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Best wishes for Kevin “2Guns” Lerena

The Chairperson of Boxing South Africa, Ms Ayanda Khumalo expressed her delight as she sent a heartfelt message ahead of the fight card dubbed The Reckoning, where Kevin Lerena will be defending his WBC Bridgerweight Championship. This event is expected to be a mouth-watering affair at the impressive, Sunbet Arena, Times Square, east of the capital, Pretoria on Worker’s Day, Thursday 1 May 2025.

On the same card, Thulani “Evolution” Mbenge, the current IBO Welterweight Champion will be fighting in a 10-round contest against a tough Namibian, Emmanuel Mangundjela. If the battle of words as displayed during the Press Conference by these two pugilists, is anything to go by, this bout will be fireworks as they both vowed to knock each other out in the early rounds.

South Africa, despite hosting some of the biggest sporting events over the years, world title fights have been hard to come by, with the last world bout held back on 2 July 2023 where Sivenathi Nontshinga defended his IBF Junior flyweight title at ICC in East London, Eastern Cape.

There is currently an air of triumph in Pretoria, as the bout comes hot in the heels of Pretoria based, Mamelodi Sundowns who qualified for the CAF Champions League Final last weekend at the expense of serial cup winners, Al Ahly in Egypt.

It was also in Pretoria, Freedom Park a month ago where the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture Gayton McKenzie honoured Boxing Legends with a dinner, a status the two boxers will be hoping to earn in a few years to come.

A delighted Chairperson of Boxing South Africa, Ayanda Khumalo said, “We are delighted to be hosting the WBC championship on our home soil as most of our fighters have had to travel to other countries to bring back these prestigious titles to South Africa.

“Kevin Lerena has done extremely well thus far, and I would like to wish all our boxers good luck. You are going to have your families, friends, neighbours including 60 million South Africans behind you,”

“I encourage all South Africans to rally behind our boxers as they battle it out and form part of history in the making. . Make us Proud,” added Khumalo.



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