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Media Statement

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SALGA Women's Commission (SWC) Provincial Lekgotla is taking place in Upington, Northern Cape from 23-25 August 2023

The month of August is dedicated to the role of women in the liberation of the South African people. The historic march in 1956 as led by Lillian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Rahima Moosa and Sophia Williams – De Bruyn to the Union Buildings in defiance of the pass laws enforced by the apartheid state will continue to mark the history books of South Africa.

The SALGA Women's Commission (SWC) aims to coordinate, promote, and advocate for gender appropriate strategies and practices within member municipalities with the intent that it will ultimately feed into the national, regional, and global agenda on the mainstreaming of gender matters.

As government pins its hopes for our economy on the transformative power of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, it must also take account the need for specific and targeted policies to bring women and girls into the digital space and ensure that gender gaps are closed across the board.

The lekgotla will take place in **Protea Hotel, Upington** and is set to run from the **23rd-25th August 2023** under the theme "***DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality.***" The audience will be women leaders in local government, Mayors, Speakers, Council Whips and Councillors led by all the 5 District Commissioners. The resolutions of the conference will guide the functioning and operations of the SALGA Women's Commission going forward.

Facilitating the programme will be the SWC Provincial Chairperson, Mayor of Joe Morolong, Cllr, Dineo Leutlwetse-Tshabalala. "It is our daily duty to share knowledge that will empower women in Northern Cape and not only Women in Local Government, but also women in our communities on issues of leadership, independence and protecting themselves from GBV," says Tshabalala.



Members of the media are invited to cover the event.

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