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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Heads: Curriculum Support, Circuit Managers, Heads: Management and Governance, Subject Advisers and Principals of secondary schools

Subject: Request for schools to commemorate Africa Day during the week of 20–24 May 2024

1. Africa Day is celebrated annually on 25 May and commemorated throughout South Africa. The theme for 2024 is: **The Year of Education - Educate an African Fit for the 21st Century.**
2. The primary purpose of celebrating Africa Day is to promote unity, solidarity, and cooperation among African countries and people. It commemorates the founding of the Organisation of African Unity on 25 May 1963, which later became the African Union (AU) in 2002. This commemoration serves as a reminder of Africa's past struggles, celebrates its present achievements, and inspires hope for a better future for all its peoples.
3. The emphasis on education as this year's focal point highlights an opportunity for extensive deliberations on improving access to high-quality education throughout Africa, increase investments, and create effective policies. This is important because Africa has some of the world's lowest education levels and faces significant challenges.
4. Principals and educators are requested to find a suitable time during the week of 20–24 May 2024 to make learners aware of the significance of Africa Day for all citizens.
5. The following resources have been uploaded onto the Western Cape Education Department's ePortal to assist in the planning of possible activities to celebrate this important day:
 - **Annexure A** – The AU Anthem (lyrics)
 - **Annexure B** – Suggested activities for the week
 - **Annexure C** – Theme for 2024

6. These resources can be accessed via <https://wcedportal.co.za/africa-day>
7. For further information, please contact Bridget Tobin, Deputy Chief Education Specialist: History, email address: Bridget.Tobin@westerncape.gov.za or telephone number 021 467 2251.
8. Principals are requested to bring the contents of this minute to the attention of staff and learners.

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