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MINISTER CHIKUNGA CALLS FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN MARITIME TO ENHANCE INCLUSIVE ECONOMY.

Pretoria: The Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Sindisiwe Chikunga, and the South African International Maritime Institute (SAIMI) will host a maritime stakeholder dialogue to call for the transformation and empowerment of women towards inclusive economic growth in the marine sector on Thursday, 4th of September 2025.

Under the theme, ***"Accelerating Action to Empower Women to Navigate New Horizons,"*** the Maritime stakeholder dialogue will focus on a call for the transformation and empowerment of women in the maritime sector, empowering women through knowledge sharing, while providing a platform for networking and building supportive connections within the maritime sector.

Members of the Media are Invited to Cover the Event as Follows:

- Date: 04 September 2025
- Time: 09:00-13:00
- Venue: Nelson Mandela University, Eastern Cape Province.

In the male-dominated maritime sector, Women remain vastly underrepresented, accounting for just 1% of the total number of women in both shore-based and sea-going roles, and continue to face structural challenges, which include access to resources, education, and participation in decision-making processes

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