

Codesa has failed ... for the moment at least. Some women are now talking about Codema (Conference for a Democratic Marriage). We hope Codema doesn't suffer the same fate as Codesa.

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In a letter to 'Read On', a Zimbabwean magazine, a male reader wrote: "I would like to say 'no' to your issue on equal rights between men and women ... The father is the head of the family and the mother is the tail. The head leads the way and the tail is to wipe away insects. The two work together for the family. We cannot all be leaders ..."

My colleagues and I think he's lost his head.

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Some men attending the book launch of *No Turning Back* -



Kwa-Sophie...

the struggle for gender equality in the unions were not amused by Cosatu gender co-ordinator Dorothy Mokgalo's explanation of the difference between men and women. She suggested when making people God worked like artists do with a rough sketch first. The rough sketch, she said, was man ...

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Well, since Dorothy's speech, we've had more than one long-faced man visit our offices. When we asked one why he looked so depressed, he said, "After all, I'm just a rough sketch."

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... Five percent of the people at the book launch were men. There were three lucky draws in the competition to win the book. Two of the winners were men. Rough sketch or not, they still seem to have all the luck.

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And the greatest communications challenge of all is the challenge of communicating the idea that the time has come, in all countries, for men to share more fully in that most difficult and important of all tasks - protecting the lives and the health and the growth of their children.

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