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In line with the Preamble of the South African Judicial Education Institute (SAJEI) Act 18 of 2008 on transforming the judiciary, SAJEI embarked on Aspirant Women Judges' training programme to improve representation of women in the Judiciary. The honourable Chief Justice RMM Zondo will host a closing ceremony followed by media briefing to officially close the Aspirant Women Judges programme on 20 September 2023.

The Programme was implemented by SAJEI, which is in the Office of the Chief Justice (OCJ). The Lead Coordinator for the programme was retired Judge Phineas Mojapelo.

The candidates have undergone intensive training consisting of in-person sessions and mentoring. The candidates were lectured by experienced Judges including those who participated in the 2008 Aspirant Women Judges programme, conducted under the auspices of the late former Chief Justice, Judge Pius Langa, and the former Minister of Justice, Ms Brigitte Mabandla.

During the mentoring phase, they were placed at five High Court Divisions for a period of a month. The feedback received indicates that mentoring was insightful and empowering.

The details of the media briefing are as follows:

**Date:** 20 September 2023

**Time:** 15h00

**Venue:** 54onBath hotel in Rosebank

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