

SABC Education Career Indaba 2016 at Sandton Convention Centre

The fifth SABC Education Career Indaba 2016 will take place at the Sandton Convention Centre from 7-8 March 2016. It is a free-to-attend student event with a aim to educate and inspire South Africa's youth and will host a dedicated Parent Networking Evening between 5-7pm on 7 March 2016.



Leading organisations such as Woolworths, Rand Water and The Foschini Group, are just some of the exciting highlights at this year's SABC Education Career Indaba.

"Career Indaba is an important event as it connects learners and their parents with people and organisations that are passionate about providing advice and support. This event offers a new level of insight into the range of education and career opportunities available in South Africa and this year promises to be the most successful one yet," says event director, Tanya Jackman.

Danie Swart, Head of SABC Education further explains, "SABC Education understands the importance of equipping learners with the right knowledge to ensure that they are able to make informed decisions about their study and career paths. We are proud to be associated with this event that helps the youth of today to ensure the best possible career choice."

Highlighting careers in retail

Woolworths, in partnership with the Wholesale & Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA), are excited to be a platinum sponsor at this year's SABC Education Career Indaba. The company is deeply committed to skills development. Chantal Butler, head of HR at Woolworths, says, "Through the public-private partnership with W&RSETA, we aim to educate a new generation of retail employees and make a positive contribution to our community by supporting the National Skills Development Strategy III."

The company also hopes to attract school leavers and graduates into the retail sector by positioning the wide variety of roles that are required, across the entire value chain, to deliver exceptional products and services to the internal and external customer.

Woolworths has invested a significant amount of money, growing its financial contribution to learning and skills development year-on-year. This is an indication of the company's commitment to skills development programmes and ensuring the sustainability of the retail sector.

The SABC Education Career Indaba provides Woolworths with a platform to create a learning value chain that builds a talent pipeline from secondary education to employment and beyond.

Other retail brands exhibiting at Career Indaba include The Clicks Group, Dischem and The Spar Group.

US institutions

25 American universities and community colleges, the University of South Africa (UNISA), Technical Vocational Education and Training Colleges (TVETs) and many more education institutions, will be looking for bright young students to recruit.

The US Pavilion organiser, US Commercial Service, supported by USA Education says, "We are delighted to showcase some of our world-class institutions to provide study abroad opportunities for South African learners. We will be offering undergraduate, graduate and community college programs"

Interactive workshops

SABC Career Indaba also offers a two-day workshop programme designed to help students develop the skills needed to support making life decisions post school and university decision making. Career Indaba's Tanya Jackman, adds, "No other student event can boast such rich content. We believe in providing real advice from real people and our workshop programme will deliver answers to those all-important questions. Students will walk away from Career Indaba more informed and confident to make the right choices for their future."

Some of the workshops presented by WR&SETA, South African Council for Educators and Ace Interviews will cover topics such as CV writing and preparing for an interview.

Parents encouraged to attend

With the host of top employers, TVETs, local and international universities that will be at this year's event, parents are encouraged to attend Career Indaba and the Parent Networking Evening with their children, where guest speaker, Nikki Bush will assist in making the difficult decisions easier in her workshop.

Other sponsors of Career Indaba include platinum sponsor Rand Water, bronze sponsors South African Jockey Academy and South African National Blood Service. For more information, go to www.careerindaba.co.za.