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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM

### **A FINAL CALL TO ALL YOUTH AND CHILDREN TO CLAIM THEIR SHARE OF THE WSSD LEGACY**

More prizes and excitement as the Art and Essay Challenge promises to be a pre summit showpiece.

With just 15 days left before the 30th June closing date, the WSSD Art and Essay Challenge is destined to be showpiece of preparations of the World Summit on Sustainable Development to be held in Johannesburg from 26 August to 4 September 2002. The challenge, which was launched in April as part, the Education Sector Campaign is set to attract and incite youth and children participation in the forerunner activities towards the WSSD.

"The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, together with the Johannesburg World Summit Company calls upon our students and school children to submit their entries, and claim their share of the WSSD legacy" said Mr. JJ Tabane, Head of the Ministry of Environmental Affairs and Tourism. With the sponsorship from BHP Billiton and the Swiss Government, the challenge will see more winners with bursaries worth R100 000 for the 1st Prize, and R50 000 and R25 000 for the second and third prizes respectively. Meanwhile the Art challenge targeted at the ten year old and has a Prize pool of R15 000, R10 000 and R5 000 in Computers and Art sets for winning pupils and their schools. The challenge which has received technical support from MTN Foundation will have the prize giving ceremony hosted at The MTN Art Institute on the 18th July 2002, with an Exhibition of the best pieces at the Institute until they are moved for display at summit's Ubuntu Village in August. "With entries pouring in, the judges drawn from the MTN's Institutes' enthusiasts and our country's best Journalists and writers will have a difficult task selecting the countries best essay on "How does my career contribute to sustainable development" and the best Art piece depicting " The world through my eyes" said Mr. Tabane. As an early bird incentive the first 500 entries will each receive a special designed memoire T-shirt and sketch pad, so hurry up and enter . 10 YEAR OLDS - THE ART CHALLENGE The youngsters in this age group are being challenged to look at their environment and document their opinion of it via artworks that depict their impressions about the environment, maximum size of page must be A-3.

#### GRADE 11 - STANDARD NINE PUPILS: THE ESSAY CHALLENGE

Using their professed career after matric, the students are challenged to display relevance of their career to Sustainable Development, maximum length of essay is 2 pages. Entries for both competitions can be sent to the following address:

Competitions  
Johannesburg World Summit Company  
P O Box 792  
Strathavon 2031

OR you can get extra entry forms from the Johannesburg World Summit Company (JOWSCO) by calling (011) 303 8200 and they can be faxed to you or you can email [competitions@wssd2002.com](mailto:competitions@wssd2002.com) Issued by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism 14 June 2002 For All Media Inquiries Contact Blessing Manale.

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