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Dear Mr Mmusi Maimane
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DEBATE BETWEEN PARTY LEADERS QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH OF SOUTH AFRICA

Date: 28 April 2019, Johannesburg

On the 25th Anniversary of the Presidential Debate between Nelson Mandela & FW de Klerk, the Big Debate will host the first ever Presidential Debate in the New South Africa.

It will be a 2 hour special, broadcast live on SABC2, SABC News Channel, YouTube, Facebook, SABC Radio and other platforms. Host: Redi Tlhabi. Expected audience 2 million people.

Invited participants

- President Cyril Ramaphosa
- EFF CIC Julius Malema
- DA Leader Mmusi Maimane

The format will be quite different from a normal Big Debate. It will reflect the stature of the party leaders, and the desire by South Africans to hear them out.

The debate will be led by 10 Questions from the youth of South Africa. Each party leader will have 1.5 minutes to respond to each question, with no interruptions. Follow up questions will be posed by the moderator.

The debate will have a much smaller audience, made up of the youth groups asking questions. We estimate an audience of 40 persons. The party leaders will be seated some distance away from the audience to ensure that the debate can proceed without any interruption. Before the show, panelists will be given a list of youth groups to be featured in the audience.

Youth will be drawn from the following communities, amongst others:

- Young entrepreneurs
- Young scientists
- Students
- LGBTI Activists
- Refugees and Migrants
- Artists and musicians
- Township Youth
- Rural Youth
- Minority youth concerned about minority rights
- Social activists
- Young sports leaders

The questions will come from the young people themselves, but we expect some of the topics to be: Economic policy and job creations, land reform, schools and education, social problems such as gangs and drugs; LGBTI rights, gender based violence, corruption, the future of cabinet and the provinces.

Kindly RSVP by Friday 18 March.

Yours

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On behalf of

Big Debate Team