



My Ability Youth Summit (MAYS)

2019 Theme: My Ability to positively contribute to the sustainable economic growth of Eswatini

Venue: Sibane Hotel

## Introduction

Intellectual Foundations is an NGO that focuses on youth capacity building through improving youth access to quality and accurate information. The type of information is meant to help the youth understand concepts, see opportunities and improve their lives. Since 2017, Intellectual Foundations has been successful hosting community events to help young people especially those living in communities to access information not easily accessible in their communities. It is from the feedback of these community events, which house an average youth attendance of 100 to 150 per event, that initiated the need for a national youth summit to help raise awareness and address the common problems faced by our young people.

The summit is titled **“My Ability”**. It highlights the different abilities that the youth have. It seeks to expose the youth to critical and fundamental information on how they can develop, sharpen and skillfully use their abilities to improve themselves and their communities. **The theme for the 2019 My Ability Youth summit is “My Ability to positively contribute to the sustainable economic growth of Eswatini”.**

The summit will be a 2-day event consisting of a full day of conferencing, followed by a youth exhibition day. The first day of the summit will comprise of industry leaders and relevant speakers from different sectors of the economy contributing information and presenting case studies in-line with the theme of the summit. On the second day of the event, youth exhibitions will comprise of products and services offered by youth in business, while working youth will showcase their professional/career contribution to the work environment.

## Summit Overview and Objectives

My Ability Youth Summit, seeks to provide a platform where youth from different sectors in the economy come together to learn, share ideas, form meaningful partnerships and participate in policy formation to overcome economic challenges which prevent their growth. The specific objectives of the MAYS summit are as follows:

- To provide platforms for youth to engage with government and relevant stakeholders on matters of youth economic development.
- To capacitate the youth with tools on human capital development to help them overcome their challenges.
- Increase knowledge on the structural barriers preventing youth from effectively participating in the economic development of the country.

## Format of the Summit

The summit will provide a number of plenary sessions, skills building workshops, exhibitions, oral presentations and media showcasing. All of these will be carefully and skillfully executed by policy makers, industry experts, development partners, and relevant stakeholders in the 2 days

of the summit. All the discussions will be in line with the theme of the summit: **My Ability to Positively contribute to the sustainable economic growth of Eswatini.**

Themes	topics	Potential talks
Economic development	Youth involvement	Understanding the economy of Eswatini, Vision 2022, SDG's, Youth Policy, Economic Recovery Plan, 4th industrial revolution,
Career development	marketing	marketing yourself (social media, networking events, clubs)
	Financial literacy	Budgeting, investing, cooperatives & savings,
	Human Resource	Teamwork, keeping your skills relevant,
	Service delivery	Customer complains & conflicts, setting a workplace benchmark (work ethic)
Entrepreneurship development	Marketing	Branding & rebranding
	Financial literacy	Bookkeeping, sourcing capital
	Human Resource	Building effective teams,
	Service delivery	Growing globally and challenges faced, setting a business benchmark, importance of customer feedback (reputation formation),
Human Capacity development	Personal development	Settings short & long-term goals, thinking beyond the book(qualification), habits formation & breaking,

### **Youth Attendance (expected 100 to 150 youth)**

The following youth would benefit from attending the summit

- Youth working in private and government sector
- Youth with businesses or wanting to start a business
- Youth in tertiary or high school
- Youth from Communities (out of school and unemployed)

### **Outputs from the summit**

The expected outputs from the summit will include the following:

- A conference report summarizing key findings.
- A list of recommendations towards the youth policy

### **Proposed date**

26-27 July 2019

## Draft Programme for MAYS 2019

### Day 1: Conference

- Conference Time Frame

Time	Session Title	Session Description
08:00 to 08:30		<b>Registration</b>
08:31 to 09:30	Welcome remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcoming remarks</li><li>• Overview of summit</li><li>• State of Youth Affairs</li></ul>
09:31 to 10:30	Session 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human Capacity development</li></ul>
10:31 to 11:30	Session 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Economic development</li></ul>
11:00 to 11:30		<b>Break</b>
11:30 to 12:30	Session 3 (Plenary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Entrepreneurship development</li></ul>
12:31 to 13:30	Session 4 (Plenary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Career development</li></ul>
13:31 to 14:00	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closing Remarks</li></ul>
<b>14:01 to 15:00</b>		<b>Lunch</b>

- Speaker Time allocation

Activity	Speaker Time allocation
Talk time	15 min
Question & Answers	5 min
<b>Total time per speaker</b>	<b>20 min</b>

### Day 2 Youth Exhibition

- Exhibition Time Frame

From 10:00 am to 3:00pm