**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**SUB-COMMITTEE SHORTLISTS CANDIDATES FOR NYDA BOARD**

**Parliament, Thursday, 27 May 2021** – The Sub-Committee of the Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, and the Select Committee on Health and Social Services on the Filling of Vacancies for the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) has shortlisted 40 candidates to be interviewed, to fill vacancies on the NYDA Board.

The NYDA Board has seven vacancies, after the term of previous board members expired in May 2020. The filling of board members’ positions is done in accordance with the NYDA Act 54 of 2008.

Section 9 (3)(a)(c) of the NYDA Act stipulates that members must be appointed in a manner that ensures the youth must participate in the nomination of candidates; the process of appointment must be transparent and open; and the shortlist of candidates must be published in the media. In addition, board members must reflect the demographics and geography of the Republic.

The Sub-Committee met from 25 May to 26 May 2021 and shortlisted 40 candidates. As per the statutory prescripts of the NYDA Act, the candidates are:

Busisiwe Cathrine Seabe
Molaoli Sekake
Paballo Ponoane
Adv Thando Sibongiseni Gumede
Sunshine Minenhle Myende
Avela Mjajubana
Kutloano Esau Rakosa
Lukhona Afika Mnguni
Pearl Pillay
Anthony Tolika Sibiya
Karabo Mosepja Mohale
Moshe Terence Madiba
Alexandria Syrah Procter
Thabo Shingange
Magkatla Johanna Thepa
Nomcebo Nkosi
Nompumelelo Mpatha
Kristal Catherine Duncan-Williams
Mihlali Pedro Mzileni
Lebogang Mulaisi
Ngawethu Z Ka-Siphiwo
Samantha Beynon
Asanda Luwaca
Naledi Maponopono
Courtney Edwards
Siyabonga Magadla
Thulisa Ndlela
Pretty N Mzobe
Ginah Makgoba
Lerato Simon Gambu
Molebatsi Daniel Moremi
Marquin Enrico Smith
Zanele Mabaso
Micarlo Malan
Hlathikazi Melony Beni
Amukelani Makhubule
Shaeera Kalla
Nondumiso Zondi
Thando Dominic Motha
Rekgotsofetse Chikane

The Sub-Committee, having concluded its shortlisting process on 26 May 2021, indicated that interviews would be conducted in the week of 21 June 2021, at the parliamentary precinct.

**ISSUED BY THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMUNICATION SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, YOUTH AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, MS NONHLANHLA NCUBE-NDABA, AND THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, MS MAURENCIA GILLION.**