

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Premier Makhura joins 46th Youth Day commemoration in Soweto

Premier David Makhura will, on Thursday, 16 June 2022, join the provincial Youth Day commemoration in Soweto, under the theme: *"Promising sustainable livelihoods and resilience of young people for a better tomorrow."*

The programme will begin with the June 16 Commemoration Walk from the June 16 Memorial Acre to the Hector Pieterson Memorial where a wreath laying ceremony will take place. The ceremony will be followed by the formal programme at Morris Isaacson High School.

Every year, the country uses June 16, as a day to reflect on the Soweto Uprisings, which saw hundreds of young people being killed by the brutal apartheid regime.

While the youth of 1976 fought against an unjust education system and the brutality of the apartheid government, today's youth activism is directed towards successfully tackling the challenges of poverty, unemployment, gender-based violence, substance abuse and suicide.

The Gauteng Provincial Government has made great strides over the years to empower thousands of young people with bursaries, training and skills development programmes and opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship, through initiatives such as Tshepo 1 Million, the Innovation Hub Management Company, Ke Moja anti-substance abuse programme and DJ skills development programme and many others.

Members of the media are invited to cover the event as follows:

Date: Thursday, 16 June 2022 Time: 11h00 Venue: Morris Isaacson High School, Soweto

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