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# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Stakeholders,

**As we reflect on the progress made in the first quarter of the 2025/2026 financial year, I am pleased to share developments and achievements that signal our continued commitment to innovation, collaboration, and impact in the skills development sector.**

One of the most exciting milestones has been the successful initiation of our digital transformation journey. As previously communicated, SASSETA is digitising its operations, and this has officially commenced with the submission of the 2025/2026 Workplace Skills Plans (WSPs) and Annual Training Reports (ATRs) on our new Integrated Management Information System (IMIS). We are pleased to announce that this system will soon be fully launched to include more operational functionalities aimed at enhancing efficiency, accessibility, and transparency across all our processes.

This quarter also marked a remarkable moment in our strategic stakeholder engagements. SASSETA had the honour of hosting the Honourable Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mr. Buti Manamela, at our offices for a high-level strategic session with the SASSETA Executive team. The engagement provided an opportunity to reflect on the SETA's achievements thus far, and to align on key priorities and strategies for the road ahead.

The Deputy Minister's visit is a strong testament to the Department's commitment to ensuring that SETAs remain central to the broader national agenda for skills development, economic growth, and youth empowerment. We are grateful for his time, leadership, and valuable insights, which will undoubtedly inform and inspire our work moving forward.

To our stakeholders, I want to emphasise the importance of timely submission of documents, especially invoices. To avoid any delays in project payments, please ensure that all relevant documents are included with your invoices. This practice not only helps us process payments more efficiently but also ensures that your contributions are rewarded promptly. Let us ensure that we meet all requirements and deadlines, so we can continue to support our projects effectively and make a positive impact in our community.

I sincerely thank our stakeholders, employees, and partners for your continued support and collaboration.

Together, we can build a more effective SETA that brings real value and positive change to the lives of South Africans. ■

**Thamsanqa Mdontswa**  
SASSETA CEO

# Editor's NOTE



**Mpho Majatladi**  
Editor

**As we reflect on the past quarter, the spirit of collaboration and purpose continues to drive our work at SASSETA. This edition captures a series of engagements that reaffirm our role in shaping a skilled, capable, and empowered workforce for the safety and security sector.**

As you explore the pages ahead, we invite you to celebrate the milestones, engage with the insights, and join us in championing skills development that truly makes a difference.

We are dedicated to maintaining transparency, accountability, and innovation as we adapt to the continuously changing landscape of education and training.

Thank you for your continued support.



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## Deputy Minister Buti Manamela Engages with SASSETA on Strategic Direction and Sector Impact

By Tsholofelo Nyamathe



SASSETA had the honour of hosting the Honourable Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training Mr. Buti Manamela, for a strategic engagement session aimed at reflecting on the SETA's achievements and outlining key plans for the year ahead. The visit formed part of the Department's continued commitment to strengthening the skills development ecosystem and ensuring SETAs are aligned to national priorities.

During the engagement, the Deputy Minister received an update on SASSETA's progress, innovations, and the impact of its programmes across the safety and security sector. The Deputy Minister was informed that over the past five years, SASSETA

has consistently maintained clean audit outcomes and achieved 100% of its performance targets for three of those years, and 97% in the remaining two, demonstrating a strong track record of good governance and high performance. The interaction also provided a platform for dialogue on deepening sector transformation, enhancing youth employability, and professionalising the sector through targeted skills interventions.

SASSETA welcomes the continued support of the Ministry and remains committed to delivering high-impact, quality learning opportunities that contribute to building a safer and more capable South Africa. ■





## Career Expo at Tempe Military Base held to Inspire Future Leaders in Safety and Security

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By Nosipho Keuti



On 11 April 2025 SASSETA, in collaboration with over 50 exhibitors, hosted an impactful career expo at Tempe Military Base in Bloemfontein. The event drew an attendance of 1,500 learners from various schools across Free State, all eager to explore opportunities within South Africa's safety and security sector.

The expo aimed to inform and inspire young minds about the diverse career paths available in fields such as law enforcement, corrections, the military, emergency services, private security, intelligence, and related areas within the defence sector. Learners engaged directly with professionals, government departments, training institutions, and tertiary education providers who offered career guidance, bursary information, and training opportunities.

