

Symposium 2 on Gender Inequality and Anti-Corruption

THEME: Advancing Gender-Responsive Governance,
Accountability and Institutional Reform

VENUE: (Day 1) Stellenbosch University, Bellville Park Campus
(Day2-3) Santam Insurance, 1 Sportica Crescent,
Tyger Valley, Bellville, Western Cape, South Africa

DATE: 12 to 14 August 2026

Wednesday
12 August 2026



*Understanding the Nexus between Gender
Inequality, Corruption and Governance*

08:00 – 09:00

Registration (Stellenbosch University, Bellville Park Campus)

Arrival and Registration, with refreshments

09:00 – 09:05

Welcome and Official Opening

Programme Director: Ms Rose Seretse, Former Director-General in the
President's Office, Botswana

09:05 – 09:15

Welcome Address

Prof Zwelinzima Ndevu, Director, School of Public Leadership,
Stellenbosch University (SU)

09:15 - 09:25

Welcome Address by SU Executive Management

Prof Reza Daniels, Dean, Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, SU

09:25 – 09:30

Introduction to Her Excellency, Honourable President of Namibia

Speaker TBC

09:30 – 10:30

Presidential Keynote Address

Her Excellency Dr N Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia

10:30 – 10:35

Note of Thanks





Keynote Theme: *Corruption, Governance Failures and Gendered Inequality*

11:00 – 12:30

Keynote Address

Speakers

- Adv Nthabiseng Mogale-Sepanya, Chair, Commission for Gender Equality
- Ambassador Kitoko Gata Ngoulou, Minister of Women and Child Protection, Chad
- Dr Fatima Maada, First Lady of Sierra Leone
- Adv Nompilo Kholeka Gcaleka, SA Public Protector



12:30 – 13:30

Panel 1

Chair: Dr Cheryl Mohamed Sayeed, School of Social Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Theme: *Gender Inequality and Corruption*

Focus Areas

- Gendered impacts of corruption
- Barriers to women's participation in governance
- Institutional norms, power relations and exclusion
- Corruption and economic inequality

Speakers

- Ms Yvonne Chibiya, Vice-Chair, African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption
- Mr Paulus Noah, Former Director-General, Anti-Corruption Commission, Namibia
- Prof Babalwa Magoqwana, Centre for Women and Gender Studies, Nelson Mandela University
- Prof Itumeleng Mothoagae, Chair, Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, Unisa

Q & A



13:30 – 14:30



Lunch Break

14:30 – 15:45

Panel 2

Chair: Prof Munyaradzi Saruchera, Director, Africa Centre for Inclusive Health Management, SU

Theme: *Corruption, Public Services and Vulnerability*

Focus Areas

- Corruption in healthcare and social services
- Gender inequality and access to services
- Governance failures affecting vulnerable communities
- Institutional trust and accountability





Speakers

- Dr Joan de Klerk, Gender and Transformation Practitioner and Lecturer, UNISA
- Dr Puni Mamdoo, CEO, SPHERE
- Ms Keikantse Phele, Project Director, Accountability International
- Dr Mandisa Machacha-Diale, Researcher and Advisor, Gender, Racial Justice, Refugees & Migration, Amnesty International

Q & A

15:45 – 16:10



Tea Break & Networking

16:10 – 17:25

Panel 3

Chair: Prof George Scott, AAPAM

Theme: *Sustainable Development Goals and Gender-Based Violence*



Focus Areas

- GBV as a barrier to achieving the SDGs
- Policy and legal frameworks and associated challenges
- Economic empowerment and GBV



Speakers

- Ms Pusetso Morepedi, PhD candidate, III International
- Ms Sara Hamouda, PhD candidate, African Peer Review Mechanism
- Mr Ray Clemence Tondoi, PhD candidate, Stellenbosch University
- Ms Devoshum Moodley-Veera, Director, Internal Audit Activity, Risk Management and Forensic Investigations/SU PhD candidate

Q & A

Note of Support from Selected Development Partners

- AAPAM, AIPRC, ACCERUS, Sanlam, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Africa Centre for Inclusive Health Management

17:25 – 18:15



18:30 – 22:00

Ubuntu Soirée (USB, Bellville Park Campus, Spekboom Restaurant)

Director of Ceremonies: Dr Randhir Auluck, School of Organisations, Economy & Society, University of Westminster, UK

Guest Speaker

Her Excellency Fatoumata Jallow, Former Vice-President of Gambia

Guest Speaker

Mr Jay Naidoo, former Minister in the Presidency of South Africa





08:00 – 08:30

Registration

Arrival and Registration

08:30 – 10:00

Panel 4

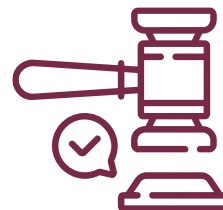
Chair: Dr Samantha Williams, Senior Lecturer, SU School of Public Leadership

Theme: *Public Accountability and Institutional Reform*



Focus Areas

- Accountability mechanisms relevant to GBV
- Gender-responsive anti-corruption frameworks
- Institutional reform pathways
- Governance indicators and monitoring systems



Speakers

- Ms Mmamoloko Kubayi, SA Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development
- Ms Principe Ntibasume, Rapporteur, African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption
- Ms Faides Temba-Temba, Country director, Action Aid, Zambia
- Ms Yasmin Essop Bacus, Public Service Commissioner, KZN
- Ms Bekele-Thomas Nardos, AUDA-NEPAD

