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ar from the core we approached creamed with shit on the drit and beaten to a pound that spells the breaking down of conceptions and presumed concepts. The sum of which formulates the arrival in the moments we accept as the reality in the now. Cancelled out as misappropriated energies we arrive to dock at issue fifteen a day after and still in pursuit of a morning after, the concept of acceptance in the flowing of cycles in the failed actualisation of the unity in cycles and the lumity of circles.

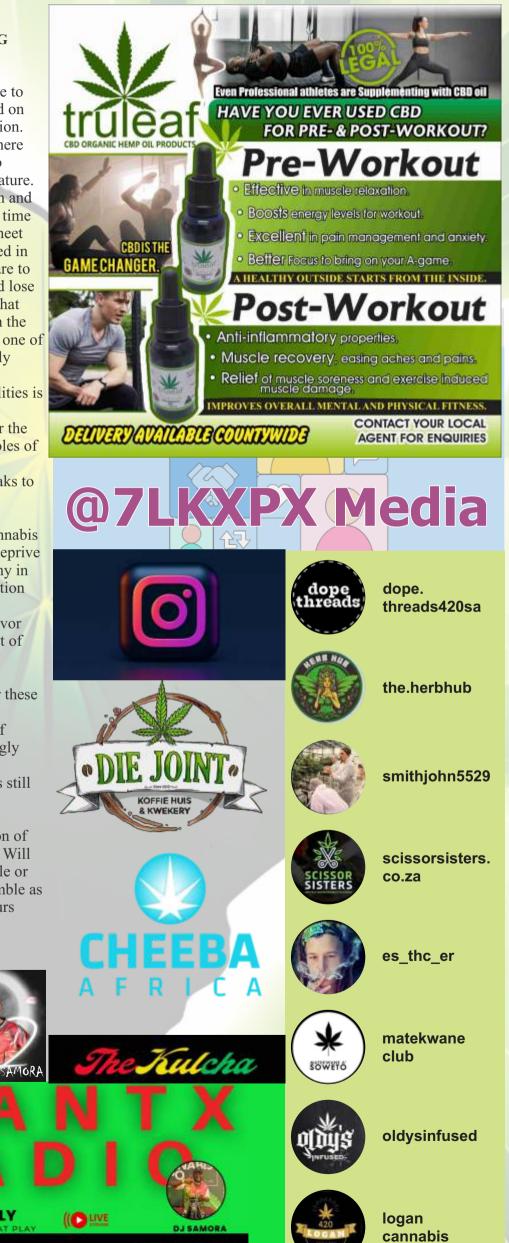
A new light approaches in procedural pathways however on the fast lane as the grasping of cannabis conversations now couches on the same set with white collars and crucibles in the constitutional cannabis community. In more than talk we are hearing tables promise a turn and maybe talk to the tumbling of the terrors that make the norm in grow steals and unending court appeals. Mandates hip up in causes that even today still juggle on the lips promising to pen on paper new pathways of prohibition and say plant permission. In minding the movement, we are aware of the global Ganja gateways that are seeing the crippling of economies as a new rise promises in the ascertaining of plant power and the power houses. In a shift that speaks a different subject on plant conduct at the exposure to Delta rays cannabis as a whole mutters a different language in response. Could the delta constituents from sun belt frequencies speak to possible valuation in a plant that morphs in constitution in response to nature with no culling from an intending harmer? Whilst form suits functionality on the faculties of humanity the freeing of the plant must also free the pathway of presentation

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flowering freely in response to the internal coding founded on the chondroids of formulation. In the imposition of will, there lives a danger promising to displace even the way of nature. Yes, advancements in reach and breach techniques position time factor manipulations that meet mankind at the point of need in the moment. The dangers are to swing with the motions and lose base on the primary force that supercharged the inertia. In the slowing down of the paces one of the outcomes that seemingly invites the drafting and distinguishing of the actualities is the formulation of base frameworks customized for the country on the Southern poles of Africa.

If the unity in location speaks to a customized solution in structuring a system of functionality within the cannabis conversation; how do we deprive the plant the same autonomy in occurrence. In multigeneration preservation plants have intelligently morphed to savor the connection with the rest of creation. Adaptation and advancement are the polar pathways to survival under these spheres and with regard to resonance with the mitos of creation; plants are seemingly singing a truer song than pedestrians in rhythm. This still as the purpose in practice questions the essence in existence as an actualization of plants or maybe for plants. Will the dance swivel in a tumble or will the stomachs still grumble as the outcomes and the colours arise in time?

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O CANNABIS & HEMP PHAKISA ACTION LAB BIRTHS COHERENCE IN CONGRUENCE AS PROMISES OF REFORMS EMERGE A Report on the Cannabis Phakisa Action Lab

A Report on the Cannabis Phakisa Action Lab from 19 to 23 June 2023 by SammoRA MaMBA.



