

International Women Day 8th March 2013 in Port Louis Mauritius

Your Excellencies , Members of the diplomatic Corp, Eminent writers and Poets from South Africa Distinguished guest

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- We r gathered her to reflect, celebrate and continue to pledge for total emancipation of all women as our predessors did
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- We have a lot to celebrate on our continent
- As our govt in forefront to fight the scourge of women abuse through various initiatives aimed at protecting women and children
- Despite SA constitutional and legislative protection, violence based on gender and sexual orientation remains unacceptable levels. It takes various forms and one and more have made intl headlines
- The objective to day is to share experiences
- Build solidarity
- SA and Mu already have warm bilateral relations
- It can only be enhanced and deepened by these people to people relations and exchanges
- We can debate and discuss how do we formost prevent this scourge of violence against women and girls as there are commonalities interm off trends
- national Ministry on Women, Children and Persons with Disabilities within the national and provincial executive, and standing committees on the Quality of Life and Status of Women in national and provincial legislatures.
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