Among the esteemed dignitaries present were the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Nobuhle Pamela Nkabinde, and the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Honourable Angie Motshekga. Both ministers delivered powerful keynote addresses that emphasised the importance of education, discipline, and long-term planning for a successful future.

"Education remains the cornerstone of personal empowerment and national development. I encourage each of you to dream big, work hard, and take full advantage of the opportunities presented here today," Minister Angie Motshekga said.

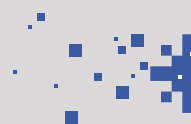
Interactive exhibitions included live demonstrations from the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), showcasing the skills and technology used in daily operations. ■



# Career Dreams Ignited at Helen Franz







# Special School Expo in Limpopo

By Nosipho Keuti





In a powerful display of collaboration and community upliftment, the Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA), in partnership with Compassion Connect Centre, hosted a Career Exhibition Expo at Helen Franz Special School in Senwabarwana, Limpopo. The event, which was on 14 April 2025, brought together over 1,000 learners from surrounding schools, all willing to explore the various career and study opportunities available to them after matric.

The career expo was designed to bridge the information gap that often limits learners from rural areas when it comes to post-school options. Whether learners envision themselves pursuing university studies, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges, or practical work-based learnerships, the exhibition aimed to shine a light on all possible paths.

A wide range of key stakeholders and educational institutions participated in the event, including the University of South Africa (UNISA), University of Limpopo, University of Venda, Capricorn TVET College, and Nedbank. These institutions provided information about their academic programs, application processes, and available financial aid options. Learners had the opportunity to engage directly with representatives, ask questions, and begin mapping out their futures.



Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Councillor Maria Thamaga, graced the event with her presence and addressed the crowd. In her motivational speech, Cllr Thamaga urged the learners to remain focused on their studies, make education a priority, and believe in their potential. "Stay in school, study hard, and know that your background does not determine your destiny. Success is possible through education," she told the learners.

SASSETA's involvement emphasised the importance of safety and security careers in building safer communities, while also encouraging youth participation in justice-related learnerships. Compassion Connect Centre, a local non-profit focused on youth development and social support, played a vital role in mobilising the learners and coordinating logistics on the ground. ■



# Zihlekile Noqhongoza NPC and SASSETA

## Empower Maphumulo Youth Through Career Summit

By Ivy Masondo

In an inspiring effort to uplift and inform the youth of Maphumulo, Zihlekile Noqhongoza NPC, in partnership with SASSETA, successfully hosted a **Career Summit on 27 June 2025** at the Maphumulo Municipality Town Hall. The event served as a vital platform to expose young learners to a variety of career opportunities and educational pathways available after matriculation.

The summit brought together a range of industry stakeholders and institutions, including **Tourism Film, South African Sugarcane Research Institute (SASRI)**, and **KwaCele Farming**, who engaged with learners and shared valuable insights into their respective sectors. The gathering drew an enthusiastic audience of Grade 11 and 12 learners from **Siphinhlanhla High School, Sabuyaze High School, and Zefania High School**.

The highlight of the day was a heartfelt and motivating address by **Mr. Thamsanqa Mdontswa**, representing SASSETA. Speaking with genuine passion and concern for the youth, Mr. Mdontswa emphasised the importance of commitment to studies and the long-term benefits of academic excellence. "Now is the time to focus, to work hard, and to take your future seriously," he told learners. "Your dedication today will open doors to university and other opportunities that can change your life."

He also provided learners with a broader understanding of the **Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETAs)** in South Africa, explaining that each SETA supports specific industries and offers unique career opportunities. (Bursaries, Internships and Learnerships). In addition, he highlighted the importance of **TVET Colleges (currently 50 across the country)** and **Universities**, which cater to different career pathways. These institutions not only provide theoretical knowledge but also equip learners with practical skills, ensuring they are job-ready upon graduation.

Mr. Mdontswa further unpacked various career paths supported by SASSETA, particularly in the safety and security sectors. He encouraged learners to take full advantage of resources and







programmes available in their communities, reminding them that opportunities often come disguised as challenges, and that the key to success lies in seizing them with determination and purpose.