Finance MEC (KZN) Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni; Raadia Khan (BFASA) and Dr A Jamalooden (AFASA) on the sidelines of the Phakisa Cannabis Action Plan gathering. .

umanity has for generations been seasoned to be intrigued by lines on headings and heads of states; in the epitome of the epitome this dome is modelled in notable chapters founded in remarks placed in time in sequencing patterns. From the worlds at war to rally poems of Claude Mckay we arrive at Operation Vulindlela calling to remind the hunted and penned in glorious spots of South African the statesman words as He delivered the State of the Nation Address in February this year. "Now, urgent work is being finalized by government to create an enabling environment framework, for a whole plant all legitimate purposes, so that they can have complementarity with regard to medicines, food, cosmetics, industrial products and aligned to international conventions and best practices. This includes the reprioritization of the departmental budgets for sector *developments...*"; when these words came forward from Matamela

RAmaphosa they were bundled in

the amusement with regard to the

"staff" terminology and frankly one could have missed the remarks save for technological advancements. Fast forward to the past week ending on the 26th of June and the urgency is manifested in physicality through the coupling of two vehicles of implementation being rolled out as part of government

mechanisation in functionality in pursuit; to unlock fruition from the Ganja girl's industry. The mechanics in Operation Phakisa talk to urgency in translation whereas Operation Vulindlela thrusts in a relevance that speaks to the primary mandates in this present electoral time frame. On its third year since establishment the Vulindlela mandate issues out as a pathway to pave access to drive a far-reaching economic reform agenda for South Africa and to shift the economic growth trajectory and enable investment and job creation. The same light that cannabis as a catalyst carries in the official coupling into capitalism, the cash crevices of cannabis exist with or without systematization as job creation, economic growth and investment; the Cannabis plant has facilitated from both the darkened



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and the grey areas.

Now to center and the moment, it must be noted that Operation Phakisa has an accelerative mandate in consultation and a call to diversity in the demographics and gathered minds. However, it must be indicated that there were people that were left out of the gathering who at the end of the day were granted access to the gathering in one way or another. Much in balance as the gathering also called for functionality and relevance through the request to address the absence of the Proposed Privacy bill drivers in the judicial department together with the heads of the policy enforcers. The call and the response to address the absence in physicality of representation from the Department of Justice and the visible presence of the SAPS Generals spoke foundationally to the full value consultative model the Phakisa discussions poise as a platform.

Finding root under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) together with the Presidency, government convened a

Phakisa Action Lab with Cannabis as its primary talk topic. The end of discussions held in procedural privacy found outcomes in the public document issued in a detailing press statement. One which carried the ethos primarily voiced by those who broke the line; "good news but still work to be done to blur out the barriers". The presence of which was found in the framing of the primary purpose of the HIGH-powered gathering; "the purpose of the Phakisa was to secure much-needed policy coherence and an agreement on a stronger programme of welldefined, time-bound and assigned activities across multiple government departments working in close collaboration with all stakeholders".

Speaking to KannaXpress Dr. Ahmed Jamalooden the AFASA Cannabis Commodity Chairperson took note of the diversity in the gathering of different clusters and stating that "cannabis is the catalyst for the said unification we are experiencing right now, this is the creation of the rainbow nation; one world, one nation". Extra Extra Weed All About It

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As a wide and consultative platform, the Cannabis Phakisa gathering roped in a dynamism that has been the short comings of the virtual consultative process on the proposed privacy bill. Different minds from varying schools never mind pools of thought gathered in a bid to pull forward what is in time a deadlock on the legal trajectory of cannabis. From the Sacramental platforms to the corners of compliancy on the Pharmaceutical corridors the minds of cannabis where envisioned in the welcome address noted by President Matamela RAmaphosa reading "I am confident that the collaborative commitment to work together which characterises our society, will find expression in the Hemp and Cannabis Phakisa, leading to immediate short term regulatory reform, the adoption of a set of foundational policy principles to achieve longer term legislative reform and a detailed plan to achieve inclusive growth and investment."

In diversity we have always found unity in purpose of synergy was the message in application as the week progressed through discussions and eyesore displays that prevailed past the clearing of throats, maybe that is Ubuntu a prickled embrace in its genuineness.

In finding alignment and conglomerating in ideology the resultant of efforts towards policy coherence on a cannabis front, stood outcomes noted as the collective *"securing of important resolutions and actions"*.

The primary coherence regardless of the outcomes must be found in the silent victory of the mass gathering of different cannabis minds towards the freeing of the cannabis plant. In different clusters represented in logos more than caps in this age, the uniting voice was the nudge of the prodigal daughter Cannabis who in her own way whispered whimsically towards the "collective agreement on the regulatory reforms required to better enable the development of the hemp and cannabis sector". Agreements on which will be founded "reforms to unlock the potential of cannabis in African traditional medicine;

pharmaceutical and complementary medicines; human and animal ingestion; and multiple industrial applications".

