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MINISTER SINDISIWE CHIKUNGA ARRIVES AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS TO PRESENT SOUTH AFRICA'S BEIJING+30 COUNTRY REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW69).

New York: The Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities, Hon. Sindisiwe Chikunga, is leading South African delegations to the United Nations Headquarters in New York to present the country's Beijing+30 report on the progress made on the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action from 2019 to 2024.

The South African Beijing+30 report broadly reflects on the progress made towards Gender Equality from 2019-2024, using Data, Statistics and Trends. The report also covers in detail the 12 critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform of Action, such as ***Women and Poverty, Education and Training, Women Health, Violence against women, women and armed conflict, women and economy, women in power and decision-making, Human Rights of women, Women and the Media, Women and the Environment and The Girl Child.*** The focus of the report will look at the priorities, achievements, challenges and gaps while also demonstrating and highlighting the emerging and future priorities.

South Africa will join the global community in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which coincides with South Africa's presidency of the G20, where Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality are a priority.

The Minister Chikunga is joined by the Minister of Social Development, Ms. Nokuzola Tolashe, the Deputy Minister of Department of Higher Education and Training, Dr Mimmy Gondwe, the Deputy Minister of Basic Education, Dr Reginah Mhaule and the Deputy Minister of Forestry; Fisheries and Environment, Ms. Bernice Swarts. Additionally, the following MEC's forms part of the delegations who will provide provincial updates on the South Africa progress in areas such Education; Health, and Social Protection MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development KwaZulu-Natal, MEC Social Development, MEC Sport, Arts and Culture Northern Cape and the MEC Department of Social Development in Mpumalanga.

Minister Chikunga and the Delegation Itinerary during the CSW 69 is as follows:

EVENT NAME	DATE	TIME	VENUE
1. Opening of the CSW69, 2. Adoption of the Political Declaration 3. Closing of Opening Ceremony	10 March 2025	10:00-13:00	405 E 45th St, New York
1. Ministerial Roundtable1 :Focus: National mechanisms for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. 2. Minister Chikunga to Deliver the Country Statement. 3. Egypt CSW69 Side Event	11 March 2025	10:00 – 11:00 10:00 – 11:15	405 E 45th St, New York
1. Ministerial Roundtable 2. Focus National Mechanisms For Gender Equality And The Empowerment Of Women And Girls. 2. South African Side Event: Reflection and Review of Gender Equality Progress Within the G20. 3. South African Reception: Focus: 30 years of the Women’s Agenda: Beijing +30 and pushing the Agenda in the G20.	12 March 2025	10:00-13:00 15:00 – 16:15 19:00 – 21:00	405 E 45th St, New York) Conference Room 2 South African Mission
Litha Labantu Parallel Side-Event: Focus Advancing Trauma-Informed Care for Gender Equality and Survivor Empowerment.	14 March 2025	12:30 – 14:00	The Chapel, Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York

Members of the media can engage with Minister Chikunga and the South African Delegations in line with the itinerary schedule for South Africa participation at the CSW69.

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