DRAFT PROGRAMME & DELEGATE PRICING

GBV is not only a social crisis. It is an economic one.

Theme: Positioning GBV as a Socio-Economic Imperative for Collective Action, Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development

DATES	VENUE	RSVP
8–10 December 2026	Sandton Hotel, Benmore Gardens, Johannesburg	**Early Bird:** 23:59 SAST, 14 November 2026 **Final:** 30 November 2026

Register as a delegate ↗

EARLY BIRD

R4 200

Full three-day pass. Save R1 800 on the standard rate when you register and pay by 23:59 SAST, 14 November 2026.

WHY ATTEND

Six returns for your organisation.

The GBV Socio-Economic Imbizo 2026 is designed as an action-oriented investment platform to deliver direct operational, compliance and financial returns for attendees.

Risk & compliance

Mitigation and optimisation of the risks GBV creates for your organisation.

Reduced presenteeism

Improved operational efficiency when people are present and able to work.

GBVF-responsive budgeting

Budgeting innovation that produces measurable impact.

High-level networking

An annual showcase held during the global UN 16 Days of Activism.

Ready-to-deploy toolkits

Practical tools and strategic insights you can use the following week.

Transformation leadership

GBV transformation leadership and benchmarking against your peers.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The people who decide, fund and implement.

Over 350 executive decision-makers, policymakers and civil society leaders.

Corporate leadership: Board members, C-suite executives, business leaders, and corporate HR, citizenship, finance, stakeholder relations and culture transformation directors.

Risk & compliance professionals: Risk and audit managers, ESG strategists and transformation leads.

Employee well-being: Wellness managers, EAP partners, organised labour officials and trade union representatives.

Public sector & development: National, provincial and local government officials, SOEs, multilateral development partners and embassies.

Advocacy & knowledge partners: Economists, business associations, civil society leaders, NGO and NPO directors, media, researchers, academia and special interest groups.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Three days, from the reality check to national pledges.

This is a draft programme and is subject to speaker confirmation and change. Names listed include confirmed and proposed speakers and organisations.

DAY 1 · TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2026

Setting the Scene & The Reality Check

Economic, policy and multilateral baselines. Programme Director to be confirmed.

08:00–09:00

Delegate registration & morning refreshments

Format: Arrival & networking

09:00–09:30

Official opening & national contextualisation

Framing the 16 Days of Activism and the National Strategic Plan (NSP).

Format: Plenary opening

Who: Senior Government Representative; National Council on GBVF Leadership; United Nations; B20 Business Representative

09:30–10:30

The Reality Check: economic, spatial & fiscal baseline

Micro-spatial risk analytics and economic drag; the cost of GBV on corporate productivity and GDP; the local government 90-day audit and city response; B-BBEE alignment and the preferential procurement paper.

Format: Keynote & research benchmark panel

Who: Dr Pali Lehohla (The Lehohla Ledger); Prof. Corné Davis-Buitendag (UJ); Shared Value Africa / IFC (Kenya Study); City of Johannesburg Leadership; Empowerdex Technical Lead

10:30–11:00

Mid-morning refreshments & exhibition walkthrough

Format: Networking break

Who: Exhibitors & delegates; special guests and media

11:00–13:00

High-level plenary panels

Panel 1: United Nations & multilateral frameworks (UN Women, UN Global Compact, UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF). Panel 2: International trade, B20 & BRICS alignment. Panel 3: Inter-ministerial government alignment. Panel 4: Private sector leadership (BUSA, BASA, Minerals Council, CEO Forum).

Format: Plenary panel discussions (30 minutes per panel)

Who: UN Resident Coordinator & UN agency leads; B20 / BRICS Trade / AU representatives; Inter-Ministerial Committee Ministers; C-suite executives (Absa, Anglo, Vodafone, JSE)

13:00–14:00

Executive lunch & networking

Format: Exhibition lunch break

Who: All delegates & sponsors

14:00–15:30

Workplace issues & preventive risk management

ILO Convention 190 (C190) and the role of organised labour; harassment, bullying and risk system audits; positive masculinity as a corporate prevention strategy.

