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## TUT Updates Commission on Progress Made To Support and Protect Women on Campus



*The leadership of the Commission for Gender Equality held a feedback engagement with the management of the Tshwane University of Technology to hear progress on systems put in place to support and protect women at the institution.*

The Chairperson of the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE), Advocate Nthabiseng Sepanya-Mogale has welcomed the progress made by the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) in its programmes to provide support and protection to female students on its campuses. CGE leadership met with TUT's management on Tuesday to discuss progress on gender-related concerns raised by the CGE in the first meeting between the two institutions, which took place in February following the killing of a female TUT student in her

campus residence. The CGE representation was led by Chairperson Adv Nthabiseng Sepanya-Mogale, Commissioners, Head of Legal Services, and the Gauteng Provincial Manager. The TUT delegation was led by Vice Chancellor Tinyiko Maluleke and the institution's senior managers. TUT reported that it has established an Assistant Dean Programme that is meant to build capacity for women. The institution says this programme is yielding results as some of the Executive

Deans are beneficiaries of this. TUT also reported a pilot victim empowerment centre established in its Soshanguve campus. It would be rolled out at all its 7 campuses countrywide. Soshanguve was chosen because of the high prevalence of Gender-Based Violence and the effective working relationship between the TUT and South African Police Service (SAPS) in the area. Ntokozo Xaba, a 21-year-old third year student at the university, was staying at the university's Ekhaya Junction

residence in Pretoria, where she was found dead with stab wounds in February. Her ex-boyfriend, also a student at the university, was arrested for the incident. Following this incident that sparked nationwide outrage, the CGE met with TUT to understand its safety programmes for students and workers on campus. The latest meeting was a high-level report-back engagement on issues identified and discussed in the first meeting.

## "We Need To Empower and Support the Boy Child In South Africa" - CGE



**ABOVE: CGE CEO Phelisa Nkomo, Chief Ponotshego Mthibi, CGE North- West Provincial Manager Joyce Khutsoane and Commissioner Bongani Ngomane after the engagement**



Government entities should work together with non-governmental organisations to develop plans and systems that will support and empower the boy child. This was a view shared by more than one hundred people who attended the Commission for Gender Equality's seminar to commemorate International Day of the Boy Child, in the North-West province on 16 May 2023. "The session sought to celebrate the boy child in South Africa and to make sure that CGE is able to monitor institutions in the public sector, private sector and civil society on their role in empowering,

protecting and supporting the boy child. It is clear that South African boys are faced with serious challenges and need economic, social and even spiritual interventions," said Commissioner Bongani Ngomane. "Our broad vision talks about the need to make sure that we contribute to a society that is free of gender oppression. Men and boys are important for social transformation and social stability. We need to get younger men and boys in the conversation for them to understand the negative impact of patriarchal system" said CEO Phelisa Nkomo.

## Educating Young People on Dangers of Gender-Based Violence



The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) supported a prayer session to end Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) at His Grace Church in Delft Tin, Eastern Cape. The purpose of the session was to educate and empower the youth on GBVF. Youth from the community, members of the House of Traditional Leaders, and persons with disabilities were amongst the audience.

The list of speakers included CGE Commissioner Lindiwe Ntuli-Tloubatla who spoke on the CGE mandate, GBVF related policies, GBVF statistics in the province, and the importance of Thuthuzela Care Centres (TCC). "In South Africa, we have an anti-rape strategy which is a one stop facility that puts all services together such as NPA, SAPS, Social Development, and department of

health which is called Thuthuzela Care Centre. "We also gave a message to women to know that if a person becomes a rape victim, they must report to the nearest police station where they will be attended to inside a victim-friendly room," she added.

**Left Picture: His Grace Bible Church Translator supporting Commissioner Lindiwe Ntuli-Tloubatla as she speaks about the CGE's mandate.**