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Special Summit Edition



SPECIAL SUMMIT EDITION DAY 1

Together we will #endGBVF

Day One was packed with robust engagement, particularly from the CSO sector. The Accountability Panel, moderated by Eusebius McKaiser, created a space for delegates to pose some of their questions to a panel of Ministers responsible for the various portfolios. The general sentiment was that, although the Ministers made certain commitments, their responses did not necessarily adequately address the questions raised and created the feeling that our pleas had fallen on deaf ears with much defensiveness. There was an outpouring of emotion as well as a number of hard truths directed at the Accountability panel. The consensus: government departments responsible for key NSP GBVF indicators must do better.

The pillar commissions were well-attended despite the fact that the programme had run over time. We look forward to hearing this feedback. The Action Caucuses were moved to Day Two, today. This will provide another opportunity for delegates to engage with the NSP on GBVF from the perspective of the various interest groups. The overwhelming majority of delegates report that the NSP on GBVF is not sufficiently known and understood by those tasked with implementing it and the lack of conceptual clarity surrounding the structural drivers remains a barrier. We are confident that solutions to some of the obstacles identified will find expression in the Summit Resolutions.





President Ramaphosa's address in the afternoon responded to the mood in the room. He acknowledged that given the demand for services to address the many different aspects of the fight against GBV, the funds currently available are inadequate. He committed to ensuring that resources are being directed to where there is the greatest need and where they have the greatest impact.

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Just as babies are not being spared, even the elderly have become targets of violent men. We have in recent times seen a spate of rapes and killings of elderly women, our mothers and grandmothers that are meant to be respected and treated with dignity. These horrors defy comprehension. There are really no words for them. They tell a story about our society that is deeply disturbing. It is a story of a nation at war with itself. These barbaric acts are a shameful indictment of the men of this country. It is not women who are responsible for ending such crimes; it is men. As a society, ending violence against women and children cannot be anything but our foremost priority. This is about the lives of our country's women and children. There can be no greater urgency. That is why all of us who are attending this Summit must be focused on action and results. We need to be critical about those areas of the National Strategic Plan in which there has been little or no progress. We need practical plans to correct shortcomings and weaknesses. This Summit must look at what is working, what is not and what is needed to make a difference. This is an accountability Summit,” said Ramaphosa.

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**Presidential Summit on
Gender-Based Violence
and Femicide 2**

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Igama lami nginguSixolile Ngcobo ngihlala eWestern Cape. I Summit ye Gender Based Violence ingikhimbisile ukuthi kuningi osekwenzekile mayelana nikukhusela abantu besifazane nezingane eSouth Africa, kodwa kuningi okunye okusafanele kwenzeke kuya phambili. Into engiyijabulelile ukuthi UMongameli azikhomithe ukuthi ayi usekhona la empini futhi uzoqhubeka ahambe nathi kulempi yukulwa neGender Based Violence.

Engikhufundile ukuthi AmaSummit afana nalawa akufanele silinde isikhathi esifana neminyaka emibili singenayo iSummit , engathi singahlala sinawo nje ama Accountability Summits even naseMaprovincini lasihlala khona even nakulocal government kufanele sibe nawo ukuze singahlali nezinto ezingalungile bese sibona ukuthi zizolunga Uma sifika laEGoli sesizozilungisa emuva kweminyaka emibili.”

Sixolile Ngcobo, Western Cape Manager, Commission for Gender Equality.



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People are carrying a lot of pain and we heard it from the floor today. We need a national process where people who are suffering from PTSD or trauma in general as a consequence of GBV are assisted by government funded support for counselling and healing.”

Dr Lubna Nadvi, academic based at UKZN, Chairperson of Board of Advice Desk for the Abused



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I was really inspired by the Pillar 3 commission where it was decided that we need to ensure access to services for Deaf women through the appointment of accredited SA Sign Language (SASL) court interpreters. I found this very forward moving. We need to train all government frontline staff in generic and GBV-specific SASL and to discuss the need to employ Deaf persons.”

Dale Schonewolf, Director, KZN Deaf Association



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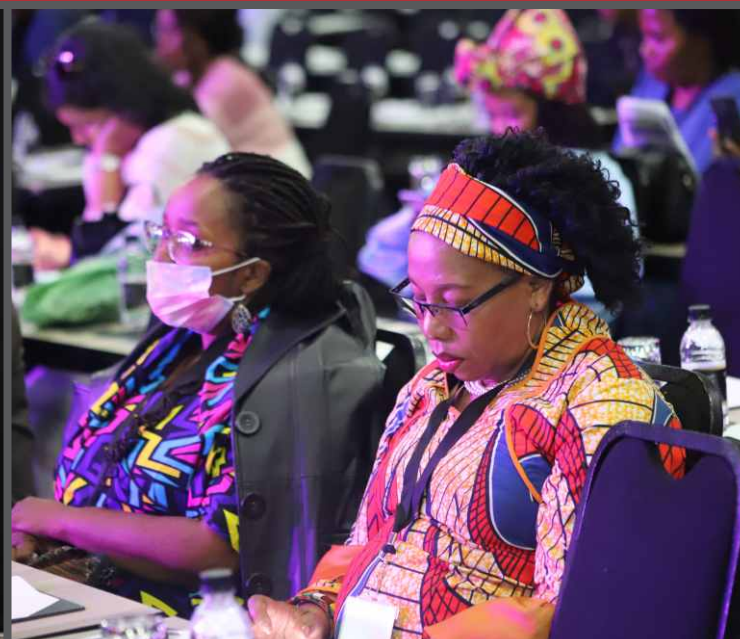
There is hope. In all my engagement with local, regional or national government, they came in late and left early. In this Summit, the President came in early, made changes to the programme, and listened to the delegates' concerns, problems, challenges, frustration, etc. Joined for lunch and then presented his keynote address. The Pillar 2 Commission was vibrant and there was commitment from delegates to do more to end GBVF.”

