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## Minister Chikunga to Attend G20 Empowerment of Women Working Group Ministerial Meeting in Brazil

**Pretoria**: The Minister of Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities, **Sindisiwe Chikunga**, will represent South Africa at the **G20 Women's Empowerment Working Group (EWWG) Ministerial Meeting** on **October 11, 2024**, in **Brasília, Brazil**. During this time, **Senzo Mchunu** will serve as the Acting Minister for Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities in South Africa.

Minister Chikunga's participation in this important event will address key global issues such as **gender inequality**, **women's economic empowerment**, and **the inclusion of gender perspectives in climate action**. The meeting will also focus on three critical themes:

- **Promoting Women's Economic Equality and Autonomy**: Addressing the gender-based division of labor, 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 the **adoption of 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 in advancing 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 on 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 chairship of the G20 Women's Empowerment Working Group for 2025.

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