Format: Interactive panel discussions
Who: UN Global Compact & trade union representatives; corporate HR & transformation directors; male allyship advocates

15:30–16:00

Toolkits & AI technology showcase

GBVF Response Fund toolkit introduction; AI-driven confidential reporting and risk analytics.

Format: Plenary presentation & product demo
Who: GBVF Response Fund Executive; AI tech innovation partners

16:00

Day 1 summary, reflections & wrap-up

Brief on Day 2.

Format: Closing plenary
Who: Convening team & session chairs

DAY 2 · WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2026

Concurrent Breakout Rooms & Deep-Dive Masterclasses

Four rooms run in parallel in the morning, followed by masterclasses and AI demos in the afternoon.

08:00–09:00

Arrival, coffee & networking

Format: Registration
Who: All delegates

09:00–13:00

Morning concurrent breakout streams (Rooms 1–4)

Detailed sessions per room are listed below, including a tea break at 10:30.

Format: Breakout rooms
Who: Room facilitators & delegates

13:00–14:00

Executive networking lunch

Format: Lunch break
Who: All delegates

14:00–16:00

Afternoon breakout masterclasses & AI demos (Rooms 1–4)

NPO donor alignment & grant masterclass; corporate AI reporting demos and risk audits.

Format: Masterclass workshops
Who: Masterclass facilitators

Room 1: Positive Masculinity & Allyship

- Men's Forum templates & wellness
- Executive mental health & wounded leadership
- 21st century executive male archetype
- Global insights: 'Not Forgetting the Man'
- ABSA & Vodafone case studies; executive men's health; cultural change frameworks

Facilitators: Male Allyship Leads / Vodacom / ABSA / Global Speaker [TBD]

Room 2: ILO C190 & Policy Alignment

- ILO C190 as a corporate risk framework
- Implementation tools & vicarious liability
- B-BBEE scorecard alignment & incentives
- Policy alignment with DTI & Parliament
- Risk assessment audits: DTI legislation; B-BBEE bonus points alignment
- SMMEs, township and rural GBV prevention
- Public sector workplace C190 compliance

Facilitators: ILO Representatives / Empowerdex / DTI Technical Experts [TBD] / DSBD / COGTA / DPA / Parliament / SOEs / Academia

Room 3: Case Studies & Collaborations

- Streamlining action: from fragmented response to coordinated focus (DPME)
- Anglo American 'Living with Dignity Hub' case study (Minerals Council of South Africa)
- Multi-sectoral tracking & monitoring of harassment: Resilience Institute Harassment Risk Index (HRI)
- Kenya & regional best practice: practical solutions to reduce the socio-economic impact of corporate harassment (Shared Value Africa)
- International case study: GBV macroeconomic impact (Genesis Analytics UK)

Room 4: Solutions & Masterclasses

- Economic empowerment & procurement (NSP Pillar 5.1)
- Research themes & the National GBV Socio-Economic Impact Index (Ask Afrika & partner economist)
- Youth empowerment: young professionals case studies (YES Programme)
- NPO fundraising & donor alignment masterclass
- Unlocking SMME GBV-responsive business practice (Department of Small Business Development; township and rural)
- Deep dive into public service GBV-responsive workplace health for improved service delivery

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DAY 3 · THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2026

Future-Proofing, Resolutions, National Pledges & Way Forward

A half day that turns three days of evidence and dialogue into resolutions and sectoral pledges.

08:00–09:00

Arrival & morning refreshments

Format: Networking
Who: All delegates

09:00–09:30

Welcome back & synthesis of Day 1 and 2 outcomes

Format: Plenary opening
Who: Convening team / session chairs / senior government representative

09:30–10:15

Panel: Shaping the Future for Zero GBV

Future-proofing organisational culture: unleashing youth leadership to mitigate social and GBV risks.

Format: Youth & future leaders panel
Who: NYDA Representative; YES Programme & Harambee leads; corporate young professionals

10:15–10:45

Consolidated breakout resolutions & action plan presentation

Format: Plenary report-back
Who: Rapporteurs & room facilitators

10:45–11:15

Mid-morning refreshments & media briefing setup

Format: Networking break
Who: Delegates & media

11:15–12:15

National stakeholder commitment pledges & photo ceremony

Formal signing and handover of sectoral pledges.

