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# INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE

## Social Justice and the Sustainable Development Goal on ZERO HUNGER

### Programme



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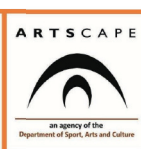
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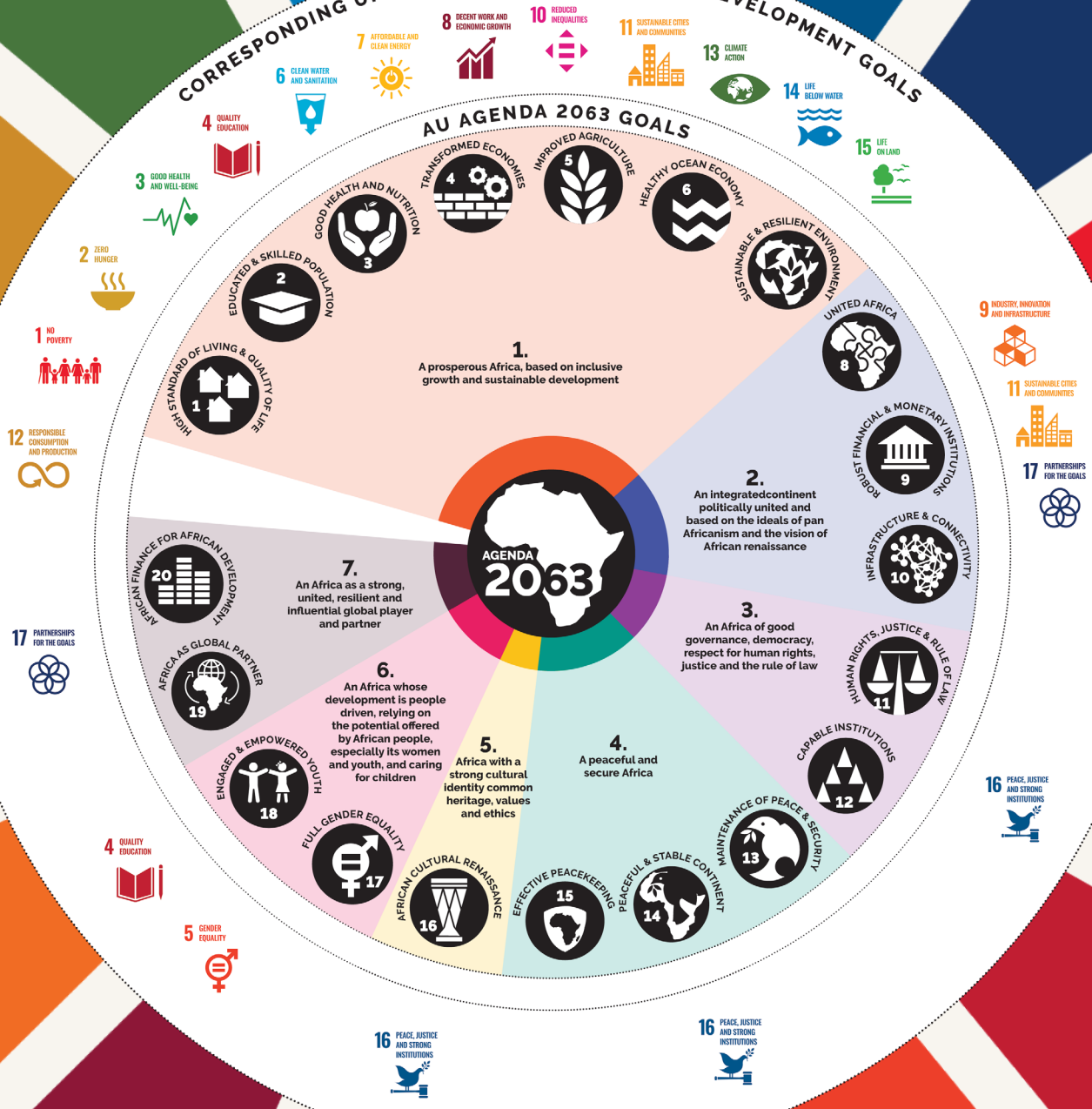
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## FOREWORD