Through interactive exhibitions, informative presentations, and motivational talks, the Career Summit equipped the learners with knowledge, inspiration, and hope. The event was a testament to the power of partnerships and the shared responsibility of nurturing the potential of South Africa's youth.

Zihlekile Noqhongoza NPC and SASSETA extend their sincere gratitude to all partners, schools, Educators and learners who made the event a success. With the seeds of inspiration now planted, the youth of Maphumulo are better prepared to chart their own futures with confidence and clarity. ■



# Department of Higher Education Hosted G20 Outreach Programme at North-West University

By Nosipho Keuti







**SASSETA**  
participated in a two-day G20  
Outreach Programme on 22 and 23 May  
2025 at North-West University, Potchefstroom  
Campus.

The initiative was part of South Africa's broader effort to bring the G20 agenda closer to the people, especially the youth. The event focused on engaging students and the public around the priorities of the G20 Education Working Group, with the goal of raising awareness, promoting dialogue, and encouraging active participation in global education policy discussions.

As part of the programme, SASSETA shared its mandate and ongoing efforts to empower young people across the safety and security sector. The organisation highlighted the various opportunities available through its strategic partnerships with stakeholders, including:

- Bursary programmes for academically deserving students, particularly those pursuing careers aligned with the sector's scarce and critical skills.
- Learnerships that combine theoretical training with practical,

on-the-job experience to better prepare youth for the labour market.

- Internships that offer recent graduates' hands-on exposure in real workplace environments to ease their transition into full-time employment.

SASSETA also showcased the impact of its skills development initiatives, which are designed not only to close the skills gap but also to contribute meaningfully to youth

employment and economic participation.

By working closely with public and private sector stakeholders, SASSETA ensures that its interventions are responsive to industry needs and aligned with national priorities.

Through this initiative, SASSETA reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the National Skills Development Plan (NSDP 2030) and advancing inclusive education and training in South Africa in line with the G20 Education Working Group's objectives. ■



# SASSETA participates in Career Guidance Exhibition to Empower KwaXimba Youth

By Yonela Mfaku



SASSETA took part in the Career Guidance program organized by Intsha Yobunye on 30 May 2025 at Manzolwandle Sports Ground in KwaXimba. This event gathered learners from Grade 9 to 12, school leavers, educators, and industry representatives to collaboratively inspire and guide the youth towards meaningful career pathways.





The initiative launched by Intsha Yobunye, a community-based youth development organisation aimed to bridge the gap between education and employment by equipping young people with the knowledge, resources, and motivation to make informed career choices.

As one of the invited exhibitors and development partners, SASSETA:

- Engaged directly with learners to share information about careers in the safety and security sector.
- Provided guidance on learnerships, internships, and qualifications within its sector.
- Offered insights into workplace readiness and personal development.
- Distributed educational materials and showcased available opportunities through interactive discussions.

Through its presence, SASSETA contributed to the program's goal of exposing learners to a broad range of career options and supporting their transition into the world of work. The event also emphasised the importance of mentorship, emotional wellness, and community support in shaping the future of South Africa's youth.

SASSETA's involvement underscored its ongoing commitment to developing a skilled, employable, and purpose-driven generation.

Attendees were encouraged to engage with SASSETA representatives at the event or reach out through the official social media channels. ■



## SASSETA ETQA Hosts Occupational Qualification Profiling Session

By Yonela Mfaku

**SASSETA's Education and Training Quality Assurance (ETQA) unit hosted a vital Occupational Qualification Profiling Session on 2 and 3 June 2025, in Midrand. The session forms part of SASSETA's broader initiative to advance the development of occupational qualifications that respond directly to industry needs.**

The two-day session aimed to profile specific occupational qualifications, providing an opportunity to engage with stakeholders on aligning qualifications with practical workplace requirements. By extending the invitation, SASSETA ETQA demonstrated its commitment to inclusivity and transparency in qualification development processes.

The event underscored the significance of industry input in the design of qualifications and provided a platform to demonstrate the essential work being conducted in the field of occupational education and training. The profiling process aims to inform curriculum content and learning pathways that comply with regulatory standards and address sector-specific skill demands.

