



**SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE:
BUSINESS AND ITS COMPLICITY IN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

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PROTEA PARKTONIAN HOTEL, BRAAMFONTEIN, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA, 29-30 OCTOBER 2009

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE

- 8.30 Arrival and Registration of Delegates
- 8:30 - 9.00 Welcome and Introductory Remarks (FES, ICJ)

SESSION 1

BUSINESS AND ITS COMPLICITY IN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE: UNPACKING THE CONCEPT- RELEVANCE OF THE ISSUE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Chair: Mr Arnold Tsunga

- 9.00 - 9.30 KEY NOTE ADDRESS: Professor Michelo Hansungule
- 9.30 - 10.00 VIDEO MESSAGE from Prof. Ruggie
- 10.00 - 10.30 INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION: Business and Violation of Worker's Rights: Mr Bongani Masuku (COSATU)
- 10.30 - 11.00 PLENARY
- 11:00 - 11: 15 TEA BREAK

SESSION 2

REMEDIES AND OBSTACLES TO JUSTICE IN RESPECT OF COMPLICIT BUSINESS

Chair: Mr Martin Masiga

- 11.15 - 12.30 PANEL DISCUSSION: Country perspectives:
- SOUTH AFRICA (Dr David Bilchitz (Director-SAIFAC to present ICJ Study on Access to Justice in South Africa)
 - MALAWI (Mr Reinford wangonde, Citizens for Justice)
 - BOTSWANA (Mr Tshiamo Rantao)
 - SWAZILAND (Mr Thulani Maseko, Swaziland Lawyers for Human Rights)

- 12.30 - 13.00 PLENARY
- 13.00 - 14.00 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 2 (cont....)

- 14.00 - 15.00 PANEL DISCUSSION: Country perspectives
- LESOTHO: Mr Joachim Mokoko, Lesotho Law Society)
 - ZAMBIA: Mr James Banda, Zambian Law Society)
 - ZIMBABWE: (Mr Reginald Chidawanyika, Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights)
 - TELE-INTERVENTION: (Rachel Davies, Prof. Ruggie's Legal Advisor)

15.00 - 15.30 PLENARY
15.30 - 15.45 TEA BREAK

SESSION 3

BUSINESS, INTERNATIONAL CRIMES AND INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

Chair: Justice Dingake

15.45 - 17.00 PANEL DISCUSSION

- Dr Carlos Lopez (ICJ)
- Justice Charles Mkandawire (SADC Tribunal)
- Glen Mpufane (International Secretary of National Union of Mine Workers)
- Prof. Mia Swart (Wits University Law School)

17:00 - 18:00 PLENARY

DAY TWO

SESSION 4

DUE DILIGENCE AND LIABILITY FOR BUSINESS COMPLICITY IN THE SADC REGION

Chair: Mr. Felix Kirchmeier

08.45 – 10.15 DISCUSSION PANEL

- BRIEF INTRODUCTION: Dr Carlos Lopez –ICJ
- SOUTH AFRICA: Mr Charles Abrahams
- SWAZILAND: Justice Masuku
- BOTSWANA: Mr Elijah Munyuki, SADC Lawyers Association
- MALAWI, ZAMBIA, LESOTHO, ZIMBABWE (see above)

10.15 – 11.00 PLENARY

11.00 - 11.30 TEA BREAK

SESSION 5

Session Theme: POLICY OPTIONS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

Chair: Mr Arnold Tsunga

11.30 – 11.45 Prof. Patrick Bond (Centre for Civil Society, UKZN): Environmental reparations and Africa's 'climate debt' demands at Copenhagen: Strategies for SADC Civil Society Organizations

11:45 - 12:30 Policy Options to prevent or deal with business complicity in Southern Africa:

- Dr Carlos Lopez
- Mr Allan Fine (Anglo Gold Ashanti)
- Mr Bongani Masuku

12:30 - 13:30 PLENARY AND CLOSURE

13:30 LUNCH AND DEPARTURE_____