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## Malibongwe dialogue to explore women's economic development

**The Nelson Mandela Foundation will host the last Malibongwe dialogue next week**



**Panellists discuss ways of doing business at the**

### **2008 Malibongwe Dialogue**

**August 19, 2009** – The third and final Malibongwe dialogue held by the Nelson Mandela Foundation is set to take place on August 27, 2009 at the Turbine Hall in Newtown, Johannesburg.

This dialogue series has been used as a forum for women to discuss issues of political and economic emancipation and how best to support the development of women in local communities post-1994.

This year's Malibongwe dialogue entitled "Can we create a world without poverty?" will also explore some of the issues raised by Professor Muhammad Yunus in his Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture in July. Prof Yunus, the founder of Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, spoke about investing in the poor as a way to end poverty.

The 2009 event will be the last in the current format. In future, dialogues will happen in local communities and will be an opportunity for people to identify their own challenges and come up with solutions that are appropriate and sustainable.

The August 27 dialogue will feature an address by Minister of Trade and Industry Rob Davies as well as a discussion between members of the development, banking and entrepreneurial sectors.

The Malibongwe dialogue series started in 2007 as an occasion to acknowledge the liberation movement stalwarts who made it possible for South Africans to live in a just and democratic society. The second event in the series focused on economic regeneration and the empowerment of women.

The dialogues will continue to focus on the economic emancipation of women and supporting initiatives that focus on women.

Please click [here](#) for the full programme.