Saydoon Nisa Sayed, Global Network of Religions for Children South African Coordinator and the African Union Interfaith Dialogue Forum Steering Committee

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I didn't see any shift or progress from the last time. I feel the civil society was sweet-talked and brushed off. We need more voices of activists and advocates like Nondumiso. I personally have no idea how we will ever hold the government accountable.”

Ntokozo KaMadlala, Women and Girls Footprints



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Today felt more like a report session than an engagement. I felt so silenced in most of the sessions. Maybe breaking into smaller groups would have had more impact.”

Nompilo Gcwensa, Survivor, Chairperson of Phephisa Survivors Network



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A truth-telling space and some fruitful times of discomfort and beginning to look forward. I was quite overwhelmed at the positive response of many people to the idea that there is a movement of activists advocating for institutional change.”

Daniela Gennrich, Coordinator of We Will Speak Out SA

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Vanoggend was Baie emosioneel. Ek het gewonder, word ons regtig gehoor, is ons werk dalk tevergeefs? Later, het Ek was Ek onsteld omdat ons op grondvlak weereens nie na geluister word nie. Ons respekteer die proses maar dis 'n onreg, om nooit eintlik antwoorde op jou vrae te he nie. My belange le meestal by Pillar 3 en met die Breakaways, was dit die enigste plek, waar Ek gevoel het, Ek was gehoor. Ons het meer as Aksie as Woorde nodig. So, Accountability staan uit vir as die mees belangrikste aspek van die tweede Presidential Summit.”

Celesthea Pierang, Walk in the Shoes of Survivor



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We are learning and discovering, collaboratively. It's not easy but it is the only way! We should all follow the President's lead, being humble and honest! The key to impact is for leaders to allow those closest to the problem and with lived-experience to create and implement the solutions. Scaling NSP GBVF 100-Day challenges in districts WILL create a tipping point - which will make our next summit a celebration of success stories!”

Alrien Van Der Walt, NSP GBVF 100-Day Challenge Programme coordinator



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An amazing day of people connecting, people being together with great excitement around. As a person who works in different spaces of the faith sector, it was an honour to have people reflect with us about the fact that faith can be interested in acting in light of the GBVF conversation. People saw us at the exhibition of Faith Action to end GBV Collective and Heartlines where we were presenting who we are and the work that we're doing. This is in and of itself about reclaiming the space for people to understand that the faith sector can be a partner in ending GBVF.”

Seth Naicker, Heartlines associate, and coordination team member of Faith Action to end GBV Collective



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Accountability is a daring and hard objective to realise. How do you know if you've made a dent towards it at all... We managed to convene different sectors that should account. Is a day of dialogue accounting? Not entirely sure. But a necessary step though.”

Anonymous

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Significant and intelligent strides were made. We need to intensify media coverage of our activities, accelerate our campaigns and awareness and hold responsible people accountable.”

Pitso Mereko, Safer South Africa



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Today was a good start. I think civil society should have been given more space on the podium and to speak during plenary. There was not enough time to hear the voices and concerns of civil society. Let us see what happens tomorrow.”

Coral Vinsen , 91-year old activist, Amnesty International



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The GBVF Summit 2022 has been a long time coming. We have worked so hard with various stakeholders, engaging in multiple conversations on ways to communicate the NSP on GBVF. The shortcomings are unavoidable but we must remain hopeful that we are capable of creating avenues to implement the NSP on GBVF. We have had spectators and cheerleaders, it's hard to strike a balance but we can only take the good with the bad and soldier on. The pressure placed on the table will guarantee all stakeholders and most importantly, survivors that ACCOUNTABILITY will continue and that the justice system continues to make the necessary changes to ensure the safety of the survivors. We still have Day 2, and I'm still proud to have been here. Let us continue; it's the only way that some of us experience justice for those loved ones who perished at the hands of GBVF. Re tlameha ho tshwarana kaofela harona mme re bontshane ka ntshetsopele ya NSP on GBVF. Ho nehela ka nako, le Botho ke se matlafatsang maitapiso a rona!”

Dimakatso Mudau, End GBVF Collective, Social Media



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Day 1 of the Summit delivered on the central theme of accountability through robust conversation. We came here as a collective to hold each other to account, and Day 1 delivered. I am excited to see the resolutions so that we all move in the same direction to end this scourge.”

