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Media Invite

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To: Members of the Media

## **COMMISSION FOR GENDER EQUALITY IN THE WESTERN CAPE TO ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS ON THE INTERSECTION OF GENDER AND GANGS**

The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) in the Western Cape will be engaging stakeholders on the intersection of gender and gangs. This stakeholder engagement is on the backdrop of a 2023/2024 CGE research report titled: "**Men, masculinities and gangs: Investigating the persistence of male gangs in selected provinces in South Africa**". The Western Cape was part of the sampled provinces, where gender is a critical area relating to gang activities. Of importance, the report outlines the various stakeholders that contribute to the work involving interventions to curb gang violence.

It is for this reason that the Commission seeks to discuss the report and engage stakeholders to deliberate on the findings and recommendations to carve a coordinated way forward. The engagement will also assist in outlining activities and the responsible duty bearers in intervening with violence in the province.

### **Objectives of the engagement are:**

- Share the report **Men, masculinities and gangs: Investigating the persistence of male gangs in selected provinces in South Africa**.
- Theorise on masculinities and the role of gender violence.
- Outline the sectoral challenges in combating gangs.
- Explore areas of collaboration between departments and strengthen pathways of engagement.

### **The stakeholder engagement is scheduled as follows:**

Date: 21 November 2024

Time: 9h30 – 13h30



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**Ends.**

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