On behalf of the Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) at Stellenbosch University in collaboration with our partners who include the United Nations and the South African Government, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the 6th International Social Justice Conference where we will confront one of humanity's most pressing challenges: hunger. The conference, which builds on previous social justice conference outcomes, is undergirded by understanding, as the Copenhagen Declaration of 1995 does, that hunger is a critical social justice, human rights, and sustainable development issue that has primacy in the hierarchy of human needs.

Though the world committed to extending the right to food and adequate nutrition to all through the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 while states have embraced this as a human right in their Constitutions, hunger remains a global crisis, which threatens sustainable development and peace. Hunger is a polydimensional challenge underpinned by factors such as disruptions to agriculture due to climate change, land disparities, (un)peace, war and non-agricultural factors impacting food security such as poverty, inequality, unemployment, corruption and systemic governance failures.

Commendably, global leaders committed themselves to eliminate hunger by 2030, as outlined in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger. However, the 2023 midway report of UN Secretary General António Guterres, has revealed that progress on the Zero Hunger global goal is lagging far behind, that at the current pace it won't be met and called for measures to accelerate progress.

The 5th International Social Justice Conference on Social Justice and Sustainable Development Goal 2 unites leading voices from academia, governments, the judiciary, and transdisciplinary civil society researchers and multilateral agencies dedicated to ending hunger as a fundamental human right on a common purpose. The aim is to harvest and synergise cutting-edge research, issue good practices and innovative strategies that address hunger as a multidimensional to catalyse progress. Activities will centre on dissecting hunger in terms of its causes, influencing factors and affected groups, while putting forward concrete solutions to be adopted to catalyse change with a view to ending hunger by 2030.

Keynote addresses, panels and parallel sessions will delve into various subthemes such as "hunger, poverty, the economy and social justice", "the intersection between hunger and human rights such as social security, health and access to justice", "the nexus between agriculture, land rights and hunger", "the impact of hunger on the right to education and vice versa" and "digital inclusion, artificial intelligence and leveraging data science for impact-conscious social policy design to avoid exacerbating hunger and food insecurity" among others.



Beyond analysing the data, the conference will highlight interventions that are already making a difference. Whether it is innovative farming practices, empowering communities to achieve self-sufficiency or legal reforms aimed at securing the right to food, the conference will shine a light on best practices that can be scaled, collaborated on and applied globally.

Importantly, the conference acknowledges hunger as not merely as a development challenge but also as a grave violation of various human rights. The right to food is enshrined in Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Articles 24 and 27 of the Convention on the Rights of Children, among others. Hunger is also a barrier to the fulfilment of other rights such as education, health and human dignity.

The conference further seeks to highlight threats to humanity as a collective, should hunger remain unresolved, mindful that as long as there is injustice somewhere there cannot be sustainable peace anywhere. Ultimately, the conference serves as a call to action for policymakers, scholars, legal experts and civil society to reaffirm our commitment to eradicating hunger, not as an act of charity, but as a fundamental duty.

As we approach the global goals 2030 deadline, let us (re)commit ourselves to closing the gaps that threaten millions and work towards a future where hunger is no longer a global crisis but a challenge we have overcome.

The Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) is exceptionally grateful to Vice Chancellor Prof Wim de Villier and the VC Strategic Fund, Stellenbosch University and to Yellowwoods for the funding towards this and previous social justice conferences and summits. We are also exceedingly grateful to the Bertha Foundation and Artscape for exceptional in-kind sponsorship.

Best Wishes



**Professor Thuli (Thulisile) N. Madonsela**

Director: Centre for Social Justice occupying Law Faculty Trust Chair in Social Justice, Stellenbosch University.

