

MEDIA RELEASE Women's Day 2026: PSA calls for advancing rights, justice, and action for all women

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) joins South Africans in commemorating National Women's Day on 9 August 2026 and reaffirms the Union's commitment to advancing the rights, dignity, empowerment, and well-being of women across the Country.

The PSA hosts the Union's National Women's Day celebration in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, under the theme: "Rights, Justice and Action for All Women" as a powerful reminder that whilst significant progress has been made in advancing gender equality, much work remains to ensure that all women can fully enjoy their constitutional rights and participate equally in society and the economy.

The PSA, as a union representing public-sector employees, recognises the invaluable contribution of women in the workplace, communities, and families. Women constitute a significant portion of the public-service workforce and play a critical role in delivering essential services that sustain the Country's social and economic development. Despite notable gains, many women continue to face challenges such as gender-based violence and femicide, workplace discrimination, unequal access to opportunities, economic hardship, and underrepresentation in leadership positions. The PSA is committed to advocating for policies and practices that promote gender equality, fair labour practices, safe working environments, equal pay for work of equal value, and meaningful opportunities for women's advancement.

The PSA calls on government, employers, and all stakeholders to intensify efforts to eliminate barriers that prevent women from achieving their full potential. Protecting women's rights requires decisive action, accountability, and sustained investment in initiatives that promote equality, justice, and empowerment.

The PSA encourages all South Africans to honour the sacrifices of women who contribute to building a society where every woman can live free from violence, discrimination, and inequality. The PSA especially extends appreciation to all women in the public sector whose dedication, resilience, and leadership continue to strengthen workplaces, communities, and the nation.

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