



**17<sup>th</sup> IAWJ**  
International Association of Women Judges  
**Biennial Conference**  
Cape Town, South Africa

**Resilience: Women in Leadership to End  
Gender-Based Violence & Femicide**

9 April – 12 April 2025

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MEDIA STATEMENT

## **SOUTH AFRICA TO HOST THE 17<sup>TH</sup> IAWJ BIENNIAL CONFERENCE, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**

The South African Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges (SAC-IAWJ) will host the 17th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ), from 9 to 12 April 2025 in Cape Town.

The conference is held under the theme **Resilience: Women in Leadership to End Gender-Based Violence & Femicide**, and will bring together approximately 900 Judges, Magistrates, legal professionals, and policymakers from across the world to address the global scourge of gender-based violence (GBV) and femicide through judicial leadership and activism.

Global leaders and subject matter experts will deliberate on issues aligned to gender equality, judicial reforms, and women's leadership in the global justice space. There also will be presentations from members that tackle issues of GBV, human trafficking, cyberviolence, and self-care of judicial officers, amongst others.

The Conference is hosted in South Africa for the first time under the leadership of a female Chief Justice, Mandisa M L Maya, Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, and IAWJ Vice President. In attendance will be various Chief Justices, Judges, Magistrates and legal professionals from across the globe. The conference presents an opportunity for legal experts across the globe to network and strengthen judicial networks, promote knowledge, exchange skills and reinforce the global commitment to gender equality and justice.

### **WHY THIS CONFERENCE MATTERS**

The IAWJ is more than a professional association: it is a global force to curb and address issues relating to the well-being of women in the judiciary. Through rigorous legal analysis,

advocacy, and strategic collaboration, the IAWJ continues to shape the future of gender justice universally. This Biennial Conference will provide a crucial forum for legal minds to exchange ideas, refine strategies, and reinforce the judiciary's role in ending the pandemic of gender-based violence and femicide.

**MEDIA ATTENDANCE & ACCREDITATION:**

Members of the media will be directed by the Government Communications and Information Systems (GCIS), through a media advisory on this aspect.

For more information on the event visit: <https://iawj2025.com/>

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