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Soweto youth to attend G20 Summit

Two high school students from Soweto will attend the G20 Leaders' Summit in Brisbane this week at the invitation of the Australian Government.

The girls, both aged 16 years and students at Moletsane High School in Soweto, were selected to attend the Summit following a short essay competition at the school on why the G20 matters for South Africa.

Australia's Charge d'Affaires to South Africa, Mr Adam McCarthy, said "Australia is delighted to offer this unique opportunity to the selected students and to encourage youth engagement with important global economic issues which affect their future."

"Australia has focused its agenda as G20 President in 2014 on promoting global economic growth, supporting job creation and development. South Africa has been a key partner for us in driving this work forward", Mr McCarthy said.

The initiative follows the July visit to South Africa by Australia's G20 Sherpa, Dr Heather Smith, who was impressed with Moletsane High School's efforts to encourage interest among its students in the G20 and world affairs, reflected in their attendance at a seminar held at UNISA at which Dr Smith presented.

While in Australia, the two girls and their teacher will have the opportunity to meet ministers and senior officials from both countries, tour the Summit venue and participate in an educational exchange with an Australian high school.

The students will be in Brisbane from 11 to 17 November.

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