Q & A

10:00 – 10:30



Tea Break & Networking

10:30 – 12:00

Panel 5

Chair: Prof Goonasagree Naidoo, Unisa

Theme: *Gender-Based Violence, Corruption and Institutional Accountability*



Focus Areas

- Accountability gaps in GBV responses
- Corruption in policing and justice systems
- Access to justice for survivors
- Institutional responsibilities and governance failures



Speakers

- Justice Richard Goldstone, ACCERUS Board Member
- Adv Anton du Plessis, CEO, Business Against Crime
- Adv Charles Kanjama, President, Law Society of Kenya
- Adv Sankie Morata, CEO, Sanlam Trust
- Adv Azkarr Addirdeiry, Managing Partner, Dirdeiry & Partners and AIPRC Legal Counsel, Sudan

Q & A

12:00 – 13:00

Panel 6

Chair: Ms Ashlene van der Berg-Ross

Theme: *Gender-Responsive Anti-Corruption Strategies*



Focus Areas

- Integrating gender into anti-corruption frameworks
- Policy coherence and implementation
- Regional and global reform approaches
- Governance innovation towards whistleblower protection



Speakers

- Dr Randhir Auluck, University of Westminster
- Ms Mpolokeng Makhema, Office of Parliamentary Counsel, Lesotho
- Mr Tobias Nauruki, President and CEO, Africa International Policy Research Centre/AIPRC
- Ms Zeenat Sujee, Head of Education Rights Programme, SECTION27

Q & A

13:00 – 14:00



Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30

Panel 7

Chair: Prof Zwelinzima Ndevu, Director, SPL, SU

Theme: *Women's Leadership, Participation and Inclusive Governance*



Focus Areas

- Women in governance and public leadership
- Barriers to participation and decision-making
- Institutional culture and transformation
- Gender-responsive leadership models



Speakers

- Adv Monica Kirya, Deputy Director, Chr. Michelsen Institute/CMI
- Prof Robert Destro, former US Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labour
- Prof Goonasagree Naidoo, Unisa
- Ms Fatima Shabodien, CEO, Action Aid, South Africa

Q & A

15:30 – 16:00



Tea Break & Networking

"When equality is embraced and corruption is rejected, communities prosper and nations thrive."

16:00 – 17:00

Panel 8

Chair: Mr Yegan Reddy, Key Account Manager, Sanlam

Theme: *Evidence-Based Policy Research for GBV and Corruption*



Focus areas

- Behavioural change programmes
- Mainstreaming policies on gender and corruption
- Reflections on case studies



Speakers

- Dr Lubna Nadvi, University of KwaZulu-Natal
- Mr. Victor George, Principal Consultant, Ethixera Consulting
- Prof Bonang Mohale, JBS College of Business and Economics, Bidvest Chairman

Q & A

18:30 – 20:30



Cocktail & Networking Evening (Santam Insurance)

Director of Ceremonies: Mr Koogan Pillay, Board Member, Anti-corruption Centre for Education and Research of Stellenbosch University/ACCERUS

Guest Speaker: Mr Leonard Lekgetho, Acting Head, SIU, South Africa

Guest Speaker: Hon Elima Dienda Jane, former Member of Parliament, Namibia

Guest Speaker: Mr Thabang Chiloane, Deputy Chairperson, Advisory Council, Inclusive Society Institute

Topic: *Ethical Leadership and Gender-Responsive Governance in the Global South*

Friday
14 August 2026



Cross-Sector Collaboration and Policy Action

08:00 – 08:30

Registration

Arrival and registration

08:30 – 10:00

Panel 9

Chair: Mr Mofihli Teleki, Director of Stakeholder Relations and Communication, DTIC

Theme: *Civil Society, Academia and Private Sector Partnerships*



Focus Areas

- Cross-sector collaboration
- Policy dialogue and advocacy
- Research partnerships and evidence-informed policymaking
- Sustaining networks and collaborative initiatives



Speakers

- Mr Bafana Khumalo, Co-executive Director, Sonke Gender Justice
- Prof Thuli Madonsela, Director, Centre for Social Justice, Faculty of Law, SU
- Ms Cynthia Stimpel, Director, Courage Hub
- Mr Nyiko Mabunda, Head, Labour Market Policy and Programme Management Office, Department of Employment and Labour

Q & A

10:00 – 10:30



Tea break & Networking

10:30 – 12:00

Closing Session

Chair: Mr Tobias Nauruki, President and CEO, Africa International Policy Research Centre/AIPRC

Theme: *Call to Action – Advancing Gender-Responsive Governance*



Guest Speaker: Amb Walkowa Odinga, Head of Mission, Kenya Consulate, USA

Guest Speaker: Hon Adv Mercy Dinha, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Public Service and Administration, Zimbabwe

Guest Speaker: Adv. Andy Mothibi, National Director, National Prosecuting Authority

Topic: Towards integrated governance, accountability and institutional reform

Rapporteur's Report and Call to Action: Prof Randhir Auluck, University of Westminster

Vote of Thanks: Prof Pregala Solosh Pillay, ACCERUS Director

12:00 – 13:00



Lunch break & Close

"Fairness, integrity and equal opportunity are the foundations of a better future for all."