



GenderCC SA - Women for Climate Justice
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International Day of Rural Women theme:

"Building rural women's resilience in the wake of COVID-19"

Media Invitation

Date: 15 October 2020

Time: 09:30 – 14:00

Where: Hebron Village, Madibeng Municipality, North West

Link to location: <https://goo.gl/maps/9mUk6xKqRYkFZyk67>

Celebrating International Day of Rural Women with GenderCC SA and the Hebron Mango Tree Owner Primary Cooperative in Hebron Village

According to the United Nations rural women play a crucial role in agriculture, food security and nutrition, land and natural resource management, and rural enterprises.

Despite the critical role rural women play, they are working under severely difficult conditions which include insufficient infrastructure and inadequate rural services. As part of the Gender and Climate Resilient Communities Initiative (GCRCI) project, GenderCC SA and the Hebron

Mango Tree Owner Primary Cooperative are hosting a Rural Women's Day Celebration in Hebron village in Madibeng Municipality.

The event will show how rural women farmers and young girls address climate change challenges and increase sustainability by growing indigenous food.

Bertha Chiroro, Director of GenderCC SA says rural women play a crucial role in rural economies in South Africa, as they are the mainstay in these economies through their contribution to food security and nutrition.

"We would go hungry if our rural women do not play their important role of ensuring that they feed our families, and they have so much knowledge in food preservation that we should tap into in order to ensure sustainable development and zero hunger.

Not only do they have a deep understanding of healthy, tasty and nutritious indigenous foods and food preservation, but their knowledge of herbal remedies contributes to the health of our families and economies," Chiroro said.

GenderCC SA calls all stakeholders, our families, government, public and private sectors to support rural women and girls to grow their capacities as we respond to the scourge of climate change, food security and natural resource management.

Mango achar project

The first International Day of Rural Women was observed on 15 October 2008. The day was established by the General Assembly in its resolutions of 18 December 2007 in recognition of the critical role and contribution of rural women.

During the Rural Women's Day celebration, rural women farmers and girls will show how they are combating poverty and improving food security.

Smallholder mango farmers will present indigenous foods that they provide for their families and stakeholders will be briefed about the progress made on the Mango Achaar Project.

The programme will also include discussions on how farmers adapt to climate change in terms of nutrition, food security and water conservation.

Attendees will include farmers and members of the Hebron Mango Tree Owner Primary Cooperative, Nikolas Bosscher, the development cooperation attaché of the Government of Flanders and Tabea Masilo, programme director.

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