

Programme for Women's Day 9 August 2012

Theme: “56 years of women united against poverty, unemployment and inequality”

09h00-09h30: Sod Turning Ceremony (Unveiling of the Women’s Memorial Site)

Venue: Lillian Ngoyi Square
Programme Director: MEC Maile
Hand-over of the Centenary Torch by Mme Sophy De Bruyn
Sod turning ceremony

NB: The Programme will be led by Minister Lulu Xingwana, Minister Paul Mashatile, Premier Nomvula Mokonyane, MEC Lebogang Maile, Executive Mayor of the City of Tshwane, Cllr Kgosientso Ramokgopa

09h30-11h00: March from Lillian Ngoyi to Union Buildings

Main programme at the Union Buildings

Programme Directors: Gauteng Premier Nomvula Mokonyane/Minister Paul Mashatile

11h00: Welcome address by Executive Mayor of Tshwane, Mr Kgosientso Ramokgopa

11h05 Singing of the National Anthem by Buhle be Mfundo School (from Soweto, Gauteng)

(5 min) Observance of the moment of silence

(20 min) Message of support by political parties (2min each)

(15 min) History on the 1956 March by Mme Sophy De Bruyn

Cultural item: Merriam Makeba Band

(10 min) Remarks and introduction of the President by Minister Lulu Xingwana

12h00 Address by the President of the Republic, H.E. Mr Jacob Zuma

(5 min) Vote of thanks by Mr Paul Mashatile, Minister of Arts and Culture