

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### MINISTER DEAN MACPHERSON TO LEAD THE CBE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMEMORATION IN STELLENBOSCH

The Council for the Built Environment (CBE), in partnership with the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), will host a Human Rights Commemoration event in Stellenbosch on 23 March 2026, under the theme **“Empowering Youth through Opportunities & Infrastructure.”**

The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Mr. Dean Macpherson (MP), will deliver the keynote address at the engagement, which will bring together youth representatives, young professionals, students, unemployed graduates, government representatives, industry stakeholders, and professional councils. He will be joined by Stellenbosch Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Councillor Jeremy Fasser.

This event, aligned with Human Rights Month, highlights the link between safe, well-designed infrastructure and key constitutional rights such as dignity, education, work, and equality. Emphasising the critical role of youth inclusion in infrastructure sector, the engagement will explore how young people drive transformation, public safety, and sustainable development within the sector.

Discussions will also address pressing challenges like youth unemployment, limited access to opportunities, and barriers to professional registration, reinforcing the sector’s responsibility to promote building safety, inclusive, and dignified workplaces for all

Aligned with the national Human Rights Month theme, “Bill of Rights at 30: Making Human Dignity Real,” the event underscores the importance of youth empowerment, skills development, and professionalisation in realizing socio-economic rights and building a capable, transformed built environment

**Members of the media may attend as follows:**

**Date:** Monday, 23 March 2026

**Time:** 09:00 – 14:00

**Venue:** Ekiesaal/Ekie Hall, Cloetesville, Stellenbosch

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