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PROGRAMME

4th SOUTHERN AFRICA GBV PREVENTION FORUM

From Rhetoric to Implementation: Strengthening Accountability and Action in GBV Prevention and Response in Southern Africa

Time: 7-8 OCTOBER 2026 | Venue: Anew Hotel Centurion, Pretoria, Gauteng

DAY 1: 7 OCTOBER 2026

TIME	SESSION	DETAILS
08:00 – 08:30	Registration, Arrival & Networking	
08:30 – 09:00	Opening & Welcoming Remarks Moderator: CSVR Australian High Commission, South Africa UN Women representative (to be confirmed between Siziwe and Aleta) Teresa Yates, Executive Director, Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR)	
09:00 – 09:20	Anchor Session: From Rhetoric to Implementation Speaker: Jessica Annor, Senior Programme Officer – Gender & Women Empowerment	Framing the Forum's 2026 Objective and purpose, reviewing the previous commitments.
09:20 – 09:40	Grounding Exercise / Well-being Discussion MHPSS Practitioner: Lethabo Motloung	
09:40 – 10:10	Coffee / Tea Break	
10:10 – 11:20	Reflection Session: The Forum's Journey, 2023–2026	A regional accountability stock-take. This session examines what happened after the first three

	Facilitator: Nangamso Kwinana, African Monitor **Farida Ryklief,** Director, Women Impacting a Nation (South Africa) **Sibusiso Siyaya Phesheya, Eswatini** **Kabelo Tsiang, Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs (Botswana)** **Guiding Questions:** • What did we recommend? • What commitments were made? • What has actually been implemented? • What worked, what did not, and what lessons have emerged? • Where do accountability gaps remain?	Forums: which commitments were acted upon, what changed in policy, practice or institutional behaviour, and what stalled and why. **Format: facilitated plenary reflection, drawing on a short synthesis of past recommendations.**
11:20 – 12:50	**Peer-Learning Circle** **Theme: From Commitments to Implementation and Accountability** **Circle Leads:** **Nyarai Patience Mushoriwa** **Isheanesu Chirisa** **Mpho Lekgetho**	Participants choose one parallel circle to examine commitments and recommendations from previous regional and national processes, and the institutional, financial and coordination conditions required to translate them into action. This session was a plenary session from last year with everyone who was there as panellists the previous year, I think they would fit to lead the circles based on previous year
12:50 – 13:50	**Lunch**	
13:50 – 15:20		Grounded directly in CGE's 2026 report.
15:20 – 15:40	**Health Break**	
15:40 – 16:45	**Facilitated Dialogue: Survivor, Youth and Community Perspectives**	What are communities and survivors experiencing that policymakers and institutions are not seeing?

	Facilitator: Sivuyile Khawula, Programmes Manager, Project Empower **Nthila Sello Kalaba and Tshepiso Mothudi, Youth Activists** **Ronald Chikwenhere, Good Samaritan Project** **Brenda Selibi, Masiphephe Network** **Herman Mothapo, Khoroni Men Forum**	This session centres lived experience in shaping what the Forum carries forward.
16:45 – 17:00	**Reflections on Day 1 and Looking Ahead to Day 2** **CSVR**	
18:30 – 20:00	**Making Migration Safe for Women Policy Roundtable & Cocktail Reception**	

DAY 2: 8 OCTOBER 2026

TIME	SESSION	DETAILS
08:30 – 08:40	**Opening the second day and reconnecting participants.**	
08:40 – 08:55	**Day 1 Recap & Framing of Day 2** **Moderator: CSVR**	A short, facilitated reflection capturing the most important issues emerging from Day 1 and the questions Day 2 must answer.
08:55 – 10:15	**Prevention Plenary Session** **Theme: Prevention, the Changing Forms of GBV and What Works in Practice**	Prevention practitioners share what is actually working on prevention, engaging men, prevention financing, and responding to femicide and technology-facilitated violence.

	Moderator: Jes Foundation **Panel:** **Sibusiso Mthethwa, Jes Foord Foundation** **Norma Nwankwo, Tosunga Baninga** **Ms Bongai Mundeta, CEO/Founder of Disability, HIV, AIDS Trust South Africa (DHAT SA)** **Namuchana Mushabati, Women in Law and Development Africa (WiLDAF, Zambia)** Guiding Questions ? • How is GBV changing, and what emerging forms, drivers and contexts require new or adapted prevention approaches? • What prevention approaches are demonstrating evidence of impact in reducing GBV, changing harmful norms and strengthening protective factors? • What does it take to move effective prevention approaches from promising practice to sustained implementation, accountability and scale?	
10:15 – 10:45	**Health Break**	
10:45 – 12:15	**Migration & Structural Inequality: CSVR Perception Survey Findings** **Theme: Structural Inequality, Migration and Emerging Vulnerabilities** **Presentation: Stacy/Naledi** **Respondents:** **CoRMSA: Anga** **Sharon Mutake, SASA**	CSVR shares preliminary findings from its perception survey on migration and structural inequality, linked to CSVR's Making Migration Safe for Women project, with CoRMSA,and NCPD responding from lived community and disability-inclusion perspectives.

	Diana Bongongo- CCS-SA **Busiswa Galada, National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NCPD)**	
12:15 – 13:15	**Lunch**	
13:15 – 14:15	**Theme: Regional Cooperation from Dialogue to Action** **Moderator: Sibusisiwe Nkosi** **Isheanesu Chirisa, Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA, Zimbabwe)** **Divine Yamulamba, AUDA-NEPA** **Fransciscah Anusu** **Guiding Questions:** • What can countries learn from one another? • Where can regional collaboration add value? • What opportunities exist for joint action?	Examining how regional cooperation can strengthen GBV prevention and response, particularly where challenges extend beyond national systems, and how regional actors can strengthen accountability across borders.
14:15 – 15:15	**Collective Reflection and Priority-Setting** **Facilitator: Evernice Munando, Director of Female Students Network**	Drawing on the reflections and lessons emerging from the Forum, participants identify priority actions, the actors responsible for advancing them, and practical mechanisms for monitoring progress and maintaining accountability between regional convenings.
15:15 – 15:45	**Health Break**	
15:45 – 16:30	**Report-Back: Headline Lessons and Priorities from the Peer-Learning Circles**	
16:30 – 17:00	**Closing Remarks and Next Steps Toward the Fifth Forum**	Final reflections from CSVR and partners, returning to the Forum's central proposition: GBV

	Teresa Yates, Executive Director, CSVR **UN Women representative**	prevention and response cannot remain a cycle of commitments without implementation.