



MEDIA ADVISORY
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THE FREE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMEMORATES INTERNATIONAL WIDOWS' DAY

Free State Premier Sefora Ntombela and MEC for Social Development, Motlagomang Qabathe will be commemorating International Widows' Day. This is an awareness day of the United Nations (UN) that is observed throughout the world to recognize and discuss the hardships that widows face when their spouses die. The commemoration of the Day is in acknowledgment of the UN stance that argues that widows are invisible to policymakers. International Widow's Day is important because it gives widows a voice and platform to bring about awareness on the challenges they face worldwide. It also helps in finding ways to support widows as part of Department of Social Development's social responsibility through working together with our social partners.

It is in this regard that the Department of Social Development in the Free State through Women Empowerment Programme has created a platform for widows under the Community Development and Partnerships, to have a dialogue that will focus on their needs, challenges and frustrations. The dialogue will focus mainly on the emotional, socio-economic, and developmental areas such as Estate and Inheritance Rights, Poverty Alleviation Initiatives for Widows, Human Rights and Parenting.

THE DETAILS OF THE DIALOGUE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Date : Friday, 08 July 2022

Venue: SAU Auditorium, 2 Fairview Street, Naval Hill

Time : 09H00

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