

Communication key to access information: Motaung

Deputy Minister in the Presidency, Nomasonto Motaung, says the communication sector is an important element through which people on the continent can have access to information and are empowered to make decisions on Africa's development. "Communicators are called to provide platforms at every possible opportunity for ordinary citizens to make their voices heard," Motaung said.

Speaking at the Africa Communications Week event held at the Freedom Park in Pretoria as part of activities planned to commemorate Africa Day, Motaung called on communicators to support the national objectives by helping to understand each other's past, appreciate uniqueness and recognise similarities. Freedom Park in partnership with Africa-Silencing the Guns with Drums celebrated Africa Day under the theme: Opportunities in Challenging Times.

She said the continent's progress is often hamstrung by nations

operating in silos rather than through a common front. This year's theme for Africa Communications Week was informed by the 2023 theme for Africa Day from the African Union. The annual commemoration of Africa Day marks the founding of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) in 1963.

"Our efforts for this week and in the near future should be therefore viewed as a direct contribution towards the achievement of the AU theme for 2023. "Today we need to double our efforts to make communicators voice's heard on how we can use the science of communication to contribute the advancement of our country and the continent. "Over the past few days, we have had enlightening and enriching discussions that have pushed us closer to the dream of a united Africa," Motaung said.

Motaung said it is also important to reflect and clarify what the African Continental Free Trade Area is. "This is a trade agreement to create a



single market for goods and services of almost 1.3 billion people across Africa and also attempts to deepen the economic integration of Africa. Africa Communications Week is observed annually during Africa Month, and it is a global campaign targeting and open to all communications professionals with African interests. Discussions during the Africa Communications Week for communication professionals and thought leaders looked at impacting the current narratives in Africa, accelerating communications through innovation, Africa Free Trade Area agreement communications

and effective media platforms. Africa Day is intended to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of the Organisation of African Unity from its creation on 25 May 1963, in the fight against colonialism and apartheid. Various organizations were represented during the discussions which took place during the week. Among the attendees was Dr Sello Galane and Freedom Park Chief Executive Officer, Jane Mufamadi. Arts and craft stalls from various representatives of the African continent countries showcased their merchandise.

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Don't waste no more time go out and enjoy life while you still can because tomorrow is not promised to anyone. Live your life to the fullest so that when you're older you bother no one to take you out. Enjoy life.

HUSTLER NEVER GETS TIRED

We are gifted differently therefore

your breakthrough will never be the same as the other person. Hustle until you get things right because the hustler never gets tired until is pronounced a winner.

FIND YOUR PURPOSE

Time is now to find your purpose and stop living according to your friends wish, be your own boss. People can misdirect your plan, passion and vision if you don't know your purpose. You don't need expertise, ask God to help you find your purpose in life.

DEVELOP A WINNING MENTALITY

Don't despair whatever you're starting, invest faith, commitment, and endurance. Believe you me you shall conquer. Failing once doesn't mean failing forever, develop a winning mentality skill method to succeed.

