

MEDIA ADVISORY

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MINISTER CHIKUNGA TO HOST A CHINESE DELEGATION LED BY MR ZHANG WEIXING, THE VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CHINA DISABLED FEDERATION AND VISIT MAMELODI PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

PRETORIA – The Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Sindisiwe Chikunga, will host a bilateral engagement with Mr Zhang Weixing, Vice Chairperson of the China Disabled Persons' Federation (CDPF), as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen international cooperation on the rights, inclusion and socio-economic empowerment of persons with disabilities on Tuesday, 11 August 2026.

The bilateral engagement forms part of the government's commitment to building partnerships that advance the rights of persons with disabilities and contribute towards an inclusive society in which persons with disabilities can participate meaningfully and equally.

As part of the bilateral programme, Minister Chikunga and Mr Zhang Weixing will undertake a site visit to Mamelodi Pre-Vocational School in Pretoria, where they will engage with learners, educators and school management on inclusive education, vocational skills development and opportunities for the socio-economic advancement of persons with disabilities.

Members of the media are invited to cover the site visit to Mamelodi Pre-Vocational School as follows:

Date: 11 August 2026

Time: 10:00-11:00

Venue: Mamelodi Pre-Vocational School, Pretoria

Address: Muzi Street, Mamelodi.

The visit will provide an opportunity to showcase South Africa's efforts to equip learners with disabilities with practical skills and capabilities that can support their transition from education into further training, employment, entrepreneurship and broader economic participation.

The engagement further seeks to promote the exchange of knowledge and experiences between South Africa and China on disability inclusion, particularly in the areas of education, vocational training, skills development, accessibility, economic empowerment and the participation of persons with disabilities in society.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE:

- Bilateral engagement between Minister Chikunga and Mr Zhangh Weixing;
- A visit to Mamelodi Pre-Vocational School,
- Engagement with school management and educators.
- Interaction with learners.
- Discussion on inclusive education and skills development.
- Exchange of perspectives on disability inclusion and socio-economic empowerment.

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