



MEDIA ADVISORY: #DAY 5 NATIONAL JOINT INQUIRY INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RESPONSE TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE (GBVF) IN SOUTH AFRICA

Attention: Editors and Reporters

Date: 01 October 2026

RE: ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE TO GBVF

Friday, 2 October 2026 marks #Day 5 and the final day of the National Joint Inquiry convened by the Commission for Gender Equality (CGE), the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), and the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (CRL Rights Commission).

The five-day Inquiry, taking place from 28 September to 2 October 2026, has examined the Reporting, Victim Support, Investigation, and Pre-Trial Functioning of the Criminal Justice System Response to Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) in South Africa.

#Day 5 will focus on access to justice in the criminal justice response to GBVF, with the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development appearing before the Inquiry.

The final day will provide an opportunity to examine issues affecting the ability of victims and survivors of GBVF to access justice, including the handling and progression of cases, their experiences within the criminal justice system, and processes relating to the prosecution of alleged perpetrators.

The Inquiry will consider concerns raised by victims and survivors about delays, the handling of their cases and their interactions with the criminal justice system, alongside information provided by relevant justice-sector institutions.

The National Joint Inquiry seeks to identify systemic challenges in the criminal justice response to GBVF and to provide a platform for relevant institutions, victims, survivors and other stakeholders to place information before the Inquiry.

The Inquiry is intended to contribute to a better understanding of the challenges affecting the criminal justice response to GBVF and the measures required to strengthen access to justice for victims and survivors.

INQUIRY DETAILS

Dates: 28 September – 2 October 2026

Venue: Forum A, Braampark Office Park, 33 Hoofd Street, Braampark, Braamfontein, Johannesburg

Time: 09:00 daily

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the proceedings.

Members of the public can follow the proceedings online. Daily livestream links will be made available through the SAHRC YouTube channel, @SAHRC1.

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#South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC)

#CRL Rights Commission

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