Talking to the reform revolution needed on the regulations the indications are clear that the enablement of policy change is positioned as the key to unlock the door branded as the potential in cannabis. It is such that the present standing regulations that have presented themselves as stumbling blocks along the pathways of freeing the cannabis plant not only filled the plenary and the breakaway sessions. But even so a forwarding outcome from the Operation Vulindlela that primary identifies as a joint initiative of the Presidency and National Treasury, that is focused on accelerating and implementing reforms. It must be noted that it is in the recent years that cannabis or should we say HEMP has found its way into this portfolio of priority reforms; this towards the formulation of a framework to create an enabling environment for hemp and cannabis under Operation Vulindlela.

The double dipping in the mandates and the caps presented promises of noted outcomes promised as; "regulatory reforms, including reviewing the schedules to the Medicines Act and to further enable cannabis grown for non-medicinal uses, including industrial purposes". In clarification of what has stood as sore points in the past, the press statement continues stating that; "in other words, the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) will focus on cannabis grown for medicinal purposes and enable other government departments to regulate cannabis grown for industrial purposes"

The separation of functionality has not only dogged the cannabis plant as it presents itself in nature the saga continues to evolve and has seen cannabis oils now mimicked by snake oil. The separation of the medicinal and non-medical use together with the clarification of the industrial under the former dovetail the differences finding unity at the core of existence with the plant. Talking to the core of the conflicts in functionality was a framework that whilst the declarations of 2018 birthed freedoms of association with the cannabis plant brought, the law enforcers stood as a primary huddle in response to the presence of cannabis on the Drug Act. In response to a campaign that spells out as what would read as STOPPED THE COPS headline the Phakisa lab ensured that resolutions "to explore mechanisms to fast-track the removal of cannabis from the Drugs Act" were put forward as part of the outcomes requiring further

approaches. In noting the significance that such a milestone would be, in the rolling out of such a reform the press statement continues stating that "this will be a historic achievement through which the cultivation of non-medicinal cannabis will be legal under the terms and conditions of the Plant Improvement Act, which falls under DALRRD". The liberation of the plant in scheduling will free its affiliate in agricultural practice as the current Section 21 approvals selectively speak to medical clearances and inhibit the general application and use of the plant. The framework that has seen demonstrations rally up to the doors of SAHPRA in gate keeping accusations and lobbying towards a multi regulatory system. Talking to adult use of cannabis which in times past was found justified under the **RECREATIONAL USES in** terminology, the message was a proposition to etymologically reclassify the terms of reference and arrive at **RESPONSIBLE** ADULT use. It is on the same light that the outcomes of the Phakisa consultative lab were noted the challenges in the supply of adult-use cannabis to consumers, as it is still legal putting forward indications that "a science-based and human rights approach to how and when to do this, especially concerning the need to include Indigenous farmers, will be the subject of a further exploratory process involving all stakeholders". The ALL in the stakeholders appears again in the report embodying the encapsulative conclusions arrived at in discussions that still on responsible adult use spoke to "determining an optimal regulated adult-use market, based on a set of foundational policy principles, taking into full consideration the imperative to respect rights and lower societal and industry harms occurring in the existing illicit cannabis market. This process will ultimately inform government's approach to encouraging the successful *migration of existing participants* from the illicit to the licit cannabis economy". In a surge towards the sequencing

of systems and creating pathways of continuity in drafting and achieving of resolutions the gathering noted the action plans that look to

"upscaling support for the existing catalytic projects goals to support and enable private sector investment in product aggregation, processing, and manufacturing technology for

end-user demand". The multithronged solutions in actions emerging from the gathering also addressed the money matters that have seen policy deadlocks in the unlocking and acceptance of cannabis credits. Indications reflected in remarks towards "securing an optimal financing framework which enables private sector investment with some public sector financing support, targeted at Black farmers and SME entrants in the emerging market and where appropriate, assisting to de-risk private sector investment". A point of connection that when realised looks to gush wide the red tap that is governing the ban-king houses from the green gold.

In a nug lined gathering the glitter in the outcomes presented diversities that anchored on change through indications of desired pathways and formulation of working documents such as "agreements for a detailed set of measures, supported by the regulatory reform processes, to better enable investment in the sector. This is important as previously constrained investment in the primary agricultural sector has not taken sufficient account of final product market development and demand".

