

## PSA celebrates Women's Month 2021



The PSA, since the Union's inception in 1920, has since been committed to the protection and promotion of the rights and interest of especially women in the public sector.

The PSA's commitment to equal treatment of women, for example, led to the amendment of section 14(7) of the *Public Service Act, 1957*. The section made it possible to refuse married female public servants full-time employment. This deprived them of many benefits enjoyed by their male (married or single) counterparts. Not only was this form of discrimination ended in 1971, but the entire *Public Service Act, 1957*, was repealed in 1976.

The PSA's track record in opposing discriminatory laws and practices is impressive, yet its role in empowering women extends much further. August is annually celebrated by marking Women's month, where tribute is paid to the thousands of women who marched on 9 August 1956 to be heard. This being the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary, marks the remarkable changes that have been effected over years.

### **#PSAPowerHour4Women**

The PSA will be commemorating the Month with a *#PSAPowerHour4Women* event for all female members. As a caring Union, the PSA will further support various women who are uplifting communities. To join the event, click on the link: <https://bit.ly/3AyFZ9u>

### **RECRUIT AND WIN!**

A PSA recruitment competition is also be open during Women's month where female members who recruit a female colleague for the PSA will be entered into a draw to win #PSAInspire hampers.

The PSA, in collaboration with *UNICEF, Dignity, Assupol* and *PSAClub*, pays tribute to all South African women, the heroes of courage and so many other inspirational women, for their unwavering support, passion and dedication.

GENERAL MANAGER