

# Unemployed Youth Workshop at Department of Labour

The Department of Labour will host a two-day SADC workshop on youth unemployment in the region.

South Africa, as chair of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), will host the gathering under the theme 'Addressing Youth Employment in the SADC Region' from **13 – 14 February in Ekurhuleni, Gauteng.**



Youth unemployment is defined by the United Nations as unemployed young people between the ages of 15-25 years of age, who do not have a job but are actively seeking work. However, youth unemployment within the SADC region includes unemployed persons between the ages of 15-35 years old.

An estimated 71 million youth in the SADC region are said to be unemployed. SADC Labour Ministers have been mandated to come up with solutions to the growing problem.

The objective of this workshop is to establish a forum for employment services practitioners within the SADC Member States to share experiences and challenges, as well as come up with best practices on how to approach youth unemployment.

The workshop will start at 9am at Birchwood Conference Centre.

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