



Declaration of the Gauteng Legislature Multi-Party Women's Caucus

We, the Women Parliamentarians of the Gauteng Legislature, hereafter referred to as the Gauteng Legislature Multi-Party Women's Caucus, at the Strategic Planning Session of the Gauteng Legislature Multi-Party Women's Caucus (MPWC), held on 27 - 28 March 2025, at the Capital Melrose in Johannesburg, declared our commitment to the following principles:

- i. Advancement of programmes that enable Women Parliamentarians in the Gauteng Legislature to fulfil their potential as legislators. An emphasis on training and skills development such as public speaking, lobbying, and





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legislative drafting, as well as strategic and critical thinking will pay particularly high dividends.

- ii. Pursue legitimacy and credibility through effective support mechanisms for women legislators.
- iii. Advocacy for laws and policies that promote women's emancipation.
- iv. Influencing House Resolutions and other decisions in the legislature to respond to the development of women in Gauteng.





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- v. Empowerment of women to drive the course and objectives of the women emancipation by developing programmes on women solidarity.
- vi. Advocacy for a Legislature that advances the interests of marginalised groups, especially those with special needs.
- vii. Amplify the voices of marginalized groups and support policies that address gender disparities effectively.
- viii. Advocacy for the environment that facilitates shaping and mentoring of young women leaders of tomorrow by providing platforms for them to develop and acquire leadership skills.





- ix. Lobby for the development and amendment of laws to embed gender equity into fiscal policies and resource allocation Frameworks.
- x. Advancing equitable and inclusive governance and consultative policymaking through the adoption and implementation of Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) in Gauteng.
- xi. Strengthen oversight and scrutiny mechanisms to ensure impactful, effective implementation of GRB. This includes regularly reviewing budgetary processes, outcomes and reports to ensure alignment with transversal mainstreaming and gender equity goals, holding both the legislature and the executive accountable for progress.





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- xii. Implement clear accountability frameworks, with transparent tracking and reporting on gender mainstreaming and related budget allocations and expenditures.
- xiii. Foster a collaborative approach that incorporates local government, engages civil society, community stakeholders, and governance structures to promote systemic change.



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Adopted by members of the MPWC, at the strategic planning session of the Caucus, on 27 – 28 March 2025:

Signed:

Date:

Chairperson of the Caucus

Deputy Chairperson

Executive Committee Member

Executive Committee Member





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Executive Committee Member

****All Members to sign the declaration***

**Declaration will be printed for signature by all Members of the MPWC at the next physical meeting of the MPWC.*