

## CGE Starts Engagement Tour of TVET Colleges in North West Province



**ABOVE: CGE Commissioner Bongani Ngomane addressing the management and workers of Taleitso TVET college.**

**LEFT: Workers expressed concern that women are not represented in the college's senior management.**

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) in the North West has started a campaign to address the slow or lack of gender transformation at the three TVET Colleges that are situated in the province. The Commission started with an engagement session with the management and employees of Taleitso TVET College in Mafikeng on Thursday.

This series of engagement sessions is a continuous work that is informed by an investigation the Commission conducted at TVET Colleges around the country to assess amongst other things, their response mechanisms to gender-based violence against female students on campuses, gender transformation in their workplaces, and discrimination against LGBTQIA students.

Speaking during the engagement with the College, CGE's Provincial Manager in the North West, Joyce Khutsoane, said the Commission had a monetary budget set aside to help the Colleges implement safety solutions on their campuses, and conduct gender equality awareness and gender-sensitive programmes or workshops, "We want to work together in the fight against gender-based violence, we will embark on dialogues and meet with students and managements to

ensure that we see real change" she said, "We will do this working together with other chapter 9 institutions, government departments and other stakeholders to achieve our goal of reducing gender-based violence" Khutsoane added.

CGE's Deputy Director for Public Education and Information, Rabbuh Raletsemo said the Commission has received Taleitso TVET College's response to its findings and recommendations, "We need to understand the type of challenges the college is experiencing in the fight against gender-based violence, and the kind of help they need, so that we can be of assistance" he said.

CGE's Commissioner for the North West province, Bongani Ngomane told the college management to commit to ensuring gender transformation through various interventions such as establishing forums for young men and women, "These forums must focus on gender mainstreaming to ensure that students have meaningful conversations on this issue. We would also like to assist the college to erect a wall mural as a campaign against gender-based violence", Ngoma said.

## Discussing Challenges Affecting Children in South Africa



**Representatives of the AU Commission during their visit to the CGE.**

Commission For Gender Equality (CGE) Commissioner Ohara Ngoma-Diseko emphasized the importance of chapter nine institutions working together to ensure that the rights of children are protected, and different state authorities, and societies play their role in the process. Ngoma-Diseko was delivering remarks during the visit to the CGE head office by a delegation of representatives from the African Union Commission, South African Human Rights Commission, Department of Social Development and Department of Health. "We need to be able to work with the little resources we have, learning from each other and sharing information" she said. The meeting discussed challenges affecting the status of children, and shared best practices on policies and legislation on violence against children, including child marriages, genital mutilation, and online child sexual exploitation and abuse. The meeting also discussed the legislative environment and ways through which South African chapter 9 institutions are ensuring the protection of children in the context of families, schools and communities, and the dysfunctions in these structures.

## CGE Honours 29 Women Involved in Fight Against Gender-Based Violence



**CGE Northern Cape officials at the occasion to honour GBV fighters.**

The Commission for Gender Equality in the Northern Cape, in collaboration with Shaine Griqua Foundation, the National Development Agency, Department of Social Development, Foundation for Human Rights, Reoboth Home Care, Kgalagadi Queer Original House, and Radio Taamaneng have honoured twenty-nine women from various sectors for their contributions in the fight against gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF). The significance of twenty-nine is the total years of South Africa's democracy. "We recognize the contributions of each person who has played a part in the fight against gender-based violence and femicide, and also want to encourage these courageous women to continue with the amazing work they are doing" said CGE's Keneilwe Mokalane, Public Education Officer.