

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### DWYPD COMMEMORATE WORLD AUTISM MONTH BY PROMOTING INCLUSION AND EQUALITY FOR INDIVIDUALS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

**Pretoria:** The Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities joins the global community in commemorating World Autism Month this April, reaffirming South Africa's commitment to building an inclusive society that recognises and supports persons on the autism spectrum

In commemoration of the month, the Minister in the presidency responsible for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Sindisiwe Chikunga, will Tuesday 02 April 2026, receive and welcome a memorandum presented by Autism Matters RSA, in partnership with Autism South Africa and Disabled People South Africa in Cape Town.

**Details of the event are as follows:**

Date: 02 April 2026

Time: 10:00

Location: Parliament, Cape Town

World Autism Month provides an important platform to raise awareness about autism, promote acceptance, and advocate for the full inclusion of persons with autism in all aspects of society. It calls on all sectors, government, civil society, the private sector, and communities to work together to dismantle barriers that continue to limit access to education, healthcare, employment, and social participation.

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