

W20 South Africa Inception meeting

WOMEN IN SOLIDARITY Programme

20, 21 & 22 May 2025

Venue: Lagoon Beach Hotel & Spa, 1 Lagoon Gate Drive, Lagoon Beach, Cape Town



Arrival of delegates

Venue: Cape Town Lagoon Beach Hotel



20 May 2025

17:00–20:00: Welcome Reception and Cocktail Function at the Twelve Apostles, Cape Town.

By invitation only

Panel presentation on Modern day Slavery hosted by Walk Free Foundation



Day 1: 21 May 2025

Click [here](#) to RSVP for online and in-person attendance

08:00 Registration

Morning Session

09:30–10:30: Opening Plenary Session.

10:30–10:45: Coffee Break

10:45–12:15: **PANEL 1:** The Intersections between Entrepreneurship, Financial Inclusion and the Care Economy



12:15–13:15: Lunch

Afternoon Session

13:15–14:45: **PANEL 2:** Gender-Based Violence as a Critical Barrier to Women's Progression in STEM



14:45–15:00: Coffee Break

Closed Meeting

15:00–16:30: Closed Meeting to discuss Draft 1 of the Communique.
By invitation only



Gala Dinner

19:30–22:00: Gala Dinner, Lagoon Beach Hotel and Conference Centre, Cape Town.
Keynote: TBC
By invitation only

Day 2: 22 May 2025

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Morning Session

09:00 –10:15: Second Plenary Session TBC

10:15 –10:30: Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00: **PANEL 3:** The Challenges and Promises of a Just Transition to Renewable Energy for Women's Economic Empowerment

12:00–12:45: Lunch



Afternoon Session (including Outreach)

12:45–14.15 **PANEL 4:** The untapped potential of rural women for climate resilience, food security and digital transformation



14:15 –16.30: Outreach Meetings

Engage with communities or external groups to conclude the event on a collaborative note.



19:00 –21.00: Dinner
Venue TBC
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We will continue our outreach meetings with communities on the 23rd of May. More details will follow for delegates interested in joining us.

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