



Media Invitation

Youth Month Webinar

Youth in the time of a global pandemic: An analysis of recent data on young people's experiences during COVID-19

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The Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA) would like to invite media to the release of a Working Paper, ***Youth in the time of a global pandemic: An analysis of recent data on young people's experiences during COVID-19***, on the 22nd of June 2021.

The working paper forms part of MISTRA's priority research project on Youth and National Development that explores the role that youth can and do play in national development, and the challenges and possibilities for the future.

The working paper explores the pandemic's impact on the lives of youth (18–35 years old) in South Africa, especially in terms of labour market and mental health outcomes in the periods before and during the COVID-19-related lockdown.

Findings reflect that COVID-19 has exacerbated the plight of youth in South Africa, particularly those who were already vulnerable prior to the pandemic. Young people – especially those who are African/Black or Coloured, female, have low levels of education, and live in rural areas – have been hardest hit by the economic impact of the lockdown.

The discussion will be led by the authors of the paper:

- **Ariane De Lannoy**, Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit, UCT.
- **Gibson Mudiriza**, Department of Economics and Finance, University of the Free State.
- **Mario Meyer**, Youth Capital Team, DG Murray Trust.

The virtual discussion will take place as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 22nd June 2021

Virtual Platform: Zoom

Time: 10h00 – 12h00

[Register here](#) to attend the virtual event



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