

**Briefing for the committee
of Joint Monitoring
Committee of Quality of
Life and Status of Women
Presented by Office on
Status of Women
2005-2006**

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PART ONE

ANNUAL REPORT 2005/2006

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1. Introduction

- Staff – 1 Director; 3 Deputy Directors, 1 Admin officer and 1 secretary.
- Serious staff turn over
- The office was once manned by the Chief Director until appointment of the three DD.
- The current OSW officers started work in July 2007 without orientation from colleagues who had already left the office

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1. Introduction...

- Electronic documents were searched and the following 2005/2006 report was retrieved
 - Status report on the office on the Status of women-October 2005.
 - Annual Report of the Office on Status of Women 2005/2006
- The presentation will be based on these reports as the new office has no information about the activities of the office then.

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1. Introduction...

- The report will be presented under the six key programmes objectives for OSW focus areas, namely: policy, gender mainstreaming, planning and coordination, advocacy, capacity building, and international liaison and networking.

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1.1 Policy

- The OSW has provided input to the development of generic sector strategies and / or policies prioritizing the following areas:
- Poverty eradication
 - Women's participation in the economy with emphasis on the second economy
 - Eradication of violence against women and children
 - Capacity building and skills development
 - Women's health

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1.2 Gender Mainstreaming

The challenge for the OSW has been that no one with authority within the administration has taken authority for driving the implementation of gender mainstreaming, however the following activities took place;

- development of the draft National Gender Programme of Action on Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality 2005-2015.
- Developing a training manual for Public Sector managers, on gender mainstreaming.
- Participation in the review of the 'Education for All, Goal 5'

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1.2 Gender Mainstreaming....

- The OSW conducted a gender analysis of the 2005 government's end of year reports
- The OSW conducted an analysis, and provided the OSW strategic programmes and plans to support the 2006 SONA.
- The OSW provided the input (written and verbal) which addressed the specific questions posed by the committee in Parliament.

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1.2 Gender Mainstreaming....

- The OSW provided input in the development of national indicators coordinated by the Department of Land Affairs.
- Discussed the way forward, as well as roles and responsibilities of the OSW and the DFA in South Africa's role in the Friends of Helsinki Process.

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1.3 Planning and Coordination

- Convened 4 National Gender Machinery meetings.
- The OSW held strategic planning meetings with the Gender Focal Points and the Provincial OSW coordinators.
- Coordination support to the Presidential Working Group on Women
- The OSW held two planning meetings to discuss the development of the National Gender Plan of Action .

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1.3 Planning and Coordination...

- OSW launched a South Africa's Beijing + 10 report
- OSW participated in the JMC Provincial Hearings on the National Instruction on the Domestic Violence Act and the Maintenance Act
- Held meeting with CGE to discuss participation in 16 Days of Activism Against Women and Child Abuse.
- Held the Strategic Planning workshop from the 15th to the 17th of February 2006.

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1.3 Planning and Coordination...

- the OSW convened and facilitated national consultation meetings in preparation for the 49th and 50th sessions of the CSW, in 2005 and 2006 respectively
- OSW hosted the following international delegates:
 - The Iraqi Women Parliamentarians – June 2005
 - Joint UNFPA and Zimbabwean Government's Study tour on Gender Based Violence – July 2005
 - Secretary General of Cuban Women's Federation – September 2005
 - The Ambassador Moreno, the Director of INSTRAW from Mexico in January 2005

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1.4 Advocacy

- OSW focused on popularization of the Policy Framework
- Co hosted commemoration of the 49th anniversary of the women's march with Limpopo Province.
- OSW serves in the Inter-Departmental Task Team coordinated by the Department of Arts and Culture for 50th anniversary

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1.5. Capacity Building

- The OSW developed content towards the curriculum for the capacity building of public sector managers
- Two deputy directors attended Southern African Sub-Regional Training Workshop on the Guidebook on Mainstreaming Unpaid Work and Household Production into National Statistics, Policies and Budgets.
- The OSW allocated staff members to different provinces for support purposes.

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1.6 International Liaison and Networking

- The OSW participated in the development of sub-regional, regional and international instruments for women's empowerment.
- The OSW provided technical assistance in the preparations for the 2006 SADC Council of Ministers meeting.
- In October 2005, the OSW participated in the development of the SADC Gender Policy and Strategy.

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1.7 Key Achievements

- The OSW serves on the following:
 - The Task Team for the Victim Empowerment Programme
 - The National Coordinating Task Team on Trafficking

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1.7 Key Achievements...

- OSW compiled the following National, National Regional, Sub-regional and international instruments to which South Africa is a signatory:
 - South Africa's Beijing + 10 report on Progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action
 - Report of the National Delegation to the 49th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW)

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1.7 Key Achievements...

- South Africa's Report on the Implementation of the SADC Heads of State Declaration on Gender and Development (June 2004-March 2005)
- South Africa's Input to the United Nations Secretary-General's In-Depth Study on Violence Against Women.
- South Africa's First Report on the Implementation of the AU Heads of States' Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (June 2005).

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1.6 Key meetings attended

- SAMDI / CIDA Capacity Building Mission in Canada 22 – 29 January 2005
- 49th Session of the UN CSW 28 February – 11 March 2005, New York
- 50th Session of the UN CSW 27 February – 10 March 2006, New York
- NAM Meeting on the advancement of Women 05-11 May 2005, Malaysia
- AU meeting on the Solemn Declaration 24-27 May 2005, Ethiopia

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1.8 Key meetings attended...

- NEPAD Gender Task Force meeting 12-15 July 2005, South Africa
- International Conference on Gender and ICTs on 19-26 August 2005
- The Women's Parliament on 30-31 August 2005
- South Africa Women in Dialogue 04-08 July 2005

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PART TWO

Strategic plan 2005/2006

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PART THREE

Financial Statement 2005/2006

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