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CGE Lines Up Activities for Women's Month

The CGE will be hosting activities at provincial and national level in commemoration of women's month. On Tuesday, 03 August, the CGE will kick-start the August activities by hosting a webinar that will discuss financial exclusion of women in business. The deputy minister of trade, industry and competition, Ms. Nombulelo Gina will be the keynote speaker, while executives from the National Youth Development Agency, Industrial Development Corporation and Mastercard South Africa will also speak. The theme of the webinar will be "Removing barriers to women's economic empowerment". On the same day the Free State province will participate in a training session on the Customary Marriages Act and Maintenance Act with the Department of Justice and the provincial Master of the High Court.

The Limpopo office and Commissioner Mbuyiselo Botha will do monitoring visits at Thuthuzela Care Centres and police stations in the Giyani, Malamulele and Thohoyandou areas between 11-12 August, and conduct an Outreach Advocacy and Legal clinic in the Molemole local municipality on 27 August. The North-West office will on 13 August be part of a gender-mainstreaming programme with Salga and Cogta, and participate in a stakeholder engagement on women empowerment on 27 August. On women's day the Eastern Cape office will be part of a dialogue on patriarchy and GBV on local community radio stations in the Alfred Nzo municipality and hold another discussion on Human Rights and Gender Equality on 19 August. On 23 August the Mpumalanga office will conduct site visits at police stations in Belfast and Middelburg. The Northern Cape office will be involved in a virtual sexual harassment training for HODs on 04 August and a Gender Mainstream workshop on 30 August.



DTIC Deputy Minister Nombulelo Gina, NYDA CEO Waseem Carrim, Mastercard South Africa's Suzanne Morel, IDC's Lucretia Khumalo will be amongst speakers at the webinar.

Commission slams dehumanising of women accused of looting

The Commission for Gender Equality released a statement calling for investigations into individuals who subjected suspected looting women to acts of abuse at a shopping mall in Mamelodi. During the recent looting riots in parts of Gauteng, several centres were vandalised in Mamelodi, including shops. A number of women who were accused of looting were made to crawl on the floor by unidentified men as punishment in a video that was shared on social media.

"The CGE condemns any form of looting that ultimately will have a negative impact to the food security and stability of the country. Inevitably, this can also scare foreign direct investment" the statement said. "The Commission does not condone any form of stealing, however degrading people and dehumanizing them does not also make it less of a crime. There are many ways of punishing people without having their rights infringed as purported in the videos that we have seen", said chairperson Ms Tamara Mathebula.

Fostering partnerships to fight gender-based violence in KwaZulu-Natal

The KwaZulu-Natal CGE office is looking into fostering strategic partnerships to fight the escalating incidents of domestic violence and gender-based violence in the province. Provincial Manager Ms. Zanele Ncwane said the office has noted an increase in reported cases of GBV, "We have been observing a steady increase in our complaints with a high number of domestic violence and sexual violence cases. Most of the cases are taking place within family system, people that are known to the victim" Ncwane said.

In the current quarter, the KZN office plans to partner with eDumbe Local Municipality to implement Gender and Development training, participants will be Community Development Workers from DSD and COGTA and the Municipality.

One programme of Advocacy and Outreach Programme will be held in Emahlutshini under uThukela District Municipality, whereas for more programmes the office will hold negotiations with two local community radio stations for women's month activities.

"We have confirmed stakeholder engagement on GBV in partnership with Gugu Dlamini Foundation, a civil society organisation based in eThekweni Metropolitan for September 2021. In the previous two years for Gender Mainstreaming, we analysed and had interventions for Greater Kokstad Local Municipality, in this current quarter we are doing further follow ups on our recommendations" Ncwane said.



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