AGENDA
SOUTHERN AFRICA SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS CAMP: ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS ADVOCACY AND LITIGATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
BIRCHWOOD HOTEL, JOHANNESBURG, 30 AUGUST – 2 SEPTEMBER 2010
DAY ONE: 30 AUGUST 2010

8:30 - 9.00 Arrival and Registration of Delegates

SESSION ONE: OPENING CEREMONY
Session Chair: Martin Okumu-Masiga, Senior Legal Adviser

9.00 - 9.30 Welcome Address and Introduction of ICJ: Arnold Tsunga, Director, ICJ Africa Regional Programme

9.30 - 10.00 Introduction of OSISA and of the Symposium: Deprose Muchena, OSISA Deputy Director

10.00 - 10.30 Key Note Address by Prof N Barney Pityana, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of South Africa
“The Realization of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the SADC Region: Using the Rule of Law as an Instrument of Effective Advocacy and Litigation”

10.30 - 10.45 Vote of thanks followed by Group Photo Session

10:45 - 11.00 TEA BREAK

SESSION TWO: ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW
Session Chair: Justice Unity Dow, ICJ Commissioner

11.00 - 11.30 Conceptual and International Legal Framework for the Protection of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights – Professor Michelo Hansungule, Centre for Human Rights, UP & ICJ Commissioner


12.00 - 12.30 Protection and Promotion of Socio-economic Rights in the SADC Legal and Institutional Framework: Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities, Justice Charles Mkandawire, Registrar of the SADC Tribunal and ICJ Commissioner

12.30 – 13.30 DISCUSSION AND EXPERIENCE SHARING

13.30 - 14.30 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION THREE: REGIONAL ADVOCACY AND LITIGATION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS: PRACTITIONERS’ EXPERIENCES
Session Chair: Irene Petras, Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights
14.30 - 15.00 Litigating Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Before the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights: From the selection of cases to the implementation of rulings: Issues, Challenges and Strategies - Ms Angela Naggaga, Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa

15.00 - 15.30 Litigating Economic, Social and Cultural Rights before the SADC Tribunal: Issues, Challenges and Possible Strategies - Norman Tjombe, Legal Assistance Centre

15.30 - 16.00 Triggering and Building up Regional and Social Support for an Economic, Social and Cultural Right Litigation and Advocacy - Roshnee Narrandes, OSISA Policy and Advocacy Manager

16.00 - 17.00 DISCUSSION AND EXPERIENCE SHARING

17.00 - 17.30 HOUSEKEEPING AND CLOSE OF DAY ONE

DAY TWO: 31 AUGUST 2010

SESSION FOUR:
DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Session Chair: Sandra Ratjen, Senior Legal Adviser, ECOSOC Rights, ICJ

9.00 - 9.30 Domestic Implementation of Socio-economic Rights with a Specific Focus on South Africa: Mechanisms, Challenges and the Role of Civil Society Organisations - Dr Christopher Mbazira, Faculty of Law, Makerere University

9.30 - 10.00 Courts and the Enforcement of Socio-economic Rights: Centralising the Role of Civil Society Organisations - Christian Courtis, Program Officer, OHCHR

10.00 - 10.30 Budget Analysis and Monitoring for the Realisation of Socio-Economic Rights: Indicators, Benchmarks and Opportunities for Human Rights and Social Justice Advocates – Dr Jackie Dugard/ Advocate Stuart Wilson, Centre for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

10.00 - 11.00 DISCUSSION AND EXPERIENCE SHARING

11.00 - 11.15 Tea Break

11.15 - 11.45 Capitalism, the Privatisation of Basic Social Services and the Implementation of Socio-Economic Rights: Challenges and Advocacy Strategies for Human Rights and Social Justice Actors - Professor Patrick Bond, Director Centre for Civil Society, University of Kwazulu Natal

11.45 - 12.15 Reform Programmes and the Protection of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: The case Studies of Zimbabwe and South Africa - Professor Shadrack Guto, UNISA

