

# EXCLUSIVE INVITATION WOMEN TO AFRICA



**Friday, 29 August 2025**

Venue: Inanda Club, The Polo Room, Forrest Rd & 6th Ave, South Africa

**Collaborative ecosystems for successful and resilient women businesses**

Programme Director: **Ms. Nzinga Qunta – Broadcaster**

Time	Topic and Description	Speakers
12:00-12:50	Registration and Light Snacks	All delegates
13:00 – 13:05 5mins	<b>Welcome Address, DWYPD</b>	<b>Advocate. Mikateko Maluleke</b> , DG Department of Women Youth and Persons with Disabilities
13:05 – 13:15 10mins	<b>Opening Keynote Address</b>	<b>Hon. Sindisiwe Chikunga</b> , Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and People with Disabilities of SA
	<b>Messages of Support</b>	
13:15 – 13:20 5 mins	<b>Standard Bank</b>	<b>Mr. Luvuyo Masinda</b> , Chief Executive, Standard Bank, Corporate and Investment Banking
13:20 – 13:25 5 mins	<b>AU Agenda 2063</b>	<b>H.E Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma</b> , Former Chairperson of the African Union Commission
13:25 – 13:30 5 mins	<b>G20 W20 Chair</b>	<b>Prof Narnia Bohler-Muller</b>
13:30 – 13:35 5 mins	<b>Chair and founder of Liquidity and Sustainability Facility (LSF)</b>	<b>Dr Vera Songwe</b>
13:35 – 13:40 5 mins	<b>African Union-Development Agency (AUDA - NEPAD)</b>	<b>Ms Nardos Bekele-Thomas</b> , Chief Executive Officer AUDA-NEPAD
13:40 – 13:55 15 mins	<b>G20 EWWG and Sherpa Track</b>	<b>Ms Ranji Reddy</b> , Acting Deputy Director – General MERC
13:55 – 14:50 55 mins  <i>10 mins Framer</i>  <i>45min Discussion</i>	<b>Panel Discussion: Gender mainstreaming</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunities that are being hindered by gender in-equality in Africa – the opportunity cost of not investing in women.</li> <li>What structural and systemic barriers continue to hinder progress, despite existing policies and ongoing dialogues?</li> <li>Implementation modalities and road map towards</li> </ul>	<b>Session Framer: Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi</b> , Chair of UN Committee of Experts of Public Administration  <b>Moderator: Ms Namhla Mniki</b> , Senior Executive & Consultant, Public Sector - Private Office of the SA President  <b>Panel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Nomfundo Xenia Ngwenya</b>, Executive</li> </ul>

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	<p>inclusive financial ecosystems – How do we build collaborative ecosystems, between the public and private sector, to address the funding gap for women entrepreneurs?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking forward – the opportunities to build collaborative ecosystems.</li> </ul>	<p>Director (Eswatini, Lesotho, South Africa), African Development Bank (AfDB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr Andre Ross</b>, JP Morgan Managing Director, Head, Global Corporate Banking, Sub-Saharan Africa</li> <li><b>Mr. Aymeric Saha</b>, CEO of MiDA Advisors</li> <li><b>Mr Lincoln Mali</b>, Lesaka Technologies Inc., CEO</li> </ul>
14:50 – 15:00 10 min	<b>Session break and Leg stretch</b>	
15:00 – 15:20 20 mins	<p><b>Fireside Chat: Social Coding (Youth and GBV solutions)</b></p> <p>The session will spotlight the voices of rural youth innovators from the Play4Good Robotics Challenge 2025—young women and men who are actively reimagining community solutions through technology. Moderated by Thembiso Magajana, founder of Social Coding, this intimate fireside chat will bring the audience into a real-time conversation with this year's winning team, The Madikizelas, who designed a drone-powered community safety alert system.</p> <p>Mini-exhibit booth or demo station: Allow learners to showcase their robot and explain their project to attendees during networking.</p>	<p><b>Ms. Thembiso Magajana</b>, Co-Founder, Social Coding SA</p>
15:20 – 16:15 55mins	<p><b>Panel Discussion: The Least Represented Sector and Future Skills</b></p> <p>Showcasing through stories about how far we have come and where support is most needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of access to opportunities for education and training is one of the main challenges. A smaller proportion of women than men are graduating with mining and aeronautic-related qualifications, limiting the pool of qualified female candidates.</li> <li>Women are disproportionately concentrated in lower-skilled and discretionary positions, rather than skilled technical, management, or leadership roles.</li> <li>When women work in male-dominated sectors,</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session Framer: Ms Poppy Khoza</b>, Director General, Aviation in South Africa</p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Zoya Mabuto-Mokoditsoa</b>, Leadership Development Specialist</p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lady Marieme Jamme</b>, Founder of iamtheCODE Foundation (initiatives/success stories)</li> <li><b>Ms. Mpumi Zikalala</b>, CEO of Kumba Iron</li> <li><b>Ms. Andile Mtetwa-Amaeshi</b>, Director General of Civil Aviation in the Kingdom of Eswatini</li> <li><b>Ms. Mpho Mosate, Debswana</b>, Executive Head of Safety and Sustainability</li> </ul>

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	they frequently run into prejudices and misconceptions that hinder their ability to advance in their careers. For women to succeed in the workplace, a culture that embraces diversity and aggressively opposes prejudice must be established.	
16:15 – 16:35 20mins	<b>Interactive session with Audience –</b>  There is a gap between what we say, what we do, and the change we <b>need</b> to see in our economies. How do we build effective value chains and collaborative ecosystems that address the gaps and compounding challenges that have resulted in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The lack of funding for women entrepreneurs – Getting women entrepreneurs out of the informal sector by addressing the issue of “the missing middle”, where women entrepreneurs are seen as unbackable by those who have funding.</li> <li>- Youth unemployment – Equipping and empowering the future generations to develop their own solutions by addressing the shortage of skills in sectors such as STEM which are critical in development of the continent</li> </ul>	<b>Facilitator: Ms. Namhla Mniki</b> , Senior Executive & Consultant, Public Sector - Private Office of the SA President
16:35 – 16:40 5 mins	<b>African Women Leadership Network (AWLN)</b>	<b>Mme Bineta Diop</b> , former Special Envoy of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Women, Peace and Security.
16:40 – 16:45 5 mins	<b>Celebrating Gender Champions</b> Presentation of the African Women Impact Fund (AWIF) – a program relating to the De-Risking of SA Women Owned Business to attract capital and investments.	<b>Ms. Lindeka Dzedze</b> , Chair, African Women Impact Fund <b>Mr. Malcolm Fair</b> , Managing Director, RisCura Invest
16:45 – 16:50 5 mins	<b>Closing and vote of thanks</b>	<b>Mr. Luvuyo Masinda</b> , Chief Executive, Standard Bank, Corporate and Investment Banking
END	<b>Cocktail Reception</b>	

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