As the double themed lab folded in presentation the outcomes of the gathering point to the facilitation of "a solid and constitutional foundation for more urgent implementation of the Cannabis Master Plan". In a bucket list of outcomes speaking to, "a programme of detailed, assigned and time-bound activities" as points of resolution. The cornerstones of affiliation and unity in purpose were found in synergy through "institutional arrangements across National and Provincial government departments and in collaboration with business, labour, communities, traditional leaders, Rastafari leaders, scientists and legal experts". Nutshelling in promises to deploy "a set of pragmatic interventions concerning investment promotion, export support and standards and conformity assessment". A snowball thrust that will culminate in roping in trade clarity at an international level, nonetheless bringing the charity home as stated in the proposed plan to work "with all provinces to further the activities currently underway and ensure alignment across government".

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NO MORATORIUM

Despite various reports on social media since the Cannabis

Phakisa, there have been NO announcements on a moratorium on Dagga arrests. Until we have a clear understanding of the next phase in our re-legalisation journey, we must continue acting calmly and with good judgement. If you do have the SAPS at your door, call our 24/7 Arrest helpline: 063-174-0938

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rrests within the cannabis community are still a norm, this as a seeming blitz is underway to harvest the last bits of the bud before policy change maybe. A surge in reports and an escalation in police raids have brought to the cannabis community complaints from around the plains of South Africa as the growers and healers are being hit by a string of raids and bud confiscations. Arrests and grow raids continued even as the happenings in cannabis conversations towards a working legislative framework were taking place in the presence of SAPS Generals. Reports coming into KannaXpress indicated that some cannabis facilities were being crumbled to bin bags in raids by the officers in blue.

These recent raids have seen a rollback in the reel as the matters on the section 21 protocol are queried in community quaking raids. A recent message has been making circulation around the cannabis community group talking to a call on the practice of vigilance in relation to the cannabis trade. Whilst prior to the Cannabis Phakisa it must be noted that discussions have been docked in delays, selfregulation models are bridging the gap in the grey framework and finding functionality.

Functionality which on so many fronts births friction between the plant people and the policymakers. A position that one Plant Paver once put forward as "the good disobeying bad laws". The good and the law find flaws when the law enforcers are up to no good raiding procedural plant operations, the call to slow down and cull the arrests in the cannabis space has been headlined by the Fields Of Green For All (FOGFA) STOP THE COPS campaign running ever more lively alongside this "privacy tenure" with regard to cannabis use. Through the facilitation of a 24/7 hotline, the non-profit organisation receives calls for aid amid arrests and raids. The presence of this platform and the campaign reflects the magnitude of the need also aired in the concerns raised by the Marijuana Board of South Africa Gauteng Chapter in a

press statement issued following attendance to the Cannabis Phakisa Action Lab. The statement remarked that "For the whole week, we had reports of arrests and police brutality all over the country. Simply put these negotiations we held under duress. We condemn any abuse of power and privilege and emphasize the importance of unity and equality focusing on our shared humanity rather than fostering hatred and prejudice".

The desired outcome from the Phakisa gathering spoke to a proposed moratorium that could see a decrease of arrests and raids one doubts the seizing thereto in this moment. This news of ending arrests is a constant call from the Cannabis community as this proposition caught fire similar to the announcement of 18/9/18. A firefighting response flooded social platforms and groups indicating a procedural approach in caution as such a moratorium in issuing had not been released.

A free plant with freed affiliations and graded functionality say at a

grassroots level is the primary desire in an ideal world, the activity on the ground points to another reality. As a press release issued by The Provincial Commissioner of the SAPS in Mpumalanga following the arrest of an "ALLEGED DAGGA SMUGGLER" stated that "Lieutenant General Semakaleng Daphney Manamela has once again applauded men and women in Blue for their unwavering determination and vigilance in battling drug trafficking in general". This remark, a standing salutation on SAPS press releases in similar incidents captures the heart of the present mandate currently running through the veins of the policy enforcers; Dagga is a Drug, and the present fight against cannabis will not stop with the bell of the media but maybe the spell of a Cannabis Master Plan 2.0. At the moment as we pull over along the drug affiliation tag afforded to the Dagga Herb and the plants, the housing of organic nature in such classification continues to hamper and delay the realisations of plant freedoms much more, the freedoms for people of the plant.



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06 BUD OR A BRUSH GAMES OF POT SCAMMERS

he cannabis industry in the dichotomy of life is a plant of balance, in seed, time, and harvest the plant people follow the procedures and principles at these plain. The gathering is lined with that modular societal framework in the good, the bad, and the ugly and crazy in synchrony such is the travail on this travel plain. Now picture the glamour in the gold the crystals on the sugar leaf of the nug envisioned on the black screen order of bud, with the package finally docking on the mailbox and a smoke session transforms to a tooth brushing session. One wonders on the possible ends to that brush as we arrive at another day in the cannabis community.

