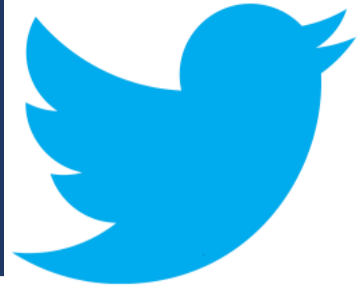




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Minister Dlamini-Zuma Pledges Support For CGE During Induction Address to Commissioners



Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma addressed CGE Commissioners at the Commissioners' Induction session on Tuesday.

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) has a critical mandate in the development of South Africa and should receive more support from government and civil society. These were the words of Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, who addressed CGE Commissioners at their induction on Tuesday in Rosebank. The Minister further stated that it will be difficult for gender equality to be realised in the country if the work that needs to be done is not allocated enough financial resources. "I am concerned that entities that are meant to ensure gender equality and protect the rights of women are always allocated the least budgets. This tells you a lot about how issues of

gender are viewed and treated" - Minister Dlamini-Zuma. CGE Chairperson Adv Nthabiseng Sepanya-Mogale said the entity has not moved much from the initial budget it was allocated in the year of its formation, "We are one of the least funded Chapter 9 institutions in the country and this is a matter that we needed to raise with the Minister for possible intervention" Sepanya-Mogale said. Minister Dlamini-Zuma said her department was looking forward to giving the Commission all the necessary support it needs to execute its work, "The Commissioners need our support as they carry out this important mandate of gender transformation" she said.

"Women Do Not Feel Safe in South Africa" - Sharif



Ms Nazley Sharif speaking at the CGE Induction session on Tuesday in Johannesburg.

Member of Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Ms Nazley Sharif lamented the high violence against women in South Africa, and called on the Commission for Gender Equality to execute its mandate of monitoring state entities and ensuring that they enforce laws to protect women.

Ms Sharif added that the challenges of unemployment and loadshedding have made women more vulnerable. "Women do not feel safe in South Africa, and I know this because when I am driving in some parts of the country, I fear for my safety" Sharif said. "The numbers from Statistics South Africa continue to show that

incidents of violence and femicide against women are on the rise, and as the Commissioners who have been appointed by the President to lead this institution against this rising tide of gender-based violence and femicide." Ms Sharif added that Commissioners of the CGE have a lot of work in their hands due to a lot of entities not delivering on their Constitutional mandate.

Ms Sharif added that members of the Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities have pledged their full support to the Commissioners and were looking forward to giving their support where required.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

CGE Commissioners Adv Thando Gumedé, Dibeela Mothupi, Ohara Ngoma-Diseko, Prabashni Subrayan Naidoo, Leigh-Ann van der Merwe, Deputy Chairperson Nomasonto Mazibuko and Chairperson Adv Nthabiseng Sepanya-Mogale with Minister of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma.

Empowering Community-based Businesswomen To Tackle Unemployment in Mpumalanga



Commissioner Octavia Lindiwe Ntuli-Tloubatla and Mpumalanga Provincial Manager Moltah Mavuso held a Stakeholders Engagement on Women Economic Empowerment in Pixley ka Isaka Seme district Municipality, Volrust, on 14 March 2023. Following the previous engagement held to address abject poverty and the high levels of unemployment prevalent in the Perdekop community within the Pixley ka

Isaka Seme local community, a presentation was given by FNB and Standard Bank to the participants present on what requirements were needed to open business accounts and co-operative accounts. A lively discussion was had within the ambit of the banking sector mandate by the participants with questions posed to the representing banks, and solution-based answers given to assist participants with future business ventures.