## National Anthem of the Republic of South Africa

Nkosi sikelel' Afrika  
Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo  
Yizwa imithandazo yethu  
Nkosi sikelela thina lusapho lwayo

Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso  
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho  
O se boloke o se boloke setjhaba sa heso  
Setjhaba sa South Africa, South Africa

Uit die blou van onse hemel  
Uit die diepte van ons see  
Oor ons ewige gebergtes  
Waar die kranse antwoord gee

Sounds the call to come together  
And united we shall stand  
Let us live and strive for freedom  
In South Africa our land

## African Union Anthem

Let us all unite and celebrate together  
The victories won for our liberation  
Let us dedicate ourselves to rise together  
To defend our liberty and unity

O sons and daughters of Africa  
Flesh of the suns and flesh of the sky  
Let us make Africa the tree of life  
Let us all unite and sing together  
To uphold the bonds that frame our destiny  
Let us dedicate ourselves to fight together  
For lasting peace and justice on earth

O sons and daughters of Africa  
Flesh of the suns and flesh of the sky  
Let us make Africa the tree of life  
Let us all unite and toil together  
To give the best we have to Africa  
The cradle of mankind and fount of culture  
Our pride and hope at break of dawn.

O sons and daughters of Africa  
Flesh of the suns and flesh of the sky  
Let us make Africa the tree of life

## Preamble to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996

### English

We, the people of South Africa, **Recognise the injustices of our past; Honour those who suffered for justice and freedom in our land;** respect those who have worked to build and develop our country; and **believe that South Africa belongs to all who live in it, united in our diversity.** We therefore, through our freely elected representatives, **adopt this Constitution as the supreme law of the Republic** so as to **heal the divisions of the past** and **establish a society based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights;** Lay the foundations for a democratic and open society in which government is based on the will of the people and **every citizen is equally protected by law; improve the quality of life of all citizens and free the potential of each person;** and **build a united and democratic South Africa** able to take its rightful place as a sovereign state in the family of nations. May God protect our people. Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika. Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso. God seën Suid-Afrika. God bless South Africa. Mudzimu fhatutshedza Afurika. Hosi katekisa Afrika.

### isiXhosa

Thina, bantu baseMzantsi-Afrika, **Siyaziqonda iintswela-bulungisa zexesha elidlulileyo; Sibothulel' umnqwazi abo baye bev' ubunzima ukuze kubekho ubulungisa nenkululeko elizweni lethu;** Siyabahlonela abo baye basebenzela ukwakha nokuphucula ilizwe lethu; kwaye **Sikholelwa kwelokuba uMzantsi-Afrika ngowabo bonke abahlala kuwo, bemaneyene nangona bengafani.** Ngoko ke, ngabameli bethu abanyulwe ngokukhululekileyo, **samkela lo Mgaqosiseko njengo- mthetho owongamileyo weRiphabliki ukuze— Kungcibeka imisantsa yexesha elidlulileyo, kwakheke noluntu lwentando yesininzi, ubulungisa basentlalweni namalungelo oluntu asisiseko;** Kwandlalwe iziseko zoluntu lwentando yesininzi nolukhululekileyo apho urhulumente engowentando yabantu kwaye **ummi ngamnye ekhuselwe ngumthetho ngokulinga- nayo nabanye; Kuphuculwe umgangatho wobomiwabo bonke abemi, kukhululwe nomntu ngamnye afikelele kwelona nqanaba anokufikelela kulo lobuchule bakhe;** kananjalo **Kwaxhiwe uMzantsi-Afrika omanyeneyo** wentando yesininzi okwaziyo ukuthabatha indawo yawo onelungelo layo njengelizwe elizimeleyo kusapho phakathi kwamanye amazwe. Ngamana uThixo angabakhusela abantu bakowethu. Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika. Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso. God seën Suid-Afrika. God bless South Africa. Mudzimu fhatutshedza Afurika. Hosi katekisa Afrika.

