

## Media Advisory

### \*SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOST THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S POPULATION POLICY\*

Pretoria, July 2023 - The Department of Social Development will host from 11 - 13 July 2023 the review of the implementation of South Africa's population policy conference in Gauteng.

The conference aims to assess progress made in implementing the policy which was developed to include population concerns in development planning.

The conference will focus on the priorities of the Population Policy which was approved by Cabinet in 2015.

Held under the theme: "Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities", the conference will evaluate progress made and the relevance of the policy after 25 years and make recommendations to Cabinet in 2024.

The conference will be preceded by the commemoration of the World Population Day, which is globally recognised on 11 July.

The Minister of Social Development, Ms. Lindiwe Zulu, will address the conference that will bring together 300 participants representing diverse sectors including young people, the LGBTQIA+ community, people with disabilities, civil society organisations and academics.

Some of the discussions for the conference will include a panel discussion on the role of young fathers in raising children, why adolescents should be a priority and Government support initiatives advancing the 1.8 billion campaign and agenda.

The Minister will also launch the State of the World Population 2023 report focusing on the empowerment of women and girls.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the conference organised as follows:

Date: 11 - 13 July 2023

Venue: Maropeng Centre for the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage site

Time: 09h00 – 13h00

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