

HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY – 9 August 2010

On this day we celebrate the tenacity our leaders who in 1956 fought for justice against oppressive apartheid laws. We remember the 20 000 heroines who bravely marched to the Union Buildings to send a strong message to the government of that time. "You strike a woman, you strike a rock", this message still holds today.

South Africa led by the African National Congress ensures that the rights of women are enshrined in our Constitution, our President Jacob has made it clear that equal opportunities to empower and advance women in all sectors of society must be provided.

Therefore as we celebrate our womanhood, we look back at our successes not just in the workplace, but firstly at home as a caring mother and wife, a community builder and activist for change, a sister who listens to the cry of all women, a mother who shoulders the burden of poverty, the cook who feeds the country and most importantly, we celebrate our success in managing it all. No role is different from the other. Its inter-connectivity is what makes us phenomenal. A women handling it all is Divine, embrace your challenges and harness your potential to be what you were meant to be. Happy Womens Day.

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