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Bridging the gap between education and labour for young people with disabilities

Date: Wednesday, 17 August 2022 | **Time:** 10:00am – 12:30pm

Venue: Nelson Mandela Foundation, Johannesburg (Hybrid event)

*It is not a question of patronising philanthropy towards disabled people. They do not need the patronage of the non-disabled. It is not for them to adapt to the dominant and dominating world of the so-called non-disabled. It is for us to adapt our understanding of a common humanity; to learn of the richness of how human life is diverse; to recognise the presence of disability in our human midst as an enrichment of our diversity. **Nelson Mandela***

Programme:

ITEM	DURATION	TIME
Welcome Sello Hatang, Chief Executive Officer at the Nelson Mandela Foundation	5min	10:00am - 10:05am
Programme overview and introductions MC	5min	10:05am -10:10am
Keynote address Asanda Luwaca, Chairperson of the National Youth Development Agency	15min	10:10am - 10:25am
Panel discussion with facilitator - Initial 10-min input from panellists - Followed by discussion with facilitator	75min	10:25am - 11:40am
Audience engagement	45min	11:40am - 12:25am
Closing remarks and wrap-up Representative from the National Youth Development Agency	5min	12:25am – 12:30pm



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Panellists:

1. **Dr Armand Bam**, Head of Social Impact, University of Stellenbosch Business School
Presenting on the gaps in practice and why businesses and organisations need to make improved efforts at inclusion through providing practical insights for performance.
2. **Commissioner Bokankatla Joseph Malatji**, Full-time Commissioner, South African Human Rights Commission
Presenting on the foremost barriers to meaningful labour force participation faced by persons with disabilities and how employers may strive towards integrating persons with disabilities into the workplace.
3. **Collins Ombajo**, Inclusion and diversity officer, Action Network for the Disabled
Presenting on the insights gained from the Innovation to Inclusion project implemented in Kenya towards catalysing disability inclusion in the workplace, and providing pertinent lessons that South Africa can draw from the Kenyan experience.
4. **Losh Pather**, Chairperson, South African Employers' Forum for Disability, and **Nontobeko Mdhuli**, Board Member and Head of Talent and Diversity, South African Employers' Forum for Disability
Co-presenting on the role that the private sector can play in catalysing the meaningful integration of persons with disabilities into the workplace.
5. **Lidia Pretorius**, Independent Disability Inclusion Consultant and Activist
Presenting on the need and mechanisms for building allyship that recognises persons with disabilities as assets in society and the workplace.

This Dialogue will be facilitated by Dianah Msipa, Manager of the Disability Rights Unit at the University of Pretoria's Centre for Human Rights.