



Deputy Minister Fish Mahlalela to open the 12th edition of the National Tourism Careers Expo

23 March 2022

The Deputy Minister of Tourism Mr. Fish Mahlalela will officiate the opening of the 12th Edition of the National Tourism Careers Expo (NTCE) at the Johannesburg Expo Centre – Nasrec on the 25th of March 2022.

Themed “Rebuilding a resilient and inclusive Tourism sector for the future,” the NTCE will showcase the opportunities that exist in tourism, and share insights on how the youth can explore their employment and entrepreneurial prospects within the sector’s value chain.

The NTCE is a long-standing collaborative programme between the Department of Tourism, the Culture Arts, Tourism, Hospitality & Sport Education Training Authority (CATHSSETA), and the appointed host province. The Gauteng Department of Economic Development represented by its provincial marketing agency, the Gauteng Tourism Authority (GTA) has been awarded the opportunity to the youth expo in the Gauteng Province for the next three years.

The Expo promises to be an exciting and informative event for Grade 8-12 learners, university and college students and unemployed graduates who wish to build careers and business venture in tourism.

Highlights will include motivational talks by leading local tourism entrepreneurs and personalities, tourism educator seminars, exhibitions by local tourism products and related services such as:

- **Chef’s Corner:** For those interested in a culinary career, a visit to the Chef’s Corner, hosted by the South African Chefs Association (SACA), is a must. Graduates from SACA’s National Youth Chefs Training Programme will be demonstrating.
- **Mixology Corner:** Mixology (the skill of mixing various drinks and ingredients to create cocktails) is a special craft that infuses creativity and flavour to enhance hospitality experiences. The Mixology Corner will bring the art of creating fun, enjoyable drinks to life. From the classics to fun innovations with a Mzansi twist.
- **Hospitality Corner:** Visit the Hospitality Corner to learn about the diverse range of careers in this field – from sommeliers to hotel general managers and event managers to casino directors.
- **Conservation Corner:** Nature conservation has a direct impact on the future sustainability of tourism. If you have an interest in nature and tourism, join us at the Conservation Corner to see how you can make an impact.
- **Virtual Classroom & Recruitment Arena:** Job candidates and employers meet here and is the place to hear top tips from managers who will help to polish your key assets, groom you and give you the most up to date advice. Bring your CV along – you could get guidance on how to make it stand out. You could also meet a future employer.

- **Educators' Seminar:** This curated schedule brings relevant insights and allows educators to interact with speakers from various institutions, industry bodies and organisations. This year's focus is on Map Work, Tour Planning and Foreign Exchange.

Various competitions also take place during the three-day event. Some include:

- **Public speaking:** Tourism was one of the worst affected industries at the onset of the COVID pandemic. Even though South African Tourism launched the Tourism Sector Recovery Plan in August 2020 as a response strategy, the sector remains under threat and requires large-scale consolidation and innovation to assist in its recovery. Young people have valuable ideas too and Grade 11 learners are invited to share their thoughts on restarting, rejuvenating and recovering the tourism industry.
- **Hospitality category - Novelty High Cake:** Each competing learner to create a three-layer novelty cake using at least three advanced garnishing methods, perfect for a delightful South African high tea.
- **Soft Furnishing Category:** Each province will be represented by one learner who will sew a cushion that meets the Grade 11 2021 PAT Guidelines' criteria. On-site on the day of the competition without any input from non-participants.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Friday, 25 March to Sunday, 27 March 2022
Time: 10h00 to 17h00
Venue: The Johannesburg Expo Centre – Nasrec, The Admin Building,
Gate 2, Corner Nasrec and Rand Show roads, Johannesburg, Gauteng

[NTCE Programme from 25 - 27 March 2022](#)

For further information visit the following web and social media platforms:

- **Website:** www.tourismcareersexpo.co.za
- **Facebook:** @tourismcareersexpo
- **Instagram:** @ntc_expo
- **Twitter:** @ntc_expo
- **Hashtags:** #NTCE2021 & #ExcitingOpportunities4u