Africa Day public lecture

Africa is blessed with a young population that has the potential to be a catalyst for positive change as well as social and economic transformation on the continent, said Communications Minister Ayanda Dlodlo. She was addressing students at the False Bay TVET College in Khayelitsha, Cape Town on Thursday, 25 May 2017.

Minister Dlodlo’s address, with the theme: “Building a Better Africa and a Better World”, was particularly poignant as it was delivered amid Africa Day celebrations across the continent, and a few days before the start of Youth Month in South Africa, which is observed in June.

“Africa is alive with opportunities. The continent is endowed with natural resources and opportunities in sectors such as agriculture. Young people must get out of their comfort zones, explore the continent and make a meaningful contribution towards bringing about sustainable development in Africa,” she added.

Minister Dlodlo urged the youth to familiarise themselves with the teachings of leaders such as Oliver Reginald Tambo, Chris Hani and Steve Biko. “The youth cannot afford to disappoint Africa because they are the generation that will take this continent forward,” she added.
Minister of Communications arriving at the Falsbay TVET college.

GCIS Acting Director-General Phumla Williams welcoming the Minister.

Minister Ayanda Dlodlo arriving at the college and welcomed by the college choir.
Minister Ayanda Dlodlo addressing the audience.

Some of the attendees at the event.

SRC members of the Falsebay TVET College with acting DG of GCIS Phumla Williams

The college choir singing the National Anthem.
Africa Day community dialogue

Deputy Minister Tandi Mahambehlala hosted a community dialogue on nation-building with the young people of Philippi at Intsebenziswa Senior Secondary School, Cape Town. The dialogue focused on the values of Oliver Reginald Tambo, particularly in relation to building a better Africa and a better world for all.

The Deputy Minister emphasised that nation-building is anchored on the youth. “Young people are the future of the country and continent,” she said. She also stated that she would ensure that the issues that were raised receive the necessary attention.

Minister Dlodlo and Deputy Minister Mahambehlala also unpacked the 2017 Communications Budget Vote speech, which will be used to implement the department’s mandate and also meet strategic targets.