Welcome to scams and buds trade games, trade platforms positioned on personal platforms of communication such as WhatsApp and Telegram pushing surreal supplies of Cannabis to unsuspecting stoners. A Cannabis social platform administrator PappaSmokes (not real name) opens the day on his social platform with the remarks "Happy day to everyone Just a heads up, seems a scamming syndicate is doing the rounds. Some of us are doing what we can to track the frogs down. So with that, I just want to ask everyone to be smart and refrain from purchase groups,

The challenges in the masked exchanges also bring to awareness the transparency that would be facilitated through the sequencing of systems and the assimilation of illicit trade into the light. Less behind-the-curtain dealings will culminate in fewer scams, however, we must start from a position of freeing the plant and not that of scamming the herb by affording it falsified freedoms of affiliation with the masses. That being said outside of resorting to the grey in the tracing methodologies; how does one present the cause to the policing systems? I guess that is the catch in the twenty-two.

rather ask another OG in this Industry to help you source if Need be. Some people are getting toothbrushes and other gross objects in their packages, plus having to deal with the loss of cash sent. So with love I send this warning out and ask this tribe to be smart and aware. Much love as always" The rise in the demand and supply modalities of cannabis in South Africa has seen grow bases expand rapidly in response to an increasingly growing local community of responsible cannabis users that are seeking a line of supply. At a time of the grey in

morphing legislation, the preying still finds wealthy hunting grounds in cannabis communities playing as pranksters who are posing as plant peddlers.

Social media group administrators for various cannabis communities have stepped up measures to weed out perpetrators and alert the hubs and circles on the presence and practices of pot scammers. KannaXpress connected in a social media group and witnessed the administrative solutions being rolled out by a different platform to protect its members. Procedural post protocols such as restricting posting

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The hearts of the 420 community are warmed with joy this winter at the sight of unwavering events on the cannabis front. At a time of uncertainty probably the hottest streak of grow take-ons, the resilience of the Cannabis Community continuing to gather across the country in style promises a life to a poignant picture painted by arrests continuously emerging as two steps back in legal advancements.

From the CAPE Cannabis Cub set privately on the sidelines of the Cape province edition of the Cannabis Expo, Cannabis Cups are becoming a staple feature on the Ganja Gigs this year. This season finds 420 enthusiasts green gliding at the Garden Route Cannabis Cup for the terpene and toke experience. This after the annual feature in the Cannabis Expo Durban edition that in the catalog of the expos positions as stoner's paradise in liberties rolled out at the KwaZulu-Natal edition of the expo. On a different note, Kulcha Sundaze rolled in the carpet as they take a breather after a year of back-to-back 420 Sundays celebrating the Kulcha curations and community of plant people through visual art, music and poetry.

Wherever you find the self, remember to fill your cup with a win of your own design and not just the puff to a new strain. If your gathering is resembling a reach similar to these 420dynamics do let us know on our

instagram@7LKXPX_Media and we will look at synergising intents in what we are witnessing as cannabis event season. Dear People of The Kulcha.

1 July 2023

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support and enthusiasm towards our weekly event. Kulcha Sundaze. Your presence and dedication have made it a truly special gathering, celebrating the beauty and diversity of our Kulcha.

We have an important announcement to share with you today. After careful consideration, we have decided to take a short break from hosting Kulcha Sundaze. This break will allow us to regroup, recharge, and come back with even more amazing ideas to enhance your experience.

We understand that Kulcha Sundaze has become a cherished part of your routine, and we want to assure you that this break is not a sign of stagnation, but rather a step towards growth and improvement. We are working diligently to create an event that truly reflects your desires and aspirations.

We are immensely grateful to our venue and partners. FourFourTwo, for their inclusive support of us, our community, and our Kulcha. Their partnership has been instrumental in creating a welcoming space for us to celebrate together.

We encourage you to stay connected with us during this interim period. Join us on our social media platforms and share your thoughts, suggestions, and feedback. Your input is invaluable as we shape the future of Kulcha Sundaze.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and look forward to welcoming you back soon. Together, we will embark on a remarkable journey that celebrates our shared Kuicha.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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VIEWS

CANNABIS & HEMP PHAKISA ACTION LAB **Cannabis Community Responds to Phakisa Propositions**

ailed in the green and gold, and the ever-revolving trod of transitions South Africa as a nation finds itself on yet another pedestal in the unfolding of a functional Cannabis Master Plan. The green Ganja that promises the glamor of gold in the gesture of governmental approval see the gatherings under the Phakisa umbrella as a convening of minds towards modeling pathways for nature's will; the hope is that in balance there will always be the underscore differing opinion. Frankly, because we see through mirrors and fairly because in our diversity, we find our character; a trait acknowledged in South Africa's President's official address that opened the gathering culminating as the Cannabis and Hemp Phakisa Action Lab.

