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CGE Meets TUT After Student Murder



On Monday 13 February, the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) met with the management of Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) following the death of student Ntokozo Xaba, who was allegedly murdered by her boyfriend at the university's residence. "The university has subjected its curriculum into scrutiny to ensure it doesn't reinforce patriarchal attitudes and social norms" said CGE acting chairperson, Nomasonto Mazibuko. The CGE cautioned the institution not to neglect programmes focused on men and members of the LGBTIQ+.

The Commission further encouraged the institution to create initiatives and programmes designed to tackle linguistic and cultural practices, which perpetuate toxic masculinity and a sense of entitlement to female bodies among males, and body autonomy. "We thank CGE for seeing to it that TUT is not left behind when it comes to gender transformation" said TUT's vice chancellor, Prof. Tinyiko Maluleke.

Opening paths for women's economic empowerment in Limpopo

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) in Limpopo will be hosting a gathering of stakeholders with the Women's Economic Assembly (WEA) to discuss unequal access to economic empowerment for women.

The economic empowerment engagement will take place on Friday, 24 February 2023 in Polokwane, Limpopo. CGE's Provincial Manager in Limpopo, Tshepang Mokgokong said the initiative is informed by Pillar 5 of the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF), which is related to economic power as an important lever to fight the scourge of GBV in the country.

"Women empowerment is an important catalyst for development and greater prosperity of our country as half of the population are women. It is critical that they participate in the economy" Mokgokong said. "Another important aspect is that the Limpopo province has economic development opportunities therefore communities need to be aware of these opportunities and how to access them" he said.

Mokgokong added that speakers at the session will be drawn from the economic cluster in the province and their focus will be on access to economic opportunities and how to galvanize procurement processes within different institutions for women's economic power. "Together with WEA, we are hoping the event will make stakeholders in the economic cluster support and rally behind Pillar 5 of the NSP".

CGE's Limpopo Office will host the women's economic engagement in Polokwane.



CGE Limpopo signs MOU with Provincial House of Traditional Leader

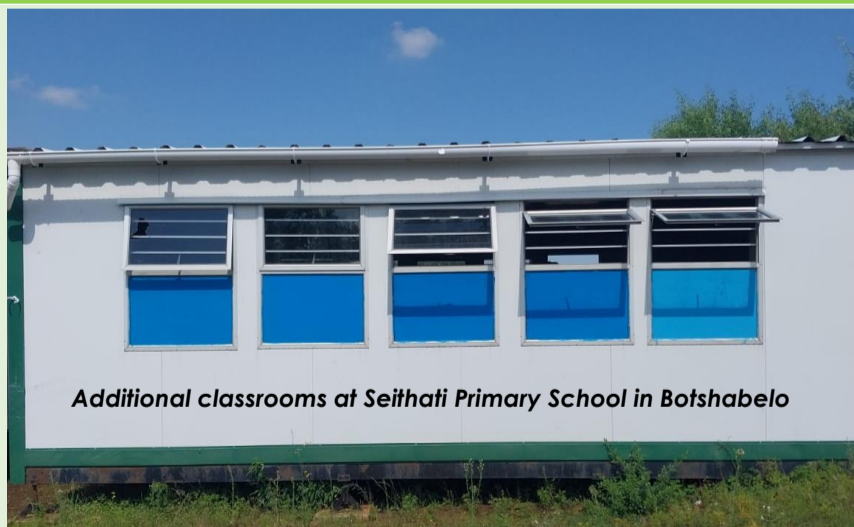
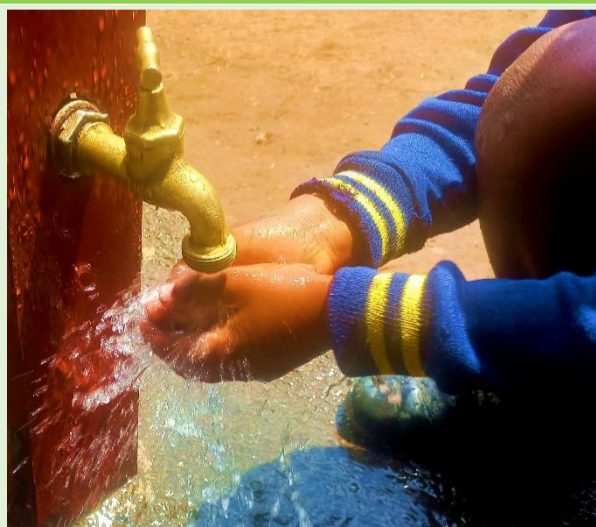


The Commission for Gender Equality in Limpopo signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Provincial House of Traditional Leaders (HTL), which will enable the two institutions to promote human rights and gender equality within the sector and broader society. The HTL has an important role of preserving customary laws. It also educates and protects human rights at community level.

"The partnership is critical to CGE as it presents us with an opportunity to leverage on the influence of traditional leaders" said CGE Limpopo Provincial Manager, Tshepang Mokgokong. He added that the partnership will assist in fighting against gender-based violence and femicide. "We hope the partnership will be a vehicle to bring gender transformation to the traditional sector and the communities" he said.

CGE Limpopo Provincial Manager, Tshepang Mokgokong and members of HTL

CGE Completes School Oversight Campaign in Gauteng and Free State Provinces



Additional classrooms at Seithati Primary School in Botshabelo

The Commission for Gender Equality's Commissioner Dibeela Mothupi and Free State Provincial Manager Samantha Britz paid an oversight visit to Seithati Primary School in Botshabelo, Bloemfontein, to assess the school's response to gender equality issues. The CGE assessed the school's handling of incidents of abuse, physical violence, sexual assault as well as health issues that range from the availability of sanitary towels to other hygiene provisions. The visit was part of the CGE's Back

To School monitoring campaign, which is being rolled out in four provinces across the country. CGE held a session with Seithati Primary School Educators and Principal Redmond Kwababa on how the school is responding to issues such as the safety of learners and teachers, and sexual and emotional abuse. "We have so much support from the community, they make sure that learners arrive safely at school and also ensure that we are safe," said Kwababa. Commissioner Mothupi

expressed concern about some of the issues she observed after a tour of the school premises. "Learners' bathrooms in the foundation phase had water leaks and some toilets and basin taps are not working" she said. Mothupi applauded the school for classroom cleanliness and its efficient feeding scheme, which is provided by a private food company Tiger Brands.