12.15 - 12.45 Challenges and Opportunities for the Protection of Workers’ Rights in Southern Africa, Mr Bongani Masuku, COSATU

12.45 – 13.45 DISCUSSION AND EXPERIENCE SHARING

13.45 – 14.45 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION FIVE:
CHALLENGES TO DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS

Session Chair: Louise Olivier, OSISA Law Programmes Manager

14.45 - 15.15 Litigation of Socio-economic Rights, with a specific focus on the right to health and HIV/AIDS: Tools, Challenges and Strategies for CSOs - Priti Patel, HIV/AIDS Project Lawyer, Southern African Litigation Centre

15.15 – 15.45 The Right to Education in the Southern Africa: Challenges and Strategies for an Effective Litigation and Advocacy - Mr Salim Vally, University of Johannesburg
Mainstreaming Gender and Children’s Needs in the Promotion and Protection of Socio-economic Rights in the SADC region: Challenges and Advocacy Strategies: Advocate Elize Delport, Gender Consultant - Centre for Human Rights

DISCUSSION AND EXPERIENCE SHARING

HOUSEKEEPING AND CLOSE OF DAY TWO

DAY THREE: 1 SEPTEMBER 2010

SESSION SIX:
DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES (CONT)

Session Chair: Obiageli Oraka, Programmes Lawyer, West African Bar Association

9.00 - 9.30 Challenges to an Adequate Standard of Living including Housing, Food and Water in the SADC: Tools, Challenges and Strategies for Civil Society Organisations - Sandra Ratjen, Senior Legal Adviser, ECOSOC Rights, ICJ

9.30 - 10.00 Development Initiatives and the Protection of Socio-economic Rights: The case of the Lesotho Dam Project - Thuso Ramabolu - Transformation Resource Centre

10.00 - 10.30 Access to Water and Protection of the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Botswana: Challenges and Opportunities - Justice Bethuel Oagile Dingake, High Court of Botswana

DISCUSSION AND EXPERIENCE SHARING

11.00 - 11.15 Tea Break

SESSION SEVEN:
BUSINESS ENTITIES AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Session Chair: Elijah Munyuki

11.15 - 11.45 Obligations of Business Entities in Respect of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights - Professor Michelo Hansungule, Centre for Human Rights, UP

11.45 - 12.15 International Law, National Sovereignty and Access Rights in Relation to Mineral Resources in Southern Africa - Fui Tsikata, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana

12.15 – 12.45 Ensuring a Greater Responsibility and Accountability of Corporate Entities for Effective Protection of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the SADC Region – Dr David Bilchitz, Director, SAIFAC & Associate Prof, University of Johannesburg

DISCUSSION AND EXPERIENCE SHARING

12.45 – 13.45 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION EIGHT:
WAY FORWARD

14.45 - 16.45 Developing Common Strategies for Effective and Strategic Advocacy for and Litigation of Socio-economic Rights and Drafting a Declaration and Plan of Action on ‘Enforcement of Socio-economic Rights in the SADC Region’

Facilitator: Arnold Tsunga, Director, ICJ Africa Programme

HOUSEKEEPING AND CLOSE OF DAY THREE

DAY FOUR: 2 SEPTEMBER 2010
**SESSION NINE:**
**CLOSING CEREMONY**

**Session Chair:** Martin Masiga, Senior Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)

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By Mr Pitso Motswedi, Director, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, South African Department of International Affairs and Cooperation |
By Deprose Muchena, OSISA Deputy Director & Economic Justice Programme Manager |
| 10.00 - 11.00 | Adoption of a Declaration and Plan of Action on ‘Effective Enforcement of Socio-economic Rights in the Southern Africa’ |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Closing Remarks  
Sisonke Msimang, OSISA Executive Director  
Arnold Tsunga, ICJ Africa Programme Director |
| 11.30 - 13.00 | Farewell Lunch |
| 13.00 | Departure |