

MEDIA ADVISORY

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MINISTER DLAMINI ZUMA AND MEC NKONYENI LEAD A BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM FOR EMPOWERMENT WOMEN.

Pretoria: Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Person's with Disabilities, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma together with the KZN MEC for Finance, Ms. Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni will lead a business symposium as part of Women's Months celebration on the 18 August 2023 in KwaZulu Natal. The ministerial lead business symposium will focus on African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA) and the empowerment of women on how to access business opportunities through public procurement and accessing of African market through African Free Trade Agreement.

In an effort to deepen Acceleration of Socio-Economic Opportunities for Women Empowerment Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma and MEC, Ms. Neliswa Peggy Nkonyeni, will outline the importance of making African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement work to benefit both woman and youth. African continent and South Africa, is endowed with mineral deposit and commodities that should benefit all Africans, particularly woman and youth.

This Women in Business Symposium is expected to be attended by Minister of Transport, Sindisiwe Chikunga, Deputy Minister of Health Dr. Sibongiseni Dhlomo, Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Mayor of Ilembe District Municipality as well as various other key and senior leaders both in government and in the private sector.

The symposium which will be held under the theme “**Knowledge is power, Ulwazi Lungamandla**” will see various well-packaged presentations done by stakeholders from government, private sector both from South Africa and Africa alike with the intention of empowerment of women tap into the African markets.

Details are as follows:

Date: Friday, 18 August 2023

Venue: EBandla Hotel, Ballito, Ilembe District.

Time: 08h00

Please RSVP to Thuba Vilane on 060 521 7319, email address: thubelihle.vilane@kzntreasury.gov.za or Lorraine Shabangu on 076 212 3769 or Lorraine.Shabangu@dwypd.gov.za.

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