



WESTERN CAPE GENDER VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

15 SEPTEMBER 2020

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

A virtual symposium to build, co-create and reflect on local knowledge and understanding of good practice in building and implementing gender-responsive policy through shared evidence, lessons learned and recommendations towards improved quality and increased impact.



With a plethora of social inequalities staring us in the face and the actions needed to redress them now more than ever, being thrown into stark relief, we are reminded that the fundamental work of providing gender equity and a non-sexist society remains elusive. Whilst the enabling provisions are incorporated into our Constitution, laws and policy they have not been sufficiently translated into meaningful action. The December 2018 Framework on Government Sector Gender Responsive Planning, Budgeting, Monitoring, Evaluation and Auditing (GRPBMEA) once again endeavoured to promote... "better outcomes for women and girls and more tangible gender impacts in South Africa" but meaningful progress remains elusive.

The ongoing rampant gender-based violence (GBV) is a deep cause for alarm and is eroding hard won development towards non-sexism. Any approach to prevent and reduce the effects of gender

violence requires holistic, integrated services for the healing and empowerment of women. Unfortunately, existing Victim Empowerment Programmes (VEPs) often have insufficient funding and professional resources to meet the demand. Over the past decade many lessons have been learned and it is time to stitch together these lessons learnt, together with data and research into forward-looking programme of action which can be incorporated into the strategic intent of the Government Sector in the Western Cape.

This symposium aims to offer an opportunity to reflect, share and co-create a research agenda and explore ways in which universities and research bodies can support the sector going forward and sparking a programme of action.

The Western Cape Gender Symposium aims to include contributions that will build local knowledge, data sources

and understanding of good practice in mainstreaming gender into policy and practice in the South African context and specifically in the Western Cape environment.

Submissions should fit into one of the following streams:

Responses to Gender Based Violence

- Challenges faced by women empowerment or GBV prevention or Victim Empowerment Programmes (VEP).
- Case studies, impact reports or cost-benefit analyses on specific GBV prevention actions.

Improving policy development and programme implementation

- Reflective insights and lessons learned in policy development, programme implementation.
- Case studies, impact reports or cost-benefit analyses on specific gender empowerment activities.

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions are open to all gender practitioners, funders, researchers and policy makers and can be made in the form of research papers, articles, presentations, infographics or posters. **Completed application forms can be submitted to Sharman Wickham: Sharman@chec.ac.za by no later than 14 August 2020.**

Further queries can also be directed to Karen Shippey: Karen.Shippey@westerncape.gov.za

Final participating submissions will be selected by representatives from CHEC Joint Task Team which includes representatives of all four universities and the Western Cape Government.

All successful applicants will be notified of the outcomes of the selection process by 31 August 2020 and will be requested to prepare a 15-20 minute presentation to be shared during the Symposium.

Presentations, supporting documents and symposium outcomes will be compiled into an electronic Symposium Report which will be disseminated to all participants, CHEC Universities and all Provincial Department Heads.

YOUR DETAILS

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Title of Proposal

Name

Surname

Organisation

Designation

Gender

Email

Cellphone

Website

Proposed symposium contribution



Stream 1: Responses to Gender Based Violence



Stream 2: Improving policy development and programme implementation



Title of Proposal

Give a brief description of the issue your contribution will focus on. (150-300 words)

How will your input / research contribute to building local knowledge that will benefit gender mainstreaming or GBV prevention? (150-300 words)



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List key partners. (E.g. funders, implementers, researchers, etc.)

Briefly describe your data and data sources. (E.g. research participants, beneficiary demographics, data collection tools, size of datasets, etc.)

Provide your related existing published material of relevance to this topic which would be useful to symposium participants.

