

masifunde Changemaker Network Eco-Champions Summit From 07 – 09 October 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to inform you that your child has been selected to attend the masifunde Changemaker Network (MCN) Summit from October 7th to 9th. Your child was chosen by their fellow MCN changemakers to represent their school and province at this event due to their outstanding commitment and exemplary work in the MCN project implementation at their school.

The MCN Summit serves as a showcase for the initiatives that masifunde has been implementing through its 40 partners nationwide since 2023. The changemakers will highlight their environment protection campaigns and community action projects from 2024 and 2025. This summit is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the incredible work done by changemakers and to learn more about environmental protection.

The masifunde's Changemaker Network currently empowers learners from over 250 high schools across the country with practical knowledge on pressing social issues including school safety, violence prevention, anti-bullying, and environmental awareness. Through activation workshops for Grade 9 learners and intensive trainings for selected changemakers, we aim to spark positive change in schools and communities.

The MCN Summit will take place at Pine Lodge Resort in Gqeberha, with approximately 120 changemakers and 50 accompanying adults expected to attend. Your child will be accompanied by an NGO representative whom they have worked with during the MCN project at their school. Transportation, accommodation, and meals for the duration of the summit will be provided by masifunde. Changemakers and their chaperones will travel on October 5th or 6th, depending on their departure location, with arrival scheduled for the morning of October 7th.

The changemakers will stay in rooms accommodating up to four learners, divided into boys and girls. Each room is equipped with its own toilet and shower facilities, and the venue generally maintains high standards suitable for conferences. It will feature warm water available all day for showering, a secure swimming pool, and a safe environment. The outdoor area is spacious, providing access to a playground that offers some connection to nature, away from the busyness of everyday life.

We will take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of all changemakers. All adults attending the summit have been screened through the Department of Social Development. Additionally, we will ensure that adults are located close to the changemakers' rooms for constant supervision. Furthermore, we will have a social worker on site.

Please note that masifunde will take photos during the course of the summit, which will be published on our website and social media pages.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Debaneigh Jordaan, the MCN coordinator, at 0415812543 or 0749127928 or debaneigh@masifunde.org.