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RTMC to hosts 2019 National Road Safety School Debates Competition Finale

GAUTENG -: High school learners from all provinces will gather in Gauteng from 23-27 September 2019 to debate interventions required to reduce road crashes and improve road safety in South Africa.

The competitions are part of the Road Traffic Management Corporation's initiatives aimed at inculcating a culture and attitude that promotes safe road user behaviour among the youth who constitute the majority of people who die in road crashes.

The national debates will see about 300 learners from urban and rural schools as well as those from special needs schools discussing the best methods the country can employ to reduce the high levels of traffic collisions and fatalities.

A total of 12 921 people died on the country's roads last year. This was an eight percent decrease when compared to the 14 0505 that had died in 2017.



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The learners will debate critical ideas that can assist the country to achieve a 50% reduction in road fatalities and injuries as promised in the National Development Plan and the United Nations Global Plan for Road Safety.

The project was first piloted in 2007 and has since become a highlight among road safety projects undertaken by the RTMC and provincial transport departments. The Road Safety Debate Competition is aimed at secondary school learners and is conducted in line with the World Style of Debating.

The Competition is initially held at district, regional and provincial levels. The elimination competitions lead to the best learners (not necessarily from the same school) representing their provinces at the national competition which is held on an annual basis.

The National Competition is held over a number of days where learners participate in elimination rounds culminating into the semi-finals and final competition. Winners are then acknowledged at a gala function.

All the daily debating sessions are open to the media for coverage and members of the public.

The debates will culminate with a grand finale on Friday (September 27) where learners will show-case their best debating skills and present solutions in front of an audience that will include the Transport Minister, Board Chairman and other relevant dignitaries.

The motion to be debated for the final is: **South Africa's National Road Safety Strategy (2016-2030) is the best road safety strategy in the world.**

Details: National School Debates Competition Finals

Date: 23 -27 September 2019

Venue: Misty Hills Conference Centre

Address: Muldersdrift, Gauteng

Time: 18h00 (Friday, 27 September 2019 Awards Ceremony)

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