The Women in Aerospace breakfast is a social event during the AeSSA Annual Conferences and a platform to share inspiring stories with the women and men who attend. This year was no exception as Guests of Honour Linda Weiland and Major Nandi Zama were joined by another invited guest, Tshepang Ralehoko, an aspiring pilot who was invited by AeSSA President Marié Botha after she read about her on News24.
Weiland of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is also a registered PhD student at the University of the Witwatersrand. Through her links with both the US and South Africa, she has contributed to outreach activities through leveraging the power of collaboration.

Zama who is from the SANDF believes that through innovation and passion, women are achieving transformation through a range of activities, including social entrepreneurship.

Ralehoko is achieving her goal to become a pilot through the support of her aunt, Doris Temba, who has started selling biscuits by the bucket to support her niece. “It’s about the youth and our future,” confirms Ralehoko, whose #BiscuitDrive article first appeared in News24.

Through these and other connections, the AeSSA is proud to be part of a growing number of Women in Aerospace who are shaping the future of this sector.