### Afrikaans

Ons, die mense van Suid-Afrika, **erken die ongeregthede van ons verlede; huldig diegene wat vir geregtigheid en vryheid in ons land gelyk het;** Respekteer diegene wat hul beywer het om ons land op te bou en te ontwikkel; en **glo dat Suid-Afrika behoort aan almal wat daarin woon, verenig in ons verskeidenheid.** Daarom neem ons, deur ons vryverkose verteenwoordigers, **hierdie Grondwet aan as die hoogste reg van die Republiek ten einde – die verdeeldheid van die verlede te heel en 'n samelewing gegrond op demokratiese waardes, maatskaplike geregtigheid en basiese menseregte te skep;** Die grondslag te lê vir 'n demokratiese en oop samelewing waarin regering gegrondves is op die **wil van die bevolking en elke burger gelyk deur die reg beskerm word; Die lewensgehalte van alle burgers te verhoog en die potensiaal van elke mens te ontsluit;** en **'n Verenigde en demokratiese Suid-Afrika te bou** wat sy regmatige plek as 'n soewereine staat in die gemeenskap van nasies kan inneem. Mag God ons mense beskerm. Nkosi Sikelel' iAfrika. Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso. God seën Suid-Afrika. God bless South Africa. Mudzimu fhatutshedza Afurika. Hosi katekisa Afrika.

## Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including **food**, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control.

# PROGRAMME

## 5th International Social Justice Conference on Social Justice and the Sustainable Development Goal on Zero Hunger

17 October 2024 | Artscape Theatre Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

Programme Director: **Ms Catherine Constantinides**

(International climate activist, human rights defender, trail blazer & agent of change)

07:30 - 08:30

### Arrival and Registration of Delegates

Musical Item: **South African Youth Choir**

## OPENING PLENARY

08:30 - 08:35

### Remarks by Programme Director: **Ms Catherine Constantinides**

(International climate activist, human rights defender, trailblazer & agent of change)

08:35 - 08:55

Singing of the National Anthem, led by the South African Youth Choir  
 Singing of the African Union Anthem, led by the South African Youth Choir  
 Reading of the Preamble to the Constitution of South Africa  
 English Version: Ms Emma-jane van Beulen (Intern, Centre for Social Justice, Stellenbosch University)  
 isiXhosa Version: Mx Abongile Quthu (Former Vice-President of the SRC and LGBTIAQP+ Activist, Stellenbosch University)  
 Afrikaans Version: Ernst Pieterse (Former Chairperson of the Juridical Society, Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University)

08:55 - 09:00

**Welcoming Remarks: Dr Marlene Le Roux** (Chief Executive Officer, Artscape Theatre Centre)

09:00 - 09:10

**Opening Address: Prof Sibusiso Moyo** (Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Innovation, Research and Postgraduate Studies, Stellenbosch University)

09:10 - 09:20

**Message of Support from the United Nations: Mr Nelson Muffuh** (Head of the United Nations in South Africa and Resident Coordinator)

09:20 - 09:50

**Keynote Address: Justice Edwin Cameron** (Former Justice of South Africa's Constitutional Court, Inspecting Judge of Correctional Service and Stellenbosch University's Chancellor)

09:50 - 10:00

**Closing Remarks: Prof Thuli Madonsela** (Professor of Law and Director: Centre for Social Justice, Stellenbosch University)

**Rapporteur: Ms Alina Colmsee** (Masters Candidate in Global and Development Studies, Roskilde University & Erasmus Mundus Masters in Global Studies, University of Vienna)

10:00 - 10:30

**TEA BREAK | MEDIA BRIEFING | GROUP PHOTO**



10:30 - 11:15

**Strengthening international relations in the quest for social justice and food security: good practices from around the globe (Followed by questions and answers)**