SASSETA remains committed to strengthening partnerships with key departments and organisations, and this session served as yet another step toward ensuring that qualifications are relevant, forward-thinking, and supportive of national skills development priorities ■





## SASSETA Participates in the Official Launch of Youth Month 2025 in Soweto

By Nosipho Keuti

**On 3 June 2025, the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities launched Youth Month at the historic Hector Pieterse Memorial and Uncle Tom's Hall in Orlando West, Soweto. The event was led by Minister Sindisiwe Chikunga, Deputy Minister Mmapaseka Steve Letsike, and the Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Dada Morero.**

SASSETA was honoured to be invited to the event and participated as an exhibitor, engaging with the Orlando West community to raise awareness about the various opportunities available within the safety and security sector. The SASSETA team provided information on career pathways, skills development programmes available within the safety and security industry.

The day's programme began with a solemn tribute to the fallen heroes of the 1976 Soweto Uprising. Minister Chikunga, Deputy Minister Letsike, Mayor

Morero paid their respects by laying flowers at the Hector Pieterse Memorial – a gesture symbolising peace and honour for the young lives lost in the fight against Bantu Education.

Following the memorial tribute, the dignitaries conducted a walkabout of the exhibition stalls, where they engaged with organisations to learn more about their roles and the services they provide. SASSETA welcomed the opportunity to share insights into its work and highlight the importance of skills development in empowering the youth.

The programme culminated in a community engagement session at Uncle Tom's Hall, where residents of Orlando West gathered to hear addresses from the ministers and the mayor. The speeches highlighted government's ongoing commitment to youth empowerment, education, and inclusion, with a strong emphasis on honouring the legacy of the 1976 generation by creating sustainable opportunities for today's youth. ■





# SASSETA Supports Youth Empowerment

## at Career and Job Fair in Cato Manor

By Yonela Mfaku

**On Friday, 20 June 2025, the Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA) proudly joined the Department of Employment and Labour and various stakeholders at the Career and Job Fair and Service Delivery Initiative held at Thekwini TVET College's Cato Manor Campus in Durban.**

The event organised by the Department's Public Employment Services (PES) branch, aimed to bridge the gap between job seekers and potential

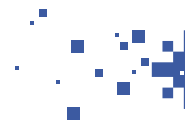
employers by providing a platform for meaningful engagement and access to critical employment-related services.

As part of its ongoing commitment to skills development and youth empowerment, SASSETA's presence at the event supported the broader mission of preparing job seekers for the demands of the labour market.

The initiative offered services such as:

- Registration of job seekers on the Employment Services of South Africa (ESSA) web platform





- On-site processing of Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) applications and claims
- Assistance with Occupational Injuries and Disease claims
- Access to job search tools, career counselling, and placement opportunities

SASSETA engaged with young attendees, offering insights into career development programmes within the safety and security sector. The Authority also highlighted the importance of ongoing training and education in enhancing employability and meeting sector needs.

“This initiative reflects the importance of partnerships in tackling youth unemployment,” said a SASSETA representative, Snothando Ndlovu. “By working together with government departments, educational institutions, and other SETAs, we can ensure that young South Africans are informed, skilled, and connected to opportunity.”

The event was not only a chance for community members to access essential services, but also an important reminder of the collaborative effort required to create a more inclusive, empowered workforce. ■



# SASSETA Joins Forces

## with Fellow SETAs at the “ Making Education Fashionable” Event

By Yonela Mfaku



In a vibrant celebration of education, empowerment, and youth engagement, the Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA), together with other Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETA's), proudly participated in the highly anticipated Manzini Family Gathering: Making Education Fashionable event.

Held with the purpose of inspiring young people to value education while embracing their individuality, the event successfully blended the worlds of fashion and learning. It showcased how academic achievement, and personal expression can go together, encouraging the youth to see education as not only a pathway to success but also a powerful form of self-expression.

As a key participant, SASSETA used the opportunity to engage directly with young learners, share information about career opportunities within the safety and security sectors, and highlight the importance of skills development in shaping a brighter future. The event also offered a platform for collaboration between SETAs, institutions, and industry partners to promote a unified message: education is always in style.

