**MULTI-PARTY WOMEN’S CAUCUS**

**DRAFT THIRD TERM COMMITTEE PROGRAMME**

**(for adoption on 15 June 2023)**

**29 August to 22 September 2023**

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| **DATE, AND VENUE** | **AGENDA**  | **SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS** |
| Tuesday, 29 August 2023 at 6pm (virtual meeting) | The Steering Committee 1. Adoption of minutes
2. Consideration of written reports/responses
3. Consideration of invitations /correspondence
4. Preparatory meeting for 31 August 2023 Full session of the Multi-Party Women’s Caucus
 | 21 August 2023 |
| Thursday, 31 August 2023 at 10am (virtual meeting) | Full Session of the Multi-Party Women’s Caucus1. Adoption of Minutes 2. The Status of Women’s Health in South Africa: 1. Interventions required to improve public health care, and responsiveness of public healthcare facilities to the health needs of women.
2. Improving access and quality of appropriate sexual and reproductive health care and support.
3. Interventions to support improved menstrual health and hygiene for women and young girls through providing accessible and safe sanitary materials and support.
4. Interventions required to ensure public health care facilities appropriately respond to the health needs of more vulnerable persons such as sex workers and LGBTQI+ persons.
 | 21 August 2023 |
| Thursday, 7 September 2023 at 6pm (virtual) | The Steering Committee 1. Adoption of minutes
2. Deficiencies in the child maintenance system and its impact on women and children: Briefings by relevant stakeholders on persistent child maintenance difficulties, and interventions required to ensure greater responsiveness to and support of children and mothers/parents.
 | 31 August 2023    |
| Thursday, 14 September 2023 at 6pm (virtual) | The Steering Committee1. Adoption of minutes
2. Protection of domestic workers against abuse and exploitation: Briefings by the Department of Labour on how it enforces legislation aimed at protecting domestic workers in the workplace and ensuring dignified compensation for work.
 | 7 September 2023 |
| Tuesday, 19 September 2023 at 6pm (virtual) | The Steering Committee 1. Adoption of minutes
2. Preparatory session for 21 September 2023 full session of the Multi-Party Women’s Caucus
 | 14 September 2023 |
| Thursday, 21 September 2023 at 10am (virtual) | Full Session of the Multi-Party Women’s Caucus1. Adoption of minutes
2. The role of gender in heritage, arts, culture, and sport: Briefing by relevant stakeholders on the challenges faced by women in the arts, interventions to manage and ultimately eliminate gender stereotyping, steps taken to recognise women’s contribution to South African heritage, arts, culture, and sport, ensuring greater access and equal share of state resources and support for girls and women in arts, culture, heritage and sport sectors.
 | 14 September 2023 |

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

**Written reports to be submitted for consideration by steering committee and greater women’s caucus:**

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| **Stakeholder** | **Items for written response** | **Submission date** |
| Department of Police and Department of Justice and Correctional Services | Follow-up report on progress made with the elimination of GBVF case backlogs and support to victims of sexual violence, as raised in 22 September 2022 briefing session.  | 7 July 2023 |
| Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Department of Monitoring and Evaluation | Follow -up /progress report on how departments have adopted and integrated gender-based planning, budgeting, monitoring, evaluation, and auditing, as required by Framework, and steps taken to address non-compliance.  | 7 July 2023  |
| Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, Commission for Gender Equality, and Parliament  | * Challenges to the revival of the National Gender Machinery.
* the implementation and/or weaknesses in policies and laws aimed at greater empowerment and gender-equality, and interventions needed in this regard, and
* the role of parliament in monitoring the impact of gender equality policies/legislation.
 | 14 July 2023 |
| Department of Justice, SWEAT and Commission on Gender Equality  | The need for legislation aimed at protecting the rights and safety of sex workers.  | 11 August 2023 |
| ParMed Scheme | Steps taken to address concerns raised by the multi-party women’s steering committee and greater caucus on 18 May and 15 June meetings, and how current benefits structure will be amended to eliminate unfairness/discrimination.  | 18 August 2023 |

**Constituency period: 26 September to 9 October 2023**

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