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Department of Basic Education encourages learners to be a part of the 2013 SADC Secondary Schools Essay Competition

The Department of Basic Education wishes to urge all Matric Learners in 2013 to be a part of the annual SADC (Southern African Development Community) Secondary Schools Essay Competition.

Now in its 15th year the SADC Secondary Schools Essay Competition brings to the fore the undoubted talents of some of South Africa's most gifted young writers, their ability to express themselves, their thoughts and views.

This year's topic " **The ultimate objective of the SADC Protocol on Education and Training is to progressively achieve the equivalence, harmonisation and standardisation of the education and training systems in the SADC Region**". Learners will be expected to discuss **(a)** the challenges faced by Member States in implementing this protocol and the progress made in the last 15 years as well as **(b)** What should be done to accelerate the realisation of this provision of the protocol"

This year's topic will challenge the current crop of matrics and certainly enlighten learners on the history of the entire SADC region and the roles played by these liberation movements in achieving the current political and social climate.

The winner of the essay competition will not only be recognised as the best young and most expressive writer, the learner will also receive \$500 as the winner for the 2013 competition, second prize will be \$300 while the third place learner will receive \$200.

The Department of Basic Education wishes to encourage all matric learners to be a part of SADC Secondary Schools Essay Competition this year.

Please visit www.education.gov.za where a list of provincial coordinators and further information is available.

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