

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Attention: Journalists and News Editors
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MINISTER CHIKUNGA ARRIVES IN CHINA FOR GLOBAL LEADERS' MEETING ON WOMEN IN BEIJING.

Pretoria: The Minister in the Presidency responsible for Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities will attend the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women in Beijing from 13 - 14 October 2025. The meeting to be held on Monday and Tuesday with the aim of addressing pressing issues such as the ***digital gender divide, economic empowerment, and women's participation in governance and decision-making processes***. Supported by the United Nations (UN) Women, the meeting will be convened under the theme '***One Shared Future: New and Accelerated Process for Women's All-Round Development***'.

Considering Minister Chikunga's ongoing engagement at the United Nations in advocating and mainstreaming for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities, to promote inclusive development and equal opportunities, Chikunga will present the country's progress report on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action by ***highlighting the representation of women in political, leadership and decision-making levels in the country***.

Demonstrating that South Africa has accomplished significant success in advancing women's representation and gender equality across the state machinery, and in considering gender equality principles and women's rights in a wide range of laws and policies.

MINISTER CHIKUNGA BEIJING ITINERARY AT THE GLOBAL LEADERS' MEETING ON WOMEN.

DATE	PLANNED ACTIVITY
13 October 2025	Opening Ceremony: Global Leaders' Meeting on Women.

13 October 2025	Session of the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women
14 October 2025	Closing ceremony of the Global Leaders' Meeting on Women
14 October 2024	Women's Development Programs
14 October 2025	Bilateral meetings with member states focusing on Socio Economic Empowerment of Women,

The Global Leaders' Meeting on Women will provide a valuable platform for women leaders around the world to celebrate progress in advancing women's rights, exchange experiences, and chart the course for future gender equality development.

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