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### **MINISTER OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MS LINDIWE ZULU PARTICIPATES IN THE 63<sup>RD</sup> COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW63) IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

Minister Lindiwe Zulu is part of a government and civil society delegation led by Minister in the Presidency responsible for Women, Ms Bathabile Dlamini to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63) currently taking place at the United Nations Headquarters from 11-22 March in New York, United States of America.

The delegation will present South Africa's report on the status of social protection system, access to public service, sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in South Africa. Minister Zulu will also participate in some of the ministerial roundtables, high level interactive dialogue and interactive expert panels.

The United Nation's Commission of the Status of Women (UNCSW) was established on 21 June 1946, it is a global policy making body and a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The CSW63 is dedicated exclusively to addressing gender equality and the empowerment of women. As a global policy making body, it serves to develop international strategies and programmes intended to promote and ensure gender equality and the empowerment of women across the world.

This year's CSW63 is convened under the theme *“Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.*

Minister Zulu said: “We thank the United Nations for affording South Africa this unique opportunity to participate in the 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women and

it is also an opportunity to contribute, share and learn best practices on gender equality for the empowerment of women of our country”.

South Africa's participation at the CSW63 has been robust and consistent throughout the years. The Department of Small Business Development and Minister Zulu's participation at the CSW63 will provide an opportunity to learn from and share with the world some of the country's strategies that are geared towards women economic empowerment, small business and cooperatives development and other strong economic foundations that are aimed at achieving inclusive and sustainable economic growth for women including the youth.

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