SASSETA remains committed to initiatives that empower youth, drive innovation, and make learning more accessible and appealing. The success of the Manzini Family Gathering event marks yet another step forward in reimagining education as both functional and fashionable. ■





## House of Stephen Hosts Career Guidance Event for Over 300 Learners

By Petronela Mtsweni

**SASSETA joined the House of Stephen Community Outreach at the House of Faith Church in Midrand on 7 June 2025. The event provided career guidance, application information for higher education institutions, and funding opportunities to over 300 learners.**

The event united various organisations and community members to tackle socio-economic challenges. Attendees, including youth and unemployed individuals, learned about SASSETA programmes like learnerships, internships, bursaries, and skills training in safety and security.

The turnout was strong, with positive feedback. Participants were keen on the application

processes, eligibility, and career opportunities in policing, private security, law enforcement, and correctional services. Many appreciated SASSETA's presence and collected informational materials. Educators and community leaders also expressed interest in future partnerships.

Through this outreach, SASSETA reaffirmed its commitment to taking services directly to underserved communities. The event offered a platform to identify skills needs and strengthen grassroots partnerships.

SASSETA benefits from increased visibility and deeper community insight, ensuring its interventions remain relevant and impactful in creating a safer South Africa through skills development. ■

CAREERS AND GROWTH





# TAPSOSA Strengthens Sector Collaboration

## Through Employer Engagement Session

By Ivy Masondo

**The Association for Private Security Owners of South Africa (TAPSOSA), with support from the Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA), successfully hosted a Member Employer Engagement Network Session on 25 June 2025, at the Birchwood Hotel, OR Tambo Conference Centre. The session brought together a range of stakeholders from across the private security industry, including new entrants, small and medium-sized enterprises, and large security companies.**

**T**he aim of the session was to explore and engage on sustainable solutions that can address the ongoing challenges faced by employers in the sector. As the private security industry continues to grow and adapt to new developments—such as changing regulations and capacity demands—this session provided an important platform for dialogue, collaboration, and practical planning.

In line with TAPSOSA's mandate of promoting a fair, inclusive, and competitive private security sector, the session focused on empowering business owners through support in areas such as policy compliance, enterprise development, and skills growth.

Key focus areas discussed during the session included:

1. Enterprise Development Intervention Initiatives
2. Skills Development aligned with Enterprise Development Goals
3. Institutional Collaboration for Industry Growth and Sustainability
4. Compliance with Industry Requirements and Good Governance Practices

### 5. Organisational Development and Strategic Positioning

By participating at the event, SASSETA demonstrated support to its stakeholders by promoting skills development, capacity building, and access to training for both employers and communities. The participation reinforced the commitment to driving meaningful change in the safety and security environment.

TAPSOSA reaffirmed its commitment to leading the sector through advocacy, development support, and strategic partnerships. The session closed with shared understanding that continuous engagement and collaboration between stakeholders is vital to improving the sector's future.

The engagement session served as a valuable opportunity to align efforts, strengthen partnerships, and build a foundation for transformation across all business sizes within the private security industry.

- Maphumulo Career Summit – (27 June 2025) ■



# SASSETA participated at the Career Exhibition at Cape Winelands school

By Petronella Mtsweni

On 12 May 2025, the Western Cape Department of Local Government, along with the Cape Career Exhibition Centre and the Western Cape Education Department, held a Career Exhibition in the Cape Winelands. The event spanned three schools: Tulbagh High, Waveren High, and Wolseley High, aiming to inform and inspire students about various career opportunities.

Among the exhibitors was SASSETA, which engaged with learners to provide insights into career opportunities within the safety and security industry. SASSETA's presence underscored the diverse range of professions available in this vital sector, as well as the qualifications and pathways required to pursue these careers.

The career exhibition was a platform for learners to interact directly with professionals, educational institutions, and sector representatives. It offered guidance on future career choices, helping students understand the skills and educational requirements needed in today's workforce.

Learners attended the career exhibition, engaging with exhibitors by asking questions and showing interest in various career pathways. This engagement indicated the exhibition's role in broadening their understanding of future opportunities.