KannaXpress connected with the cannabis community in response to the Operation Vulindlela Phakisa Action Lab outcome following the press statement issued by the collective

The spinning responses gathered in impartiality are forwarded as received from with no inclination howsoever on the perceptions relayed here in:

PHAKISA **UNPACKED** WHAT NOW? An opinion by Quin van Kerken.

he recent Phakisa lab held by the Presidency brought together more than 100

participants representing national and provincial government, business, labour.

communities, traditional leaders, Rastafari leaders, scientists, legal experts, and other key stakeholders.

It is clear that government is serious about policy coherence and

regulation of cannabis

throughout South Africa.

Stakeholders from all sections have now had their chance to engage with the government

about what policy reforms they would want, to ensure the growth of

the cannabis industry. However, this may be, there are a few things that we need to take away from the Phakisa.

The industry will be split into two main groups - medical

use cannabis which will be regulated by SAHPRA, and nonmedicinal or industrial use cannabis, which will be regulated by DALRRD. Whilst cannabis for non-medical use will be removed from the Drugs and Trafficking Act in due course, the fact is that the sale of THCcontaining products that can be ingested by humans will still be

regulated by SAHPRA, until further notice. This is not good news for people who sell

personal use or

"recreational" market, such as clubs for example (who according to a recent High Court

ruling, remain illegal), as the agreements made by splitting cannabis into medicinal and industrial further draws the line as to what constitutes a legal or illegal sale of THC.

THC for medicinal or human consumption will still be considered a Schedule 6 substance, and those transgressing the law could now face charges for selling

regulated pharmaceutical products.

It does not take a rocket scientist to realise that the Phakisa was the government's way of saying "hey, we'll listen to your ideas, but this is the way shit is

going to be run from now". Every grower and seller of cannabis in South Africa wishes with all their

heart that this amazing plant was free from

regulation and able to be sold freely. Sadly, that'll never

happen. The only way that cannabis will be sold in South Africa going forward is if it is

regulated.

The cannabis community cannot cry foul at this stage. It was us that took the government

to court. It was us that got a ConCourt Judgement in our favour. It would be considered

childish, short-sighted, and ignorant to think that this path would not eventually end in

regulation.

Now that the very thing we asked for - regulation - is happening, we are saying it has to be

on our terms, or else. It simply does not work that way.

The cannabis community needs to realise that their self-entitlement and tantrums won't

help here. They need to grow up and get with the program, or they will be left behind.

Legitimising the industry will mean that there will be permits, regulation and compliance,

just like any other industry out there. Yes, I know that there will always be a black market. The only reason I see for a black

cannabis into the adult market right now, however, is not

about access to cannabis for the end user, it is now

simply about avoiding tax for the growers and distributors - that's it. The government has given us ample opportunity to legitimise. SAHPRA and DALRRD are

open for business with regards to permits, and for those worrying about massive

investments to get there, DALRRD's compliance and permit prices are well within the range of most people. A fully encompassing

DALRRD permit with all the bells and whistles will set you back less than R8000.

SAHPRA's permits require more investment into compliance, and entry into medicinal cultivation is not cheap.

The regulated industry is growing more rapidly than you realise. 5 years ago, there were 2 people in South Africa with Section 21's for cannabis. Today that

number stands in the thousands, and is growing daily. The process took upwards of 6

months to complete 5 years back, whereas today it is completed in around 24 hours.

There are currently around 30 clinics in South Africa offering Section 21 services, with that number set to be well over 150 within the next year.

Licensed Producers now have a local off-take for their flower, oils and products. The

average price of indoor or greenhouse bud, oil, edibles and vapes containing THC through a Section 21 is 20% to 50% cheaper than clubs, shops or dealers. Some niche medical aids are paying

for your cannabis, whilst the big medical aids are

looking into the eventuality when they will have to pay.

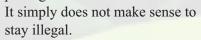
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CANNABIS & HEMP PHAKISA ACTION LAB Cannabis Community Responds to Phakisa Propositions

n a separate note, the Marijuana Board Of **South Africa** (MBOSA) Gauteng unit issued a press statement this Friday the 30th of June headlined "THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY **OF THE CANNABIS** PHAKISA ACTION LAB". The full statement is reproduced below unadulterated as a response from players who formulated part of the **Cannabis Phakisa Action** Lab discussions and developments in person.