**Moderator: Mr Zane Dangor** (Director-General, Department of International Relations & Cooperation, South Africa)  
**H.E. Dr Abdulkadir A A Abdel Wahab**, Ambassador of Libya to the Republic of South Africa  
**H.E. Mr Andreas Peschke**, Ambassador of Germany to the Republic of South Africa  
**H.E. Ms Aysegul Kandas**, Ambassador of Turkey to the Republic of South Africa  
**H.E. Mr Benedicto Fonseca Filho**, Ambassador of Brazil to the Republic of South Africa  
**Mr Corentin Ducroquet**, representing the Ambassador of France to the Republic of South Africa  
**Miss Zoalize Jansen van Rensburg**, Miss World South Africa

11:15 - 12:30

**Keynote Plenary (followed by questions and answers)**

**Moderator: Dr Nomakwezi Mzilikazi** (Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships, Rhodes University)  
**Anchor Panellist: Prof Thuli Madonsela** (Professor of Law and Director: Centre for Social Justice, Stellenbosch University) *"The Stray Bullets That Mug The (Social Justice) of Freedom From Hunger"*  
**Ms Nkatha Ntoburi** (Regional Social Policy Officer, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations) *"Human Rights and Hunger: Analysing the Intersection of Social Protection Systems and Agrifood Systems for Food Security"*  
**Dr Samkelo Bala** (Lecturer and Researcher, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa) *"Social Death of Farm Dwellers in Times of Post-1994 Transformative Constitution in South Africa: 'I will win in court'"*  
**Prof (Extraordinary) Scott Drimie, Dr Jannie Armstrong, Mr Chris Newton & Ms Kaija Korpi-Salmela** (Southern Africa Food Lab, Faculty of Agrisciences, Stellenbosch University) *"Food Systems and SDG2: Beyond Simple Frameworks Forecasting Conflict and Famine: How Humanitarians Can Do Better"*  
**Dr Yvonne Erasmus** (Senior Researcher, Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa) *"Responses from the Ground: What the Experiences of Those Who Are Food Insecure Tell Us About Legal and Policy Direction"*  
**Rapporteur: Dr Gisele La Vita** (PhD in Property Law, Stellenbosch University and Master's in International Relations specialising in Global Governance, IE University, Spain)

12:30 - 13:15

**Hunger and Power: Activist Lawfare**

**Prof Julian May** (CoE-FS / UNESCO Chair in Science and Education for African Food Systems)  
**Zackie Achmat** (Movement builder, political activist and law reformer)  
**Asanda Ngoasheng** (Political analyst, diversity trainer, facilitator and academic)  
**Gabriel Klaasen** (Intersectional justice activist and youth coordinator)  
**Mandy Sanger** (Head of Education at the District Six Museum)  
**Florian Kroll** (PhD researcher (PLAAS), project lead (CoE-FS) )

13:15 - 14:00

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Download the Abstracts here: <https://socialjustice.sun.ac.za/conference-2024/>

14:00 - 15:15

## PARALLEL SESSION 1: Hunger, poverty, the economy and social justice

**Moderator: Ms Phelisa Nkomo** (Development Economist, Gender Equity and Inclusion Expert)

**Rapporteur: Ms Victoria Lagae** (Business Engineering Student, KU Leuven University, Belgium)

Presenters:

**Mr Alfa Mahlako** (Chief Director: Poverty Alleviation, Sustainable Livelihoods and Food Security National Department of Social Development) *"Linking Social Protection Beneficiaries to Sustainable Livelihoods Opportunities: A Viable Vehicle for Poverty Eradication, Zero Hunger and Achievement of Social Justice"*

**Ms Nonhlanhla Buthelezi** (Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Johannesburg) *"Achieving Strategic Development Goal 2 Through Social Justice and Planning Approval of Housing Developments in Gauteng Province"*

**Hon Mr Mlondi Mveli Mdluli** (PhD candidate in Economics at the University of Reading, in the United Kingdom) *"Factors Influencing Food Insecurity in South African Households: Insights from the 2023 General Household Survey"*

**Professor Stephen Devereux** (Extraordinary Professor, Institute for Social Development, the University of the Western Cape) *"How the Normalisation of Hunger Prevents Achieving the Justice of Eating in South Africa"*