By bringing together government departments, training authorities, and schools, the exhibition facilitated knowledge-sharing and emphasised the importance of early career education. It contributed to equipping young people in the Cape Winelands with the necessary tools and information for their future careers. ■







## Team Spirit Shines in League Finale and Friendly Matches

By Tsholofelo Nyamathe

**The SASSETA Shooters played their final netball league game on 14 May 2025 at Discovery Soccer Park, located on the rooftop of the Mall of Africa in Midrand. The players gave it their best, and the court was filled with excitement and loud cheers from colleagues and fans who came to support them.**

**T**he team thanks SASSETA for their support. The Shooters are proud to finish third in the Discovery League, demonstrating their hard work, teamwork, and perseverance.

On 06 June 2025, the Netball and Soccer teams played friendly matches against FoodBev SETA. The Soccer team won 4-2, and the Netball team secured a 24-3 victory.

SASSETA Netball Coach Ms. Motlalepula Lefakane shared a special message: *"Your support truly made a difference and played a big part in keeping the team's spirit high in every game."*

Well done to all the players, you have made SASSETA proud. ■



## AFRICA DAY

### Celebrated in Unity and Pride

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By Tsholofelo Nyamathe





Africa Day is celebrated each year on 25 May to commemorate the founding of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) in 1963, which later evolved into the African Union (AU). The OAU played a role in promoting Pan-African unity and supporting the fight against colonialism and apartheid. Africa Day serves as a reminder of the continent's journey toward freedom, cooperation, and self-determination.

On 23 May 2025, staff gathered to join the rest of the continent in recognising Africa Day. This day marks a time to acknowledge Africa's accomplishments, consider its challenges, and support the goal of unity, progress, and sustainable development for all African nations.

This year's theme, *"Justice for Africans and People of African Descent Through Reparations,"* served

as a reminder of the importance of justice, unity, and the ongoing journey toward equality and recognition for all people of African.

To mark the occasion, employees wore traditional African attire, showcasing the cultures and heritage that define Africa. The celebration brought a strong sense of unity, reflection, and appreciation for the continent's achievements and continued aspirations.

It was a moment to honour the past, celebrate the present, and look forward to a future rooted in justice and shared progress. ■





# Celebrating Slipper Day 2025

By Tsholofelo Nyamathe







On 30 May 2025, SASSETA staff came together to celebrate Slipper Day under the theme “Do It for The Dreamers.” Staff members wore their slippers to work and purchased Slipper Day stickers to show their support and raise funds for children in need. Each sticker contributed to a bigger purpose by helping fulfil the dreams of children facing life-threatening illnesses and bringing hope where it is needed most.

The atmosphere was one of warmth, unity, and compassion as employees rallied behind this

meaningful cause. “By simply wearing slippers, we are making a statement that we care and that every child deserves the chance to dream,” said Ms. Boniswa Witbooi, Learning Programmes Practitioner at SASSETA.

This heartfelt initiative was more than just a casual day but a reminder of the power of small acts of kindness to create lasting impact across the country. ■





## **SASSETA Staff Honour June 16** by Wearing Academic Regalia in 2025

By Yonela Mfaku







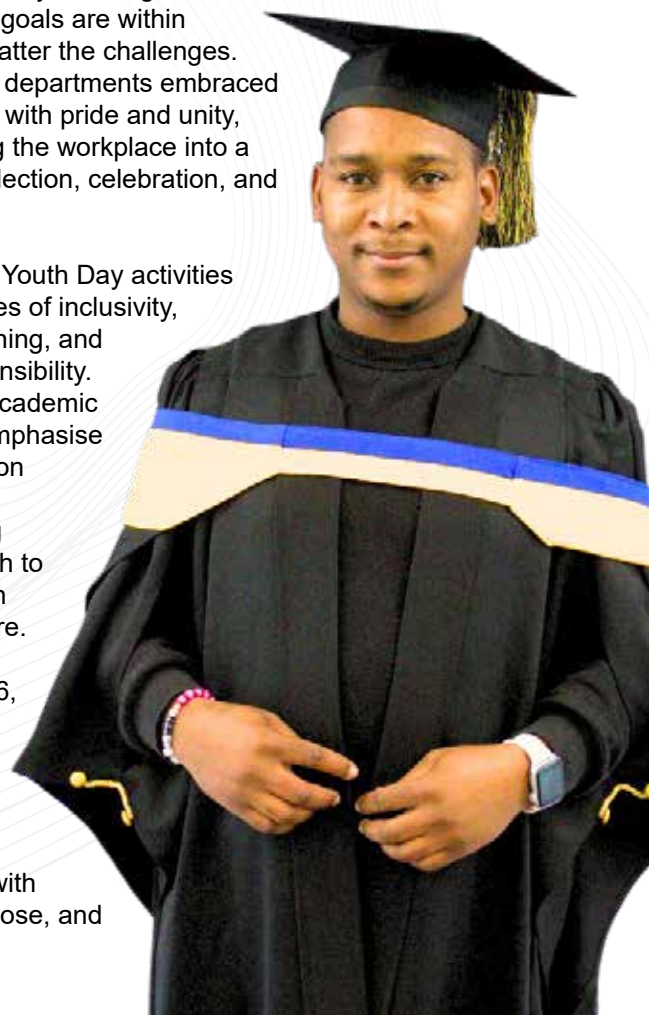
In a powerful tribute to the legacy of the 1976 Soweto Uprising, SASSETA staff celebrated Youth Day 2025 by proudly wearing academic regalia, representing not only their personal educational achievements but also the organisation's broader commitment to learning, development, and transformation. This symbolic gesture was more than a dress-up, it was a meaningful reminder of the right to education that South African youth fought so bravely for, and a reflection of how far the country has come since that pivotal moment in history.

