



MEDIA ADVISORY

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To: Members of the Media

CGE TO HOST POLICY DIALOGUE ON MASCULINITIES, GANGS, AND YOUTH

The Gauteng, Western Cape, and KwaZulu-Natal offices of the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) invite members of the media to attend a Policy Dialogue on Masculinities, Gangs, and Youth.

Gangsterism remains a serious socio-economic and gendered challenge in South Africa. Findings from the CGE study, *Men, Masculinities, and Gangs: Investigating the Persistence of Male Gangs in Selected Provinces of South Africa (2024)*, show that gangs are deeply linked to structural inequality, harmful gender norms, poverty, unemployment, violence, weak family structures, and limited opportunities for young people.

The dialogue forms part of the CGE's efforts to address the social and structural drivers of violence and youth vulnerability. It will explore the relationship between masculinities and gang involvement, assess current interventions, and identify gender-responsive, youth-centred solutions. Discussions will also inform the development of a CGE Policy Brief on Masculinities, Gangs, and Youth.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date: 30 June 2026

Time: 10:00-13:00

Venue: Teams

Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/319630131704506?p=s20hRMoVkwAM6IJdEh>

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