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Ms. Asanda Luwaca, Executive Chairperson of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), Joins South Africa's Delegation at CSW69 in New York City, USA

The Executive Chairperson of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), Ms. Asanda Luwaca, is honoured to be part of South Africa's official delegation to the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) in New York. The delegation is led by the Minister in the Presidency: Women, Youth & Persons with Disabilities.

The CSW69, scheduled from 10-21 March 2025, serves as a pivotal global platform dedicated to advancing gender equality, women's empowerment, and the promotion of human rights for women and girls worldwide. This year's theme, "Rights. Equality. Empowerment," resonates deeply with our commitment to achieving gender parity across all societal sectors.

Ms. Asanda Luwaca will also represent South Africa during the High-Level Interactive Dialogue "Beijing@30: A Dialogue with Youth Representatives," scheduled for Friday, 14 March 2025.

Ms. Luwaca's participation highlights South Africa's dedication to addressing gender inequality and amplifying the voices of young women and girls on the global stage. The NYDA remains steadfast in its mission to empower youth, particularly in the context of women's rights and gender equality.

Speaking on her involvement, Ms. Luwaca expressed, "I look forward to engaging with global leaders and advocates to further the conversation on gender equality and youth empowerment. This is an essential platform for us to not only highlight the strides we've made, but also to push for more concrete actions that will positively impact women and girls, especially young women, in South Africa and beyond. Our collective efforts are crucial to advancing gender parity and the rights of young people, ensuring that they have the opportunities and support they need to thrive."

The CSW69 offers an invaluable opportunity for nations to exchange ideas, experiences, and strategies to tackle challenges faced by women and girls globally. It also allows the South African delegation to collaborate with international stakeholders to promote equal opportunities and access to education, health, and economic empowerment for all women and girls.

The NYDA continues to champion the empowerment of young South Africans, particularly young women, to lead and influence positive change within their communities and beyond

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