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### **MINISTER CHIKUNGA TO PARTICIPATE IN WECONA MINING INDABA SIDE EVENT ON WOMEN'S ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION IN MINING**

**Cape Town:** The Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, **Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga**, will on **Tuesday, 10 February 2026**, participate in a WECONA side event held on the margins of the **African Mining Indaba 2026**.

The side event is convened by the **Women's Economic Assembly (WECONA)** and is framed around the theme **"Pit to Port: Advancing Women's Ownership and Economic Participation Across the Mining Value Chain."** It brings together **government leaders, captains of industry, funders and women entrepreneurs** to advance practical pathways for women's participation, ownership and safety across the mining value chain. **Minister Chikunga** will participate in a **fireside chat** alongside the **Deputy Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources, Ms Phumzile Mgcina**, focusing on key enablers within the mining value chain. The programme further includes **panel discussions** on opportunities for women in mining and mining-adjacent value chains, as well as **funding mechanisms** to support women-owned enterprises, with participation from the **Minister of Small Business Development, Ms Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams**, and **leaders from industry and finance**.

#### **EVENT DETAILS:**

**Date:** Tuesday, 10 February 2026 | **Time:** 17:00 – 20:00

**Venue:** 22 on Sloane Cape Town Hub

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