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2021 FUNDA MZANTSI CHAMPIONSHIP GOES HYBRID AS INMATES SCRUM FOR YET ANOTHER DOMINANCE

The Department of Correctional Services (DCS), in collaboration with the National Library of South Africa (NLSA), will be hosting the 11th Funda Mzantsi Championship from 4 October to 7 October 2021.

This annual programme will be streamed through a hybrid model connected to nine (9) DCS sites, whilst the ANEW Hotel Capital in Pretoria will be the central site to host both the opening and closing sessions.

The Funda Mzantsi initiative remains an important tool that gives hope to inmates for their successful reintegration into communities. It further equips inmates with the best possible opportunity for a second chance in life, the ability to make better choices and be more discerning citizens.

What makes the Funda Mzantsi Championship unique is its feature of a direct interplay between book clubs from communities, schools, universities and correctional facilities. The 11th Championship is going virtual as a response to Covid-19, as the week long reading competition attracts an audience of no less than a thousand a day.

DCS is best positioned to play a leading role in the elimination of illiteracy, and must strive to equip inmates with the necessary skills to be self-sufficient upon release. In line with rehabilitation, the major tasks undertaken by DCS include literacy, vocational training, basic occupational skills training, entrepreneurial skills training, business studies, engineering studies as well as basic and tertiary education qualifications.

The Championship will run from 4 - 7 October 2021.

Media is invited to attend the opening session as follows:

Date: Monday, 4 October 2021

Venue: ANEW Hotel Capital, 390 Lillian Ngoyi Street, Pretoria

Time: 08h30 to 13h00

Programme details are as follows:

DATE	TIME	ITEM	LANGUAGE/S	ZOOM LINKs
DAY 1				
<u>Day 1</u> 4 October	08H30-12H00 12H00-13H00	Impromptu Reading and Book Review Opening Ceremony	English	https://shorturl.at/fkJ79 Webinar ID: 959 2578 2480 Webinar Passcode: 929617
CONCURRENT SESSIONS ON DAY 2 AND 3				
<u>Day 2 and 3</u> 5 and 6 October	08H30-16H00	Impromptu reading and book reviews	Sesotho, Setswana Sepedi	https://shorturl.at/adtL6 Webinar ID: 931 3957 5220 Webinar Passcode: 004395
<u>Day 2 and 3</u> 5 and 6 October	08H30-16H00	Impromptu reading and book reviews	Afrikaans IsiNdebele Xitsonga Tshivenda	https://shorturl.at/pPQX9 Webinar ID: 963 1425 5901 Webinar Passcode: 669411
<u>Day 2 and 3</u> 5 to 6 October	08H30-16H00	Impromptu reading and book reviews	IsiXhosa IsiZulu Siswati	https://shorturl.at/etKSZ Webinar ID: 920 9043 4695 Webinar Passcode: 068570
DAY 4				
<u>Day 4</u> 7 October	08H30-12H00	Closing ceremony and announcement of winners		https://shorturl.at/bgnK7 Webinar ID: 978 6189 7713 Webinar Passcode: 366458

Ends.

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