

**Speech to be delivered by the MEC for Education,
Mrs Reginah Mhaule at the Occasion of the Celebration of
Women's Day on 26 August 2014
at the Emnotweni Arena.**

Programme Director and DDG: Curriculum, Mrs Lucy Moyane

Head of Department, Mrs Mahlasedi Mhlabane

Members of Senior Management

Departmental Officials

Fellow Women.

Malibongwe,

It gives me great pleasure to meet with fellow women in the Department to celebrate a day dedicated to women all over the world. This is a very special day to all women as this day to some extent acknowledges the lives and challenges faced by women on a day to day basis.

Traditionally, in South Africa Women's Day is celebrated on 09 August of each year. We owe the declaration of 09 August as Women's Day to the historic anti-pass march by around 20000 women to the seat of government, the Union buildings in Pretoria in 1956.

We meet here in a celebratory mood to mark the 58th Anniversary of the historic march. Our meeting is a build up to the provincial event which is scheduled for 30 August 2014 at Masoyi Stadium and we are all invited to attend.

Great strides have been made with regards to senior management

precursor to In his opening statement to the National Women's
Day celebration on 09 August 2014, President Jacob Zuma