Shalen Gajadhar, Communications - Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities



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In 2018, #TheTotalShutdown led a March to the Union Buildings and handed over a memorandum of 24 Demands to the President. One of the demands was a GBVF Summit which took place on 1/2 November 2018. As an activist it was an energetic Summit and I had faith in the President's words (at that time). As we are well aware, a lot has not been implemented, alot was lip service and empty promises.

Here we sit in 2022, at the 2nd Presidential Summit on GBVF - again we are met with Ministers that can't give clear answers and a President that tries to appease us with nice words and no clear deadlines. As was highlighted, COVID was treated with urgency and actioned immediately so why can't the same be done with GBVF. The President responded that COVID had the Disaster Management Act, whereas GBVF does not have a guiding reference document for government. The comparison is necessary as GBVF has been a pandemic long before COVID and the fact that government still does not have a guiding reference document is not only worrying but disrespectful. GBVF requires ACTION now!"

Volenté Alexander, Call to Action



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- “1. In regards to the summit our government principals were not prepared enough to account.
2. In regards to Commissions on Pillars 1 – 6, a link should have been created for us who have been part of the meetings and working groups to participate or at least listen. So that we can add our input as well.
3. Unfortunately the connection was bad and we couldn't follow up properly.”

Hlengiwe Simelane-Ochan, Lucia O Foundation, Mpumalanga Province





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Umbono wami ngosuku lokuqala lwe-summit ukuthi noma benginesikhala ekuhlanganiseni uhlelo ebelidingekile lokuthola yonke imibono, azange sipumelele lapho. I-plenary session ithathe isikhathi eside ukwedlula lesi ebesibekiwe ngendlela yokuthi ama-commission aphantelene nomsebenzi wokuqinisa i-NSP ukuthi isebenze kangcono nokuthi uhulumeni athole ithuba ukuchazela ibandla ngomsebenzi abawenzayo nalapho behluleka khona.

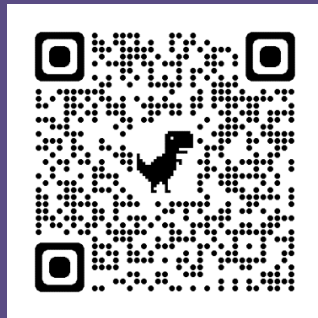
Nginethemba ukuthi kusasa, ngosuku lwesibili lwe-summit, sizongena endabeni nokujula kwayo. Siyakuthola ukuthi uhulumeni unendlela yakhe yokwenza izinto, kanti besizosebenzisana ngcono ngabe bavume ukuthambisa eminye yemigomo yabo sizokhona ukesebenzisana ngokwenhloso. Isikhathi sichithwe ebantwini bakahulumeni abafune ukukhuluma bonke kanti bekunendlela engcono yokusakaza imibono yabo, umsebenzi we-summit uhlukumezekile ngaleyondlela.

Uhlelo lwakusasa kufanele lubengcono, livumele amalungelo e-civil society ukuthi aqguqguzele uhulumeni ukuthi enze umsebenzi onqunyelwe bona. Lohlelo yilona eliqunyelwe amalunga e-civil society kule-summit. Okunye ebebalulekile ukuthi izinto ezenzeka empahakathini kufanele ziphakanyiswelwe umangameli nabanye ababsebenzisana naye ukuthi bazazi, bazilungise. Mihlanu (5) uminyaka esidlulile sidingidana ne-strategic plan, kufanele ibonakale ukuthi izethembiso zomangameli nohulumeni wakhe ziyenzeka yini. Sizobe siyahluleka emsebenzini wethu uma lokhu Kungenzekanga.”

Nonhle Sikosana, Call to Action



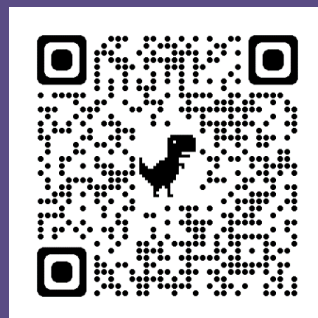
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SUPPORT SPACE

Your well-being matters!

Feeling anxious, overwhelmed or distressed? You don't have to suffer alone. Please reach out to the free and available services below for support after hours. Should you need support during the Summit, please visit our 'Community Care Room'.

We have trauma counsellors ready to meet with you.

For those seeking a meditative space, prayer or spiritual support at the Summit, please visit the Community Care Room to be connected to a person of your faith preference.

GBV Command Centre - 0800 428 428

USSD number *120*7867#

SMS 'Help' to 31531

The Centre operates a National, 24hr/7days-a-week Call Centre facility. Social workers waiting to refer you to necessary support.

Lifeline - 0800 150 150

Support for victims of physical, emotional, financial and sexual abuse

Rape Crisis 24 hour helpline - English 021 447 9762, isiXhosa: 021

361 9085, Afrikaans: 021 633 9229

24 hour support for survivors of rape and sexual assault

South African Depression and Anxiety Group 24 hour helpline - 0800 456 789

24 hour suicide helpline

National Shelter Movement of South Africa - 0800 001 005

Helpline for GBV survivors seeking shelter



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