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**Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand**



## CONFERENCE THEME:

**From Early Learning to Economic Mobility:  
Women Leading Community Development,  
Early Childhood Development,  
Skills Development and Transport Innovation.”**



## STRATEGIC POSITIONING

The conference is positioned as a national multi-stakeholder dialogue rather than simply a transport-sector event.

Its purpose is to bring together leaders from government, academia, industry, municipalities, ECD, development agencies, communities and the transport and logistics sector to explore how early learning, community development, skills development and transport innovation can work together to improve economic mobility, particularly for women and young people.

The concept deliberately does not move WiLAT-SA away from logistics and transport. Instead, it demonstrates that transport and logistics are enablers of national development.



## BACKGROUND

The concept note explains that:

- South Africa continues to face challenges relating to poverty, unemployment, inequality and skills shortages
- Quality Early Childhood Development is the foundation of lifelong learning and future employability
- Transport and logistics connect people to education, healthcare, employment and markets
- Women play a critical role in strengthening families, communities and the economy

Therefore, investing in women, ECD and community development contributes to developing the future transport and logistics workforce.



## CONFERENCE PURPOSE

To explore innovative approaches that position women as catalysts for community transformation, strengthen Early Childhood Development ecosystems, promote economic participation and create pathways into transport and logistics careers.



## LEGACY

The conference is intended to be the launchpad for the WiLAT-SA ECD Mobility and Community Development Programme, focusing on:



## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Promote ECD as the foundation of future economic participation
- ✓ Empower women ECD practitioners through leadership, entrepreneurship and operational skills
- ✓ Explore transport and logistics solutions that improve access to ECD and community services
- ✓ Strengthen partnerships among government, industry, academia and civil society
- ✓ Showcase opportunities for women and youth in logistics and transport
- ✓ Launch the WiLAT-SA ECD Mobility and Community Development Programme after the conference



## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- ✓ Adoption of a National Conference Declaration
- ✓ New strategic partnerships
- ✓ Sponsorship commitments
- ✓ Skills development opportunities
- ✓ Community-based pilot initiatives
- ✓ Greater visibility of women in logistics and transport leadership



## TARGET PARTICIPANTS

The conference was designed to attract:

- Government departments
- Municipalities
- ECD practitioners
- Universities
- TVET colleges
- SETAs
- Development agencies
- Women entrepreneurs
- Logistics and transport companies
- Corporate sponsors
- Community organisations
- Youth and student leaders



## KEY MESSAGE

Every logistics professional, pilot, engineer, truck driver, maritime specialist, rail operator and supply chain executive begins as a child in an ECD environment. By strengthening ECD today, we strengthen South Africa's future transport and logistics workforce tomorrow.



## WHY THIS CONFERENCE MATTERS



Aligns with South Africa's National Development Plan and related strategies



Advances women's economic empowerment and inclusive growth



Strengthens the ECD to employment value chain



Builds a more skilled, capable and future-ready transport and logistics sector

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