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WESTERN CAPE GENDER VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

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The Western Cape Gender Virtual 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.



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.

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