THE GOOD THE BAD AND THE UGLY OF THE CANNABIS PHAKISA ACTION LAB Press Statement

Ras Thapelo (MBOSA).

am writing to express our organisations observations and concerns regarding the recent Cannabis Phakisa Action Lab, as called by the Office of the Presidency. While we acknowledge the collaborative effort of business, labour, civil society, and government in this initiative, there are certain aspects that we believe deserve attention. Firstly, it was encouraging to witness the united voice of all stakeholders and their commitment to the negotiation process. However, we were disheartened to see the government's reluctance to adopt progressive reforms in Marijuana legislation. Our organisation, the Marijuana Board of South Africa (MBOSA), had clear mandates from communities of interest including the need to apply

science-based principles to deschedule marijuana and implement a moratorium on marijuana arrests in line with binding recommendations of the CRL in 2012. Despite the constructive debates during the Phakisa Action Lab, the government remained firm in its punitive stance on arrests and unscientific scheduling of marijuana. We find it perplexing that the South African Health Products **Regulatory Authority** (SAHPRA) is granted the authority to intervene at the planting level of this plant, while not exercising the same level of control over other plants used for medicinal purposes. SAHPRA should only regulate the active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) derived from Marijuana. This bias towards Marijuana unfairly excludes indigenous knowledge systems (IKS) service providers from the industry, denying them economic benefits while favoring companies like DNA, Blueprint and Cullinan. This situation mirrors the apartheidera funding tactics, prioritizing the financial interests of certain groups over the indigenous farmers. Furthermore, it has come to our attention that government funding, such as that allocated to Gauteng, funded universities, CSRI, ARC and the Cannabis Expo but did not extend to the township and rural economy or even Marijuana Friendly Indaba. This indicates a selective

agenda that is not aligned with social inclusivity. Moreover, SAHPRA's issuance of licenses to non-Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) compliant companies indicates a preference for foreign businesses over local ones. This demonstrates a lack of support for a truly inclusive and representative industry.

The incident involving Dr. Js arrival and the display of a derogatory message on the screen was highly unprofessional and offensive. For the whole week, we had reports of arrests and police brutality all over the country. Simply put these negotiations we held under duress. We condemn any abuse of power and privilege and emphasize the importance of unity and equality focusing on our shared humanity rather than fostering hatred and prejudice. One of the greatest highlights of the event was the decree by King KhoiSanSA and Ras Thapelo Makwela which symbolized a victory for the marijuana movement. This decree aligns with the foundation laid by our ancestors and reinforces the significance of indigenous

knowledge systems. We call upon all IKS communities to Support the marijuana IKS Sandbox, an experimental and experiential safe space aimed at developing a science-based regulatory framework. We urge Kings, Queens, Traditional Healers, Rastafari, Businesses, and the government to lend their support to this program of action.

In conclusion, while there were positive aspects to the Cannabis Phakisa Action Lab, there are areas that require attention and improvement. We encourage ongoing dialogue and collaboration to ensure a fair and inclusive Marijuana industry that respects indigenous knowledge and promotes socioeconomic development. Ends

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ith the increasing acceptance and popularity of cannabis worldwide, numerous nongovernmental organizations and communities have emerged to support this movement. It is here we find 'Cannaville NG,' which was established in May 2019 as a progressive community of cannabis users who enjoy its medicinal and recreational benefits while leading simple and productive lifestyles. Initially, Cannaville started as a virtual group of like-minded and high-spirited potheads. However, it has since evolved into a diverse community comprising individuals from various backgrounds, each with unique potential. Despite their differences, they share a common goal-to debunk the misconception that success and cannabis consumption cannot coexist.

As a virtual community, we connect registered members across the globe through major social media platforms. Our organization engages in networking, promotion, outreach, events, business ventures, media initiatives, information sharing, entertainment, and other services that bring people together for positive purposes.

Aligned with the United Nations' 2030 agenda for sustainable development, our mission is geared towards fostering individual and collective acceptance, and legalization of cannabis. Additionally, we strive to transform the world into a greener place by advocating for the plant, promoting a lifestyle that aligns with its culture and supporting laws that provide safe access to cannabis within our society.

This past May, we celebrated our fourth anniversary, and some community members gathered at Lekki Conservation Centre in Lagos and Trans Amusement I must say, that our journey has been both challenging and exciting. We have encountered various obstacles, experienced event mishaps, and faced internal disputes. In a country like Nigeria, where the distribution and possession of marijuana are highly illegal and punishable by imprisonment, choosing this path has not been easy. However, with the support of determined and like-minded community members, we have persevered. Our shared affinity for cannabis has brought us together, and its rich history only deepens our connection.

Personally, I am really proud of how far we have come and how far we still have to go. Truly, we're a work in progress and it's a great privilege for Cannaville to feature in this issue, and it means a lot to the community to receive such recognition. Although Cannaville's headquarters are located in Nigeria, our aspirations extend beyond this nation. We aim to expand our endeavors within Nigeria and explore opportunities in other countries as well. To learn more about our community, how to become a member, catch up on our events, and follow us on social networks, please visit our smart link below. Park in Ibadan to commemorate

this milestone. The events were remarkable and unforgettable, and I was fortunate enough to be a part of both. A special thanks to Hercules Inc, an in-house company that sponsored the event and provided brownies and edibles that elevated our experience to another level. Truly sensational.

