



Women in the Arts Exhibition Press Release

DITSONG: Museums of South Africa (DMSA) is a custodian of our cultural, natural and military history. DMSA aims to create a platform of celebration for women who have excelled in the Arts and Culture. This Women's Month, our celebrant is Nnoseng Ellen Kate Kuzwayo. An exhibition of women in the arts will open at DITSONG: National Museum of Cultural History. DMSA is mandated to play a key role in nation-building, social cohesion and socio-economic development.

Ellen Kuzwayo was a women's rights activist and politician in South Africa and a teacher from 1938-1952. In the 1960s she became the president of the African National Congress (ANC) Youth League. She was detained under a terrorism act and unfortunately lost the farm in Orange Free State which belonged to her family for nearly 100 years. She never lost courage and dignity. She was chosen as woman of the year in 1979 by the Johannesburg newspaper and The Star. She was the first black writer to be awarded the CNA literary prize for *Call Me Woman*. She was the most humble, determined and capable woman of the 20th century. She became a parliamentarian in the first democratic government of South Africa. Her life story is largely shaped by her desire to empower the youth and women.

Women in the arts will be telling her story through Art. There will be plenty to see at the exhibition including videos of her movies and books she wrote.

Date: Thursday, 29-08-19

Time: 10h00-16h00

Venue: DITSONG: National Museum of Cultural History

GPS Co-ordinates: 25° 45' 29.7" S 28° 11' 05.7" E

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