



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

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MEDIA ADVISORY: MINISTER LAMOLA TO HOST DIALOGUE ON EFFICACY OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM ON THE COUNTRY'S SECOND PANDEMIC: GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND FEMICIDE IN CLOSURE OF THE WOMEN'S MONTH

Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Ronald Lamola, will on the Monday, 30 August 2021 host a dialogue on the efficacy of the Criminal Justice System on Gender Based Violence and Femicide in closure of the Women's Month. Observed under the theme '*The year of Charlotte Manny-Maxeke: Generation Equality, Realising Women's Rights for an Equal Future,*' both departments' women officials will form part of the event.

Minister Lamola will deliver the keynote address on the fight Against Gender Based Violence and Femicide and this will be followed by a panel discussion facilitated by the Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, John Jeffrey. Panelists will include representatives from the National Prosecuting Authority, South African Police Service, Social Development as well as experts from both the Justice and Correctional Services departments. Discussions will focus on issues affecting women in the workplace and in their communities while further celebrating their own advancements and achievements as well as incorporate security in the workplace following acts of violence that have culminated in the demise of female lives.

Women's month is commemorated in remembrance of the watershed 1956 Women's march which sought to protest against apartheid regime's pass laws and other racially suppressive legislation, August represents its anniversary which occurs under unprecedented conditions in 2021 underscored by the CoVID-19 as well as Gender Based Violence and Femicide pandemics. This necessitates prioritization of the urgent need to drive the country's gender based activities notwithstanding the constraints.

Details of the Closure of Women's Month are as follows:

Date: Monday, 30 August 2021
Time: 12h00
Venue: Protea Hotel Karredene
Old South Coast Road
Illovo Beach, Amanzimtoti

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