

Women's Day Event

August 21st, 2009

Remarks made by Amb. Nomvume P. Magaqa, Consul General

Her Excellency, Ms Noluthando Mayende- Sibiya , Minister of Women, Children and people with Disability

Honorary Consuls representing South Africa in various states in the Midwest

Our honoured partners in today's event; the Illinois Judicial Council, the Cook County Bar Association; Black Lawyers Association and the Women's Bar Association

Members of the South African community in and around Chicago

Members of the Edgebrook Community present here

Esteemed Guests and friends of South Africa

The SACG in Chicago is honoured to welcome you to this gathering. We thank you Excellency for agreeing to be with us in Chicago for this event which is an expression of solidarity by our partners in the state of Illinois, and congratulate you on your appointment as the new Minister of such an important portfolio in our country.

The month of August in South Africa is Women's month, and because we are players in the global stage and because globalization has set in motion a process of far reaching change that is affecting everyone, it has created a world more interconnected than ever before. This spans not only from growing interdependence in economic relations - trade, investment, finance - but also social and political interaction among organizations and individuals across the world.

With this in mind Ladies and gentlemen, I am equally honoured to introduce our guest of honour today, who will also be a recipient of the donations that will be made today.