

MEDIA STATEMENT

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ECSA ushers in National Science Week at Sci-Bono Discovery Centre

The Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) kicked off National Science Week at Sci-Bono Discovery Centre in Newtown, Johannesburg.

The week which runs from today, 07 until Friday, 12 August, is an initiative by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and is implemented by the South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA). This year's theme: "Science for Tourism", offers a learner the opportunity to engage with activities based on the chosen theme and also explore the available career paths based on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

ECSA's learner programme, Engenius showcased their activities through an exhibition and workshops. Engenius is a programme that promotes engineering as a future career choice and encourages learners to pursue Mathematics and Physical Science at school.

A total of four workshops per day will be conducted by ECSA for the duration of the week and learners will be given the opportunity to explore engineering through the mechanical engineering activity which involves the construction of a Bloodhound car.

With interactive displays and 26 industry specific exhibitors in attendance, the expected 6000 learners at Sci-Bono are in for an engaging and informative week.

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