



B-BBEE 2026 SERIES - SESSION 7: EMPOWERING YOUTH & ELEVATING WOMEN

Youth and women are the engines of transformation. This session will highlight how targeted programs—such as internships, mentorships, and funding initiatives—can unlock potential and drive inclusivity. We'll explore how gender equity and youth empowerment contribute to innovation, resilience, and long-term growth. By elevating women and empowering young people, businesses ensure that transformation is not only inclusive but also future-focused.

Sustained empowerment also requires creating enabling environments where youth and women can thrive beyond entry-level opportunities. This session will emphasize the importance of building supportive ecosystems—such as access to networks, leadership pathways, and entrepreneurial platforms—that allow them to grow into decision-makers and industry leaders. By dismantling systemic barriers and fostering inclusive cultures, businesses can ensure that empowerment translates into lasting influence, driving transformation that is deeply rooted in equity and shared prosperity.



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