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The Year of **Charlotte Manyya Maxeke**: Growing youth employment for an inclusive and transformed society



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The South African Embassy in Vienna, and  
the Southern Africa Documentation and Co-operation Centre (SADOCC)

have the honour to invite you

to a panel discussion on

**The challenges faced by Young South Africans Pre- and Post- Democracy:  
A reflection**

Programme Director

Mrs Helena Hornung  
SADOCC

Panellists

Ambassador Rapulane Molekane  
Head of Mission, South African Embassy

Mr Mthobisi Shandu  
South African Youth

Mr Rustum Manuel  
South African Youth

Moderator

Ms Pragashnie Adurthy  
Counsellor, South African Embassy

DATE: Wednesday, 16 June 2021

TIME: 18:30 – 20:00

VENUE: Virtual. Click [here](#) to join



South African Youth Day 2021





## BACKGROUND ON 16 JUNE 1976

On 16 June 1976, thousands of students gathered in Soweto, South Africa's largest township, in protest against the compulsory imposition of the Afrikaans language as a medium of education. The uprising ended tragically with hundreds of young people being brutally killed. This incident in many ways changed the course of the struggle for freedom and democracy in South Africa. It brought to the fore the atrocious acts committed by the apartheid Government and its security forces against the black majority and propelled the United Nations to declare apartheid *a crime against humanity*.

In the ensuing years, South Africans supported by solidarity actions across the globe, waged a struggle against the apartheid system which eventually led to democracy in 1994.

Forty five years later, we reflect on the path travelled and the opportunities that the new South Africa continues to present to its youth. As part of the commemoration of 16 June, and in honour of the heroic struggles waged by the youth in South Africa and beyond, the South African Embassy in partnership with SADOCC are pleased to host a panel discussion reflecting on the challenges faced by young South Africans Pre- and Post- Democracy.