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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **VIRTUAL DIALOGUE ON THE CHILDREN'S NDP REPORT: 24 NOVEMBER 2020**

The National Planning Commission (NPC) invites you to participate in a dialogue on the Children's NDP report titled "**Children's participation in governance: lessons from the children's NDP initiative**". The dialogue is part of the NPC campaign to communicate and engage with key stakeholders on the work that it has done. This engagement on the children's NDP is the first in a series of conversations that the NPC plans to host.

The Children's NDP project is an initiative by the NPC that began in February 2017 and was concluded in 2019, the Commission partnered with a number of child rights organizations; government and civil society. The initiative was aimed at giving children in South Africa an opportunity to express their views about Vision 2030 as articulated in the NDP. This initiative involved a series of two-day workshops across the nine provinces in South Africa, with a sample of 20 – 30 children between ages of 12 to 18. The workshops used play based and experimental learning method which was expertly facilitated by child rights expert, Commissioner Nomdo, with the aim of extracting insights about the children's experiences of care, basic and social services delivery and the value of their voices in society. The project engaged children as citizens and gave them the opportunity to voice their lived experiences and articulate their hopes for the future.

The NPC believes that the Children's NDP initiative provides a model of engagement with precisely the people whom development planning aims to support but consistently ignores. Authentic models of engagement, such as this, should be replicated in future to ensure the NDP and further development planning is nuanced appropriately.

The NPC produced two reports, a process report and an analytical report on its engagements with children. The reports are available via:

<https://www.nationalplanningcommission.org.za/assets/Documents/Childrens%20NDP%20Analysis.pdf>

[https://www.nationalplanningcommission.org.za/assets/Documents/Childrens%20NDP%20Process August%202019.pdf](https://www.nationalplanningcommission.org.za/assets/Documents/Childrens%20NDP%20Process%20August%202019.pdf)

The discussion will chaired by Commissioner Tessa Dooms .

**Date: 24 November 2020**

**Time: 10:00 until 12:00.**

**Please ensure you RSVP by 23 November 2020 to Lelo Ndzimela [lelo@hotheadmedia.co.za](mailto:lelo@hotheadmedia.co.za) or Dakalo Netswera [Dakalo@dpme.gov.za](mailto:Dakalo@dpme.gov.za)**

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