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**Media Invitation**

10<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Attention:** News Editors and Journalists

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## **NELSON MANDELA WOMEN'S DIALOGUE TOWARDS TOTAL LIBERATION OF WOMEN IN AFRICA**

Gauteng: Nelson Mandela Museum in partnership with the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre will host the Nelson Mandela Museum Women's Dialogue on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 from 15h00 until 17h00. The women's dialogue will celebrate the social, cultural, educational and political achievements of women as a mark or respect for those who sacrificed their lives for a just South Africa. The women's dialogue will also highlight the plight of women during the democratic dispensation and allow women to lament their cries on physical abuse, emotional abuse and mental abuse.

This year's dialogue is under the theme: **"TOWARDS TOTAL LIBERATION OF WOMEN IN AFRICA: SILENT VOICES"**. The theme is informed by the scourge of physical violence and emotional abuse suffered by women in society. The dialogue will be made up of speakers coming from different backgrounds. Speakers are:

- **Tracey Henry** - serves on the Board of Trustees of the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre, various NGO boards and advisory committees and has peer-reviewed and written articles for various local and international publications.
- **Karyn Kadish** - Clinical Psychologist and Psychometrist in 1990. In 2012 as the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre's volunteer aiding Holocaust

survivors during various centre events and on the Holocaust and the Genocide in Ruanda.

- **Christine Niwemfura** - was born in Rwanda in 1985 and is the only member of her large family to survive the 1994 Genocide. She is a mother of two and a volunteer at the JHGC.
- **Tali Nates** - one of the founders of the Holocaust and Tutsi Genocide Survivors groups in Johannesburg. Born to a family of Holocaust survivors, her father and uncle were saved by Oskar Schindler. The rest of the family was murdered. Tali is a historian who lectures internationally on Holocaust education, genocide prevention, reconciliation and human rights. She has won many awards including the *Kia Community Service Award (South Africa, 2015)*, the *Gratias Agit Award (2020, Czech Republic)*, the *Austrian Holocaust Memorial Award (2021)* and the *Goethe Medal (2022, Germany)*.
- **Dr. Nomvuselelo Songelwa (Ph.D.)** – Nelson Mandela Museum Council Member, an active and full member of the Africa Board for Coaching, Consulting, and Coaching Psychology. She is also the author of - *Life Lessons of a cattle herder: Reflections from the Boardroom (2021)* and - *Lipsticks Chronicles: The Warfare of Inclusion (2023)*.

**Media is invited to attend the dialogue.**

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