



**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  
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**PROGRAMME**

**DAY ONE**

8.30 Arrival and Registration of Delegates

8:30 - 9.00 Welcome and Introductory Remarks (ICJ, FES, ITUC)

**SESSION 1**

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

Presentator: 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 Biltchitz (Director-SAIFAC to present ICJ Study on Access to Justice in South Africa)
- MALAWI (Mr Reinford wangonde, Citizens for Justice)
- BOTSWANA (Mr Tshiamo Rantao)
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- 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 Mkandawire

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**

08:45 - 09:00 RECAPITULATION DAY ONE: Mr Clement Mavungu

### **SESSION 4**

#### **DUE DILIGENCE AND LIABILITY FOR BUSINESS COMPLICITY IN THE SADC REGION**

Chair: Felix kirchmeier

09:00 - 10:30 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)
- Prof. Patrick Bond (Centre for Civil Society, UKZN): Environmental reparations and Africa's 'climate debt' demands at Copenhagen: Strategies for SADC Civil Society Organizations

10:30 - 11:00 PLENARY

11.00 - 11.30 TEA BREAK

**SESSION 5**

**Session Theme: POLICY OPTIONS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA**

Chair: Mr Arnold Tsunga

11:30 - 12:30 Policy Options to prevent or deal with business complicity in Southern Africa: Dr Carlos Lopez, Prof. Patrick Bond, Allan Fine (Anglo Gold Ashanti), Felix kirchmeier, and Justice Mkandawire

12:30 - 13:30 PLENARY AND CLOSURE

13:30 LUNCH AND DEPARTURE\_\_\_\_\_