

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Attention: Journalists and News Editors
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MINISTER CHIKUNGA TO LEAD NATIONAL PRESS CLUB DISTINCTION DIALOGUE IN COMMEMORATING 70 YEARS OF THE 1956 WOMEN'S MARCH

Pretoria: The Minister in the Presidency responsible for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Minister Sindisiwe Chikunga, will lead a National Press Club Women's Month Distinction Dialogue commemorating 70 years of the historic 1956 Women's March in Partnership with UNISA School of Business and Leadership.

Held under the theme *"Empowered Women Empower the Nations,"* the engagement will bring together representatives from government, the Media, Civil Society, Business, academia, and other stakeholders to reflect on South Africa's journey since the Women's March and consider what more must be done to advance Gender Equality, Women's Leadership, Economic Empowerment and Social Inclusion.

The legacy of the women of 1956 must not only be commemorated but translated into tangible action that improves the lives of women and girls, particularly those who continue to experience poverty, unemployment, gender-based violence, discrimination and exclusion.

Members of the media are invited to cover the event as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 26 August 2026

Time: 18:00 – 21:00

Venue: UNISA School of Business and Leadership, Midrand, Gauteng

Media confirmations: [Media Registration Form](#)

The event will also provide an opportunity to recognise the historic contribution of South African women and reaffirm the responsibility of the present generation to ensure that the sacrifices and courage of the women of 1956 continue to shape the future of the nation.

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