Format: Ceremonial handover & media photo
Who: Presidency / Cabinet Ministers; corporate C-suite & union leads

12:15–12:45

Closing keynote address & strategic announcements

Official launch of the 2027–2030 Action Framework. Preview: SONA Business Alignment Breakfast (February 2027, Cape Town).

Format: Closing keynote & announcement
Who: The Presidency / government dignitary; Jacki Mpondo-Hendricks (Convenor)

12:45–12:50

Entertainment

12:50–13:00

Vote of thanks & sponsor recognition

13:00–14:30

Farewell lunch & official departure

Format: Networking lunch
Who: All delegates

DELEGATE PRICING

Choose your pass.

Every delegate pass covers all three days. USD conversions are provided at an indicative exchange rate of 1 USD = R17.50 for international and continental delegates to accommodate additional charges and fluctuations. All prices are exclusive of VAT.

Early Bird Pass Until 23:59 SAST on 14 Nov 2026	R4 200,00 / $240.00*	Full 3-day access pass for early individual registrants, including meals and soft drinks.
Standard Delegate Pass Full price	R6 000,00 / $345.00*	Standard full 3-day individual pass for corporate, government and general delegates.
NGO / NPO Delegate Pass	R3 000,00 / $170.00*	Subsidised full 3-day pass for registered NPOs, CSOs and survivor-support organisations.
Student Delegate Pass	R3 000,00 / $170.00*	Subsidised full 3-day pass for accredited tertiary students (valid student ID required).
Stakeholder Bundle + Exhibition Stand	R50 000,00 / $2,850.00*	Corporate package: 10 full 3-day delegate passes + 1 exhibition stand in the main showcase hall.

What a full three-day pass includes

- ✓ **Full access to all 3 days:** Admission to plenary keynotes, economic scenario presentations and sector breakout panels (8–10 December 2026).
- ✓ **Exhibition & Masterclasses:** Entry to the main Exhibition Hall and specialised NPO Masterclasses (CSI funding, impact measurement and workplace tools).
- ✓ **Research & Index briefings:** Access to the launch findings of South Africa's recurring GBV Socio-Economic Impact Index.
- ✓ **Hospitality & catering:** Daily teas, refreshments and conference networking lunches.

Stakeholder Bundle: R50 000 / $2,850

- ✓ **10 full 3-day passes:** Ideal for CEOs, executive leadership, board members, HR, ESG, risk, transformation and wellness teams.
- ✓ **1 dedicated exhibition stand:** Position your workplace safety, wellness or CSR solutions in front of over 350 executive decision-makers, government officials and civil society leaders.
- ✓ **Brand visibility:** Organisation logo listed in the digital delegate handbook and exhibitor directory.

1. **Early Bird deadline:** To qualify for the R4 200,00 rate, registration and payment must be completed by 23:59 SAST on 14 November 2026.
2. **Verification requirements:** Student and NGO passes require proof of enrolment (student ID) or an NPO registration certificate (PBO/NPO number) during online registration.

EXHIBITION

Standalone exhibition packages.

Display your workplace safety, wellness, research or CSI initiatives in front of 350 executive decision-makers, policymakers and civil society leaders. Every package includes two exhibitor staff passes.

NGO Exhibition Stand	R12 000,00 / $686.00*	Registered non-profits & CSOs
Research & Academic Stand	R14 000,00 / $800.00*	Universities, research institutes & think-tanks
Public Sector / Govt Stand	R16 000,00 / $914.00*	National, provincial, municipal entities & SOCs
Corporate Standalone Exhibitor	R18 000,00 / $1 029.00*	Private sector companies & commercial exhibitors
Exhibition & Masterclasses Package	R21 000,00 / $1 200.00*	Exhibition stand + branded masterclass hosting

Included in all stand packages

- ✓ 2 × Exhibitor staff passes
- ✓ 1 × Trestle table
- ✓ 1 × Black tablecloth
- ✓ 2 × Conference chairs

Provided by the exhibitor, at own cost

Pull-up banners, audiovisual equipment, promotional materials, pop-up displays, power extension leads and any additional custom furniture.

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Be part of the change.

Early Bird closes at 23:59 SAST, 14 November 2026. Final RSVP by 30 November 2026.

Register as a delegate ↗

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