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Symposium 2 on Gender Inequality and Anti-corruption

TOPIC

Advancing gender-responsive governance, accountability and institutional reform

THEMES

Gender inequality and corruption
Gender-based violence and governance
Public accountability and institutional reform
Cross-sector collaboration for policy coherence

Join us as we convene scholars, policymakers, civil society actors and practitioners to examine how corruption and governance failures intersect with gender inequality and gender-based violence and to identify strategies for accountable, gender-responsive institutions.

Date: 12 to 14 August 2026

Venue Day 1: Stellenbosch University, Bellville Park Campus

Venue Day 2&3: Santam Insurance, 1 Sportica Crescent, Tyger Valley, Bellville

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about attending the hybrid symposium.

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Corruption does not affect all people equally – its impacts are deeply gendered. Women, particularly those excluded from formal decision-making, face disproportionate barriers to public services, justice and economic opportunity.

A critical and underexplored intersection is the link between corruption and gender-based violence. When law enforcement, judicial systems and healthcare are corrupted, institutional responses to GBV break down with survivors sometimes facing demands for bribes to file complaints or access legal protection. Addressing corruption is therefore essential to building institutions that protect and serve everyone.

"Corruption in law enforcement, judicial systems, healthcare and social services can undermine efforts to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, perpetuating impunity and discouraging survivors from seeking justice."

Symposium concept note, ACCERUS, Stellenbosch University

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#GenderAndAnticorruption2026



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

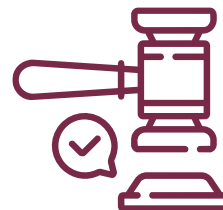
Chair: Dr Samantha Williams, Senior Lecturer, SU School of Public Leadership

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
- Mr 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."