In March, we hosted the fifth edition of the Cannaville Outreach event. Through community crowdfunding, we were able to make a small but meaningful impact by visiting a training center in Lagos and distributing sanitary supplies to students, after providing them with information about hygiene and puberty. It was an excellent experience for everyone involved, including the students. Over the past four years, we have also visited a women's prison, a school for the disabled, an orphanage, and even a ghetto in different cities across Nigeria, providing provisions, clothing, toiletries, and stationery. Furthermore, our virtual presence across major social media platforms has grown significantly, attracting numerous subscribers, followers, friends, and members from around the world. Through these platforms, we connect individuals in close proximity, raise awareness, and offer promotional benefits. Over time, we have developed a more accountable system in which interested individuals undergo a registration process before becoming exclusive members known as 'Villemates.' We have established guidelines to maintain a safe, healthy, and organized environment for our members.

Ask anyone, and they will tell you that Cannaville is renowned for hosting the best stoner events in Nigeria. By organizing cannabis-related events such as beach parties, house parties, pool parties, award nights, and meet 'n' greets, we create opportunities for stoners to come together,

have fun, network, and promote our arts, businesses, and music. We foster a sense of community among our members while increasing awareness about the wonders of cannabis. To make these gatherings possible, we collaborate with cannabis companies, entrepreneurs, artists, and musicians. By promoting ourselves, we encourage further growth and progress. I must say, that our journey has been both challenging and exciting. We have encountered various obstacles, experienced event mishaps, and faced internal disputes. In a country like Nigeria, where the distribution and possession of marijuana are highly illegal and punishable by imprisonment, choosing this path has not been easy. However, with the support of determined and like-minded community members, we have persevered. Our shared affinity for cannabis has brought us together, and its rich history only deepens our connection.

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CANNABIS FESTIVAL R

he Soweto Cannabis Festival makes a return to this year's calendar of events as it appears on the anchoring of the Soweto Cannabis landmark on so many fronts housed as Lebos Back Packers. The venue outside of this immaculate Soweto 710 Festival coupling avails access to a unique and personal experience of Soweto in integration with the community. The interactive experience found in the daily facilitation of walking, bicycle, or tuk-tuk tours positions the participants at a venue that appears with a gracious podium in the community park. A picturesque setting for the second edition of the Soweto 710 Festival that carries as its ethos Cannabis awareness through the gatherings positioning for community access and engagement.

The event that takes place on the 9th of July promises a bigger and better encounter on this chapter of the offering as the journey continues with the festival taking aim to establish itself as a vital and sustainable platform in celebrating cannabis communities in South Africa and globally. Speaking on PlantX Radios Free Thinkers Friday show Milton Mabusela the Festival Director conversed with the PlantXers stating that "the Soweto 710 Cannabis Festival, was a creation that was birthed in Soweto on Vilakazi Street. I and a few young people decided to come together and organise the Soweto Cannabis Festival.

This was at the back of the President announcing the move towards the industrialization of Cannabis and also the former Premier also announcing the move towards Cannabis industrialization". In a world of followers that witnesses this initiative of taking responsibility and bringing to life the unrolling of the cannabis potential within a community, we see a brave new generation of young people. A nation that gathers to address a community call to unlock the economic value of Cannabis as the equip themselves for better execution. In an aligned remark Milton indicates that "we as the young people of Soweto decided to delve into education, awareness, and understanding of economic development when it comes to what cannabis is and how it can be an economic plant that pretty much helps the township". Zeroing in on the festivities of the 9th Milton in response to Shakes of Blaze.S.A indicates that the decision to be at Lebos Back Packers was also enforced by the international tourism acclaim affiliated with the venue adding that "we are in the tourism district of Soweto and Johannesburg, there is a lot of activity that is going to happen, we are going to have interactive workshops and many sections where we will be with collaborative partners for this year in friends of Matekwane A Soweto".

In underlying reference to the self-regulation and the blurry



constitutional compliance that has seen the formulation of varying modus operandi vehicles presenting the cannabis plant with legal permission. Milton speaks of the "precarious" developments happening in Soweto positioned at underpinning structural establishments that break the status quo on the face of the cannabis plant. He continues on the trajectory of collaboration and affiliation with legal sections of compliance in authorization stating that "we are building this

cannabis industry by preparing to launch the first cannabis dispensary in Soweto which will be a day after the festival". The festival which Milton indicates is self-financed by the youth at the heartbeat of organising the gathering will open its doors to the masses for R50 and will from midmorning till late on that Sunday be a gathering of food, fun, friendship, and factual cannabis information exchanges on the stall alley.



