In her welcome message, Dr Precious Moloi-Motsepe said, “What we do at the Motsepe Foundation is to leverage our network, our resources, our wealth and our expertise to create a legacy for the future.”

Proceedings were energised by Botlhale Khosi Nkosi, CEO of the Women’s Network and board member of the Motsepe Foundation. She spoke on the need to tackle the socio-cultural ills that underpin women’s marginalisation, including “toxic masculinity” and gender-based violence.

A powerful keynote address was delivered by Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng. The main takeaways from his message were:

1. The need for “viciousness in execution” leadership and signaling from the top
2. Set deliberate policy through visionary leadership
3. Prioritize development and implementation of sexual harassment policies in the workplace

Some excerpts from these essays:

1. Celebrate one another, by building teams of women that change mind-sets through performance
2. Embrace individual value through inclusion, without assimilation to dominant cultures
3. Break up silos between women organisations and corporates

Key takeaways:

TOPIC 1:
1. The need for “viciousness in execution” leadership and signaling from the top
2. Set deliberate policy through visionary leadership
3. Prioritize development and implementation of sexual harassment policies in the workplace

TOPIC 2:
1. Understand gender gaps in consideration of other social problems (intersexuality)
2. Embrace individual value through inclusion, without assimilation to dominant cultures
3. Break up silos between women organisations and corporates

The day was filled with two interactive panel discussions.

The 10 winners received:
- Top two winners received R50,000, contributed to their schools towards books and library materials
- All the students were awarded a Motsepe Foundation scholarship to further their studies at universities in SA next year.

The following prizes were given to the students:

- Top ten winners received R10,000, contributed to their schools towards books and library materials

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