The wearing of academic regalia by staff captured the spirit of growth and progress. It served as a visual celebration of how access to education once denied to many is now recognised as a fundamental right and a key driver of economic participation, empowerment, and social upliftment.

The initiative also aimed to inspire younger colleagues and learners associated with SASSETA's programmes, by showing that educational goals are within reach, no matter the challenges. Staff across departments embraced the moment with pride and unity, transforming the workplace into a space of reflection, celebration, and hope.

SASSETA's Youth Day activities upheld values of inclusivity, lifelong learning, and social responsibility. Staff wore academic regalia to emphasise that education is crucial for empowering today's youth to shape South Africa's future.

This June 16, SASSETA did not just remember history, it embodied its lessons with dignity, purpose, and pride. ■





## Welcome Aboard!

### Meet Our New Employees

By Ivy Masondo



### Aspiring Risk and Audit Professional

Rethabile Felicity Nyalungu is a recent graduate from the Tshwane University of Technology, Economics and Finance Campus. She holds a Higher Certificate in Accountancy, a Diploma in Internal Auditing, and an Advanced Diploma in Internal Auditing.

She was born and raised in Mamelodi, Pretoria. She chose to do her internship at SASSETA because it stands for values such as accountability, integrity, equity, and professionalism. These values match well her personal and career goals. This internship is a great opportunity to learn, gain practical experience, and contribute to a shared vision.

She aims to become a qualified Risk and Audit Practitioner who ensures compliance and supports accountability. Her goal is to continually grow her skills through learning and experience.

To my fellow graduates and peers: “keep pushing yourself, stay strong through challenges, and believe in your potential, the world is waiting for what you have to offer” she says.





## Welcome Aboard!

### Meet Our New Employees

By Ivy Masondo

#### Frida's Finance Journey Begins

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Frida Madikwa to the SASSETA family. Frida joins the Finance Department as one of the interns and will be with SASSETA for the next 24 months as part of her professional development journey.

Originally from Mthatha in the Eastern Cape, Frida is currently based in Birch Acres, Kempton Park. She holds a Diploma in Internal Auditing, which she obtained from Walter Sisulu University in 2023.

When asked why she chose SASSETA, Frida shared: *"I chose SASSETA because the brand strongly aligns with my personal values. I believe deeply in continuous learning and growth, and SASSETA truly embodies these principles."*

Looking ahead, Frida aspires to become a Certified Internal Auditor and has plans to pursue a Postgraduate Diploma in Financial Planning.

Frida leaves her fellow interns and peers with this thoughtful piece of advice - *"A goal with no execution plan is just a dream. Savor the moment, time flies."*



# TALK TO US!

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Effective communication is always a two-way street. We need to hear from you to make sure that we are covering important events in our sector and giving you, our reader, what you want to see in the newsletter. Please let us know if something has happened in your sphere of operation that would be of interest to our readers, or if there is something in this magazine you would like to comment on.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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