



Bojanala Platinum
District Municipality

Youth

// Economic
in our

Date: 19th - 21st November 2011

Venue: Rustenburg Kloof

:: EVERY ONE IS INVITED ::

The Bojanala Platinum District Municipality (BPDM) Youth Summit, themed 'Economic Freedom in our Lifetime' is taking place against the backdrop of global events that in one way or another have had an impact on the lives of the youth around the world. The

2008/2009 economic meltdown affected all youths around the world – right down to our own youth here in the Bojanala Region. Data (Global Insight) shows that during this period, unemployment reached rampant proportions.

| Municipality | Unemployment Rate % for 2010 |
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| Moretele | 24.9% |
| Madibeng | 13.6% |
| Rustenburg | 8.8% |
| Kgetleng | 9.4% |
| Moses Kotane | 32.6% |
| Bojanala Platinum District | 14.4% |
| North West | 23.9% |
| National | 24.7% |



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However, there are numerous challenges that the youth of today face including the exclusion from participating in the mainstream economy, moral decay, social ills, high level of HIV/Aids, poverty and many more.

In 2011 State of the Nation Address, President Jacob Zuma reiterated the fact that 2011 will be a year of meaningful economic

transformation and inclusive growth to build a more prosperous society – not only for the youth but all spheres of SA.

In achieving the above, six priority areas have been identified including infrastructure development, agriculture, mining, manufacturing, green economy and tourism.

The Bojanala Platinum District Municipality has identified nine challenges that will be addressed as priority in alleviating this problem:

- Too few South Africans work;
- The quality of school education for most black kids is sub-standard;
- Poorly located and inadequate infrastructure limit social inclusion and economic growth;
- Spatial challenges continue to marginalise the poor;
- SA's growth path is highly resource-intensive and therefore unsustainable;
- The ailing public health system confronts a massive disease burden;
- The performance of the public service is

uneven;

- Corruption undermines state legitimacy and service delivery; and
- South Africa remains a divided society.

Therefore the Bojanala Summit has set out the following goals:

- To create a platform whereby youth will engage with executive authorities, government departments, parastatals and the private sector.
- To create a platform whereby the youth will present challenges they are facing, being open without fear nor favour.
- To come up with a District Programme of Action with resolutions that will be assessed annually.
- To raise awareness of youth development in particular the private sector.

"Economic Freedom in our Lifetime"