

# Women: The CHANGE makers

**W**omen have been change makers throughout history, defying the notion that they are weak, defenceless individuals who need the guidance and protection.

From the historic Women's March of 1956 to the Union Buildings, where women of all races and backgrounds marched for equal rights for all, to Florence Nightingale who revolutionised healthcare by simply introducing the washing of hands before touching a patient and saving many lives.

History proves that women have played, and continue to play, a vital role in society. If you educate a woman, she educates a nation. On Women's Day 2022, the PSA celebrates and recognises all the contributions made by women across all terrains. Women have had to climb mountains to be afforded the same opportunities as their male counterparts, and the struggle for gender equality still continues. The PSA has been vocal on equal opportunities for women, dating back to 1971 when these efforts resulted in women being able to work permanently in the public service.

Efforts continue today, with the PSA advocating for women to receive the same opportunities as their male colleagues.

PSA female shop stewards are often on the forefront of protecting and promoting members' rights and interests in their workplaces. They are also active changemakers and drivers of gender equality and empowerment.

The PSA encourages women to be the change they want to see, to create opportunities for employment, and support other women to become change activists. This also is the key message that will be shared during the PSA's National Women's Day event that will be hosted by the PSA Provincial Office in Mpumalanga on 9 August 2022.

**The PSA pays tribute to its female shop stewards who have contributed to the Union's ongoing success for more than a century.**

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