14: 00 - 15:15

## PARALLEL SESSION 2: Intersection between hunger and human rights such as social security, health and access to justice

**Moderator: Commissioner Philile Ntuli** (South African Human Rights Commission)

**Rapporteur: Ms Ashley Monteiro** (LLB European and International Law, University of Groningen, The Netherlands)

Presenters:

**Mr Eugene Opperman** (Admitted Attorney of High Court of South Africa, Opperman Inc.) *"The Impact of Non-Payment of Child Maintenance on Hunger: A Human Rights Perspective"*

**Dr Musediq Olufemi Lawal** (Department of Sociology, Osun State University, Nigeria), **Ms Olayinka Oluwakemi Ruth** (iLEAD AFRICA Abuja, Nigeria),

**Mr Timileyin Gabriel Olajuwon** (University of the Western Cape) *"Investigating the Interplay Between Food Poisoning, Preservation Methods, Pesticide Use, and Food Insecurity"*

**Ms Olukemi Mary Fowosola** (PhD Candidate, the University of Ibadan, Nigeria) *"Strategies and Challenges for the Implementation of the Right to Adequate Food as a Fundamental Human Right in Nigeria"*

**Prof Thuli Madonsela** (Professor of Law and Director: Centre for Social Justice, Stellenbosch University) *"Liberating the Right To Food From Social Justice Undermining Stray Bullets: Exploring the Science of Anticipatory impact Assessments To Limit Policy Choices That Exacerbate Hunger"*

**Dr Tracy SN Muwanga** (Transdisciplinary Post-Doctoral Fellow, Faculty of Natural & Agricultural Sciences, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa) *"The Intersectionality of Hunger and Human Rights: A South African Perspective"*

14: 00 - 15:15

**PARALLEL SESSION 3: The impact of hunger on the right to education and vice versa**

**Moderator: Prof Anél du Plessis** (Chair in Urban Law and Sustainability Governance, Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University, South Africa).

**Rapporteur: Mr Clemens Bott** (MSc Candidate in Management and Technology, Technical University of Munich, Germany)

Presenters:

**Ms Catherine Sofianos** (Partnership, and Development Manager, Canon Collins Trust) and **Mr Ivor Baatjes** (Executive Director, Canon Collins Trust) *"Building Scholar-Activism and Ethical Leadership in Food Sovereignty: A Transdisciplinary Approach"*

**Ms Jessie Ditshego** (Candidate Attorney, Centre for Applied Legal Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, University, South Africa) and

**Ms Tumelo Machaba** (Candidate Attorney, Legal Resources Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa) *"Learning in Times of Hunger: 'You Can't Teach A Hungry Child'"*

**Mr Moshe Apleni** (Chairman, Spur Foundation) *"The Spur Full Tummy Fund in Early Childhood Development Centres: Feeding children to lead for greater good"*

**Ms Nangamso Ka NomaHlubi-Koza** (M.Phil candidate in Business Management with a focus on Sustainable Livelihoods, Gordon Institute of Business Science (GIBS), South Africa) *"A Food Sovereignty School-Based Programme as a Mechanism of Protecting the Children's Right to Education: Learnings from the Sada Community"*

**Ms Seroné Stal** and **Ms Viwe Gobeni** (Lecturers, University of Fort Hare, South Africa) *"Feeding Minds: The Interconnectedness of Hunger and the Right to Education"*

**Ms S'khulile Ngcobo** (Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg, South Africa) *"Hunger and the Right to a Basic Education: Lessons from Equal Education and Others v Minister of Basic Education and Others"*

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## PARALLEL SESSION 4: Hunger, spatial disparities, human settlements and homelessness

**Moderator: Dr Greg Munro** (Director, Cities Alliance)

**Rapporteur: Mr Ayabonga Hlumkeza** (Bachelor of Accounting Student, Stellenbosch University, South Africa)

Presenters:

**Ms Nonhlanhla Buthelezi** (PhD candidate, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Johannesburg, South Africa), **Mr George Onatu**

(Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Johannesburg, South Africa) and **Mr Clinton Aigbavboa**, (Department of Construction Management & Quantity Surveying, University of Johannesburg)

*"Achieving Strategic Development Goal 2 Through Social Justice and Planning Approval of Housing Developments in Gauteng Province"*

**Dr Ntsako S Mathonsi** (Department of Human Settlements Research, Policy, Strategy and Planning Branch) *"Social Injustice and Food Insecurity Symptoms of Inequality and Inequity in Governance: A Conceptual Analysis"*

**Ms Shelley Ann Vickerman** (PhD Candidate in Child and Family Studies at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa) *"We Are a Family That Doesn't Have Much Every Day, So We Eat What We Get": The Bodily Health of a Group of Rural Women Living in South Africa"*

14: 00 - 15:15

## PARALLEL SESSION 5: The nexus between agriculture, land rights and hunger

**Moderator: Mr Monde Ndlovu** (Managing Director, Black Management Forum)

**Rapporteur: Ms Claudia Battiferri** (Global Studies Scholar, jointly at Ghent University, Belgium and Vienna University, Austria)

Presenters:

**Dr Bright Nkrumah** (Department of Environmental Studies, Salisbury University) *"Home Gardens: Hunger and Urban Agriculture in the Developing World"*

**Ms Omhle Ntshingila** (Project Coordinator, Right2Protest), **Ms Thandeka Kathi** (Acting Deputy Director, Centre for Applied Legal Studies),

**Mr Thuto Gabaphethe** (Admitted Attorney of the High Court, Centre for Applied Legal Studies), **Ms Tsireletso Mokoqo** (Paralegal, Centre For Applied Legal Studies), **Rientile Mdaka** (Legal Intern, Centre For Applied Legal Studies) *"The Place of Legal Reform in Ending the Crisis of Food Insecurity in South Africa"*



14: 00 - 15:15

**PARALLEL SESSION 6: Digital inclusion, artificial intelligence and leveraging data science for impact-conscious social policy design to avoid exacerbating hunger and food insecurity.**

**Moderator: Ms Zinhle Novazi** (Law and Technology Lecturer, Mercantile Law, Department Stellenbosch University, South Africa)

**Rapporteur: Mr Daniel Lindner** (BSc Electrical and Information Engineering, Technische Universität München)

Presenters:

**Mr Kingsley Kwame Gyamera Abrokwa** (Development practitioner and child specialist at the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nation) *"Digitalisation and Child Labour in Agriculture: Exploring Blockchain and Geographic Information Systems to Monitor and Prevent Child Labour in Ghana's Cocoa Sector. Design Paper"*

**Mr Octavious Chido Masunda**, (Senior Lecturer Applied Conflict Transformation and Governance Business Management Department National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe) *"Achieving Food Security in Africa in the Wake of Escalating Human Security Challenges: Can 3D Printing Solve the Problem?"*

**Ms Shannon van Wyk Khosa** (Digital Portfolio Manager, Afrobarometer) *"Citizen Data on the Digital Divide and Implications on Food Security Policy"*

**Mr Stuart Tippins** (Digital Agriculture Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organisation, United Nations) *"National Farmer Registries as the Basis for Sector Digitization"*

**Prof Thuli Madonsela** (Professor of Law and Director: Centre for Social Justice, Stellenbosch University, South Africa) *"GovTech for Social Justice Attuned Constitutional Governance and Accountability: Leveraging Data Science For Efficient Anticipatory Social Justice Impact Assessment to Avoid Causing /Exacerbating Hunger"*

14: 00 - 15:15

**PARALLEL SESSION 7: Hunger, environment and the water-energy-food (WEF) nexus**

**Moderator: Dr Qinisani Qwabe** (Chairperson: Australia-Africa Universities Early Career Researchers Network)

**Rapporteur: Ms Ôgonnindjiou Kassogu ** (University of Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, the Netherlands).

Presenters:

**Ms Martha Fakude** (Masters Candidate at University of Johannesburg, South Africa) *"Transforming Wasteland into Lifeline: Legal Routes to End Hunger through Land Reform"*

**Dr Molefhi Phorego** (Postdoctoral Fellow, Faculty of Law, Public Law Department, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa) *"An Analysis of the Constitutional Right to Fish through the Lens of the SDGs"*

**Prof Tumai Murombo** (Professor of Law, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa) *"Water Resource Governance and Rights as Impediments to SDG2 on Hunger: A Review of the South African Situation"* (Online)

**Dr Sifiso Ntombela, Dr Francis Marimbe, Ledile Bambo, Luvuyo Sandi, Zanele Mabaso** (Kagiso Development Trust) *"Closing the Hunger Gap: A Systematic Review of South Africa's SDG 2 Progress and Shortfalls"*

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14: 00 - 15:15

## PARALLEL SESSION 8: The impact of war and displacement on hunger and nutrition security

**Moderator: Dr Koketso Rakhudu** (Community Leader of the Royal Bafokeng Nation, leading the community of Tsitsing and Kgotla Ya Rakhudu)

**Rapporteur: Mr Kamay De Souza** (Exchange Student, Sciences Po Paris, France).

Presenters:

**Ms Nomonde Buthelezi** (FACT Food Agency, Cape Town ) and

**Dr Nicole Paganini** (TMG Research, Urban Food Features)

*"The Nexus of Hunger and Violence: Community Research on Social Justice"*

**Ms Thobeka Gigaba** (Postgraduate Law Student, Stellenbosch University, South Africa) *"The Food Insecurity and Human Trafficking Nexus in South Africa's Human Rights Context"*

14: 00 - 15:15

## PARALLEL SESSION 9: Disaster risk reduction, management and prevention

**Moderator: Dr Koketso Rakhudu** (Community Leader of the Royal Bafokeng Nation, leading the community of Tsitsing and Kgotla Ya Rakhudu)

**Rapporteur: Mr Alonson Lee** (Philosophy Student, Seattle University, United States)

Presenters:

**Prof Kennedy Dzama** (Distinguished Professor, Department of Animal Science, Stellenbosch University) *"Stellenbosch University and the Southern Africa Food Lab: Addressing SDG 2 'Zero Hunger' through Collaborative Action"*

**Mr Tapiwanashe Hadzizi** (Department of Community Studies, Midlands State University) *"Economically Unstable Environments Embattled by the Devastating Impacts of Climate: Food Becomes the Currency, and It's a Rare Commodity. The Nexus Between Food Insecurity and the El Niño Effect in Southern Africa"*

14:00 - 15:30

Presentation of Conference Papers in Parallel Sessions

15:30 - 15:45

## TEA BREAK

15:45 - 16:30

Report Back Plenary by Rapporteurs

16:30 - 16:45

**Summation and Adoption of Conference Statement: Dr Mshai Mwangola**

(Vice-President, the Transitional Council of the Society of International Development)

16:45 - 16:55

**Closing Address: Prof Francis Peterson** (Vice Chancellor, University of Pretoria)

16:55 - 17:00

**Vote of Thanks: Mr Godfrey Mashamba** (Deputy Director General, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency, South Africa)

# SPEAKER PROFILES



**Prof Thuli Madonsela**

**Director: Centre for Social Justice, Stellenbosch University**

Professor Thuli Madonsela is the Director of the Centre for Social Justice in the Faculty of Law at Stellenbosch University and the Law Trust Research Chair in Social Justice Studies. A renowned advocate for democracy, she was a key figure in drafting South Africa's Constitution and co-authored several major laws, including the Equality Act. Prof Madonsela served as the Public Protector of South Africa and has an extensive background in applied constitutional and social justice law.

Her global recognition includes over 70 awards, such as being named one of Time 100 most influential persons in the world. She holds eight honorary doctorates and has contributed significantly to international human rights law at the UN, AU and SADC levels. Prof Madonsela is a mother of two, philanