

STRATEGIC FOCUS ON THE AGENDA OF WOMEN BY BOTH PUBLIC WORKS AND HUMAN SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENTS

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INTRODUCTION

- ▶ I would like to acknowledge the presence of the Honourable MEC Ms Peggy Nkonyeni in both her portfolios,
- ▶ her delegation,
- ▶ the SAWIC members,
- ▶ women organisations present,
- ▶ all stakeholders present,
- ▶ all protocols observed.



INTRODUCTION

- ▶ I would like to thank the MEC for being proactive, this type of Summit is the first one in history.
- ▶ It is so humbling for us as SAWIC to be personally invited by the MEC. We applaud your initiative Hon. MEC.
- ▶ Your initiative Hon. MEC tells us how much you value women in both your portfolios and your commitment towards empowering women during your tenure.
- ▶ We can never over emphasize the commitment that is shown by our government in the up-liftment of South African women starting from our Hon. President Cyril Ramaphosa, our Hon, Premier Mr Sihle Zikalala, inclusive of both Department of Human Settlement and Public Works Hon. Peggy Nkonyeni, we really appreciate.



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HUMAN SETTLEMENT

- In recognition of women, we would like to be afforded an opportunity to build 1956 houses as implementing agents as we are qualified in construction and built environment.
- Co-operatives for our organization are in awaiting for the program of action from Human Settlement.
- There should be a portion of budget ring fenced for women projects and be accounted for.
- Women's desk should be visible. There must be a clear evidence that women owned companies are benefitting on projects earmarked for them in the form of progress report and should be communicated with SAWIC executive on quarterly bases or half yearly intervals.
- NHRBC should not be linked with CIBD as a requirement for tendering. NHRBC alone is enough to qualify for bidding in housing tenders



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PUBLIC WORKS

- ▶ The existence of Eyesizwe program hinders the women empowerment instead of assisting them, we request that new programs be put in place. Women programmes like incubation and mentorship
- ▶ Do away with red-tape on procurement procedure. Company related documents are captured on CSD, therefore they need not be put as a requirement when bidding. Grade 1s and 2s should not purchase tender documents until they are awarded paying projects
- ▶ Departments should not work in silos, we would like to see uniformity in the functioning of departments.
- ▶ Sub-contracting of CIDB lower grades by higher grades should be controlled at Departmental level, not contractor to contractor relations, a cession should be signed

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- ▶ Woman with disabilities should be given priority on projects as well. A certain percentage at least between 2%-4% that is achievable should be set and monitored by Women's desk
- ▶ Grades 4 and above if awarded projects, should be compelled to get its equipment from lower grades (1-3) as way of empowering other women and participation in different projects
- ▶ We would like both Departments to engage with CIDB to do away renewal of membership until women have paying projects

THE END

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