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The KwaZulu-Natal Legislature will today convene a Women's Parliament at the Okhahlamba Sports Complex in Bergville.

The sitting, which will see women from various backgrounds debate issues affecting women in the province, was part of the build-up to the International Women's Day commemorations tomorrow.

In KZN, the main International Women's Day event will also take place at the Okhahlamba Sports Complex.

DA federal leader John Steenhuisen, who is also the Agriculture Minister, will be in Durban to celebrate International Women's Day.

"He will be leading an empowerment project for female farmers in KwaZulu-Natal, who are feeding their communities by means of food gardens and community agriculture projects.

"This crucial work is part of the broader project to tackle hunger in our country, and ensure food security for millions of South Africans," the DA said in a statement.

Steenhuisen, who will be accompanied by DA KZN leader Francois Rodgers and DA KZN chairperson Dean Macpherson, will handover farming items to

emerging farmers.

"The DA has long championed this issue and fully understands the extent to which ensuring food security remains a key factor in mitigating poverty, with local agriculture and skills development in farming being critical solutions to sustaining local communities.

"Steenhuisen will donate various items including seeds and tools and will assist in the construction of a water tank," the party said.

KZN Premier Thami Ntuli, who is also the IFP KZN chairperson, was scheduled to be the main speaker at the provincial International Women's Day event at the Okhahlamba Sports Complex.

In his State of the Province Address (Sopa) delivered in Pietermaritzburg last week, Ntuli said his government would intensify the fight against gender-based violence.

"Gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) is a scourge that continues to put us to shame.

"The latest numbers of reported GBVF incidents in Inanda, Umlazi and Empangeni are disturbingly high.

"The province will continue to fight this scourge through the provincial integrated plan," he said.

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