

Media Release

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SALGA WOMEN'S COMMISSION TO CONVENE NATIONAL SUMMIT IN EAST LONDON, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE (13-15 August 2018)

The South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Women's Commission, also known as SWC, will on 13 – 15 August convene its national summit at the East London International Convention Centre, Eastern Cape Province.

The SWC National Summit will bring together under one roof women leaders and gender activists; ranging from, Executive Mayors, Council Speakers, Chief Whips, Councillors, Municipal Managers, UN Women, Commission for Employment Equity, Sonke Gender Justice, among others.

The SWC National Summit will be convened under the theme “Working together to promote gender equality, sustainable development and good governance” - Celebrating 100 years of Albertina Sisulu, Woman of Fortitude: Women United in Moving South Africa forward. Among the questions, the SWC seeks to deal with, is the question of advancing the 50/50 agenda through alternative methods in order to achieve concrete results? How to achieve women's political representation and participation? As things stand, the SWC believes that the gender analysis of the fourth democratic local government elections demonstrates why a legislated quota is required if South Africa is to meet its gender parity obligations.

Among the objectives of the SWC National Summit is to:

- Identify and formulate proposals to realise gender mainstreaming and gender-responsive budgeting in municipalities
- Discuss and adopt the revised SWC Terms of Reference for alignment with the amended SALGA Constitution
- To reflect on the gaps, opportunities and challenges of gender mainstreaming by reviewing the past efforts and the current status of gender mainstreaming in local government
- Sharing of good practices on gender mainstreaming strategies and programmes in local government
- To induct the Women's Commission on gender mainstreaming and role clarification of women structures operating in Local Government
- To adopt the SWC Programme of Action for the current term of office.

Members of the media who wish to attend the SWC National Summit are advised to RSVP to smahlangabeza@salga.org.za

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