
MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: Thursday, 29 January 2026

Attention: Journalists, News Editors and Executive Producers

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**MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
TOGETHER WITH THE NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO DISBURSE
FUNDING TO YOUTH OWNED TOURISM ENTERPRISES**

Mbombela -The MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Ms. Jesta Sidell, together with the Executive Deputy Chairperson of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), Mr. Bonga Makhaya, will host the Mpumalanga Tourism Youth Fund Grant Handover Ceremony to recognise and support outstanding young entrepreneurs contributing to the growth and transformation of the province's tourism sector.

The ceremony forms part of ongoing efforts to empower youth-owned tourism enterprises, promote innovation, and drive inclusive tourism development and growth in Mpumalanga.

The event will highlight the role of strategic partnerships in advancing youth development and unlocking opportunities within the tourism value chain, reinforcing the commitment to invest in young people as drivers of tourism growth in the province.

The handover ceremony will take place under the following details:

Date : Friday, 30 January 2026
Time : 17h00
Venue : Ndalo Lodge, Mbombela

All media is invited

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