximately **1,500 learners from Grades 10 to 12**, primarily from rural and township schools. The Expo is organised by the **South African BRICS Youth Association (SABYA)** in partnership with the **Ndzundza Fene Traditional Council** and the **Kgosi Mabe-O-Molopyane Foundation**.

The **programme** brings together **government, traditional leadership, education stakeholders**, and the **private sector** to expose learners to **post-school opportunities, skills pathways, and future careers**. Among the speakers, the **Minister** will address the importance of **education and entrepreneurship** in advancing **rural economic development**, while the **Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mr Buti Manamela**, will focus on **skills development** and preparing young people for **high-demand careers**. **Furthermore**, the programme will feature an **exhibition component** through which learners engage directly with institutions and organisations offering **post-school education, training, and funding opportunities**.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Friday, 30 January 2026 | **Time:** 09:00 – 13:00

Venue: Stand No. 1815, Themba lethu, KwaMhlanga, Mpumalanga

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the engagement.

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