



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS
Republic of South Africa

MEDIA INVITATION

DATE: 30 March 2016

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION SEMINAR AT AIR FORCE BASE SWARTKOP ON 31 MARCH 2016

International Women's Day is commemorated annually on the 8th of March. The commemoration of the day was adopted in Copenhagen in 1910 at the International Women's Conference. At this conference, which was attended by women from seven countries, the idea of an International Women's Day as a way to unite women of the world to advocate their demands for women's emancipation was tabled. Since then, annually on March the 8th, events are held throughout the world to inspire women and deepen their achievements.

Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Ms Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula will officially open the event on 31 March 2016 at Air Force Base Swartkop at 08h00 in commemoration of the International Women's Day 2016. Focus will specifically be on women who have lost their spouses in the line of duty in the Defence Force.

You are cordially invited to send a photographer and a journalist.

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