

MEDIA STATEMENT

Attention: Journalists and News Editors

Issued by: Department of Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities

Wednesday: 9 October 2024

MINISTER CHIKUNGA ATTEND G20 MINISTERIAL MEETING ON WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN BRAZIL.

Pretoria: The Minister in the presidency for Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities, Sindisiwe Chikunga, represent South Africa at the G20 Ministerial Women's Empowerment Working Group (EWWG) from 9-11 October 2024 taking place at SERPRO Brasília, Brazil.

With the current gender-based division of labour perpetuated by inequalities between men and women. Minister Chikunga will be addressing key issues such as *Gender Inequality, Women's Economic Empowerment, Women Leadership In Addressing Climate Change and The Under-Representation of Women in Decision Making Spaces*.

The Women's Empowerment Working Group meeting will also focus on three critical themes:

- **Promoting Women's Economic Equality and Autonomy:** Addressing the gender-based division of labour, closing the pay gap, and ensuring equal access to leadership roles.
- **Confronting Violence and Misogyny:** Tackling evolving forms of gender-based violence, including digital threats, and ensuring women's safety in all sectors.
- **Gender-Inclusive Climate Action:** Recognizing women's crucial role in combating climate change and advocating for their increased representation in global decision-making.

The event will culminate with adopting a Ministerial Declaration, reaffirming the G20's commitment to advancing gender equality worldwide.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

9 and 10 October 2024 – Ministerial Bilateral Meetings

Minister Chikunga will engage in bilateral meetings with her international counterparts to strengthen partnerships and explore collaborative efforts to advance women's rights and economic empowerment.

11 October 2024 | 09:00 to 15:00 – Ministerial Statements and Declarations

Minister Chikunga will deliver South Africa's remarks alongside representatives from Brazil and India, sharing the country's vision of gender equality within the G20 framework. She will also present a ministerial declaration to help shape the G20 Women's Empowerment Declaration and influence the policy framework for gender equality globally.

11 October 2024 | 17:20 to 17:40 – Symbolic Handover Ceremony

Minister Chikunga will receive the symbolic handover and assume the G20 Women's Empowerment Working Group chairship for 2025.

--- End ---

Issued by: Department of Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities

Media Enquiries: Director Communications - Cassius Selala

Tel: 060 534 0672 / Email: cassius.selala@dwypd.gov.za