

# WEBINAR ON GENDER RESPONSIVE PROCUREMENT

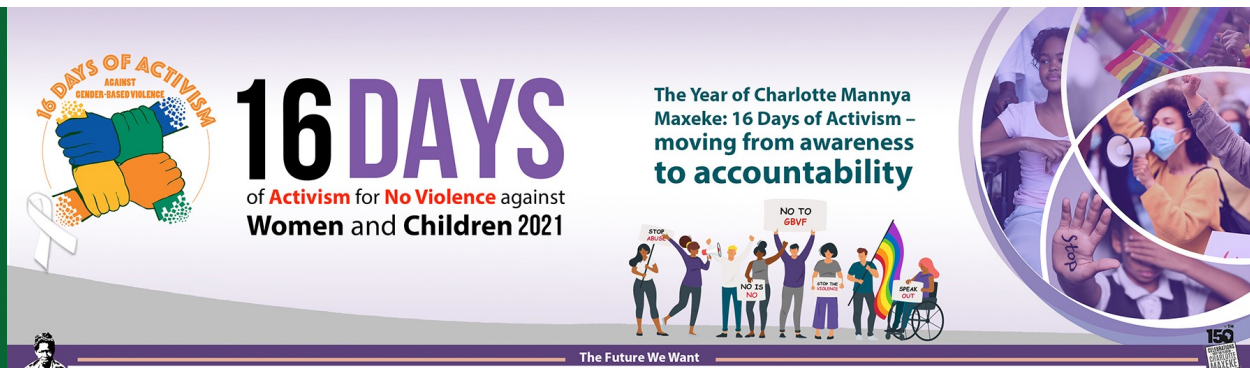


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Empowering women economically can contribute towards reducing their vulnerability to gender based violence. During the 16 days of campaign to end violence against women, the DSBD is collaborating with the EU-funded Ecosystem Development for Small Enterprise (EDSE) and Open Contracting Partnership (OCP) in hosting a webinar to highlight the value of gender responsive procurement to support the economic growth of women-owned businesses (WOB).

President Cyril Ramaphosa announced in 2020 the South African Government commitment to ensuring that 40% of all government procurement is set-aside for Women Owned Businesses (WOBs). On the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021, the Women's Economic Assembly (WECONA) was launched to support this initiative. Open contracting Partnership has completed a study to try and understand the challenges and barriers facing WOB in securing contracts from government.

The aim of the webinar is to launch the OCP Report “*Equity and Inclusion of Women-owned Businesses in Public Procurement in South Africa*”. A key objective is to use the information from the OCP report to highlight the challenges and barriers facing WOB to take advantage of the 40% set aside and to accelerate initiatives to address women's unequal economic position so as to eliminate the drivers of gender based violence to support pillar 5 of the NSP GBV&F power women.

*“Tackling Gender Based Violence Through Empowering Women's Economic Growth by Using the 40% Public Procurement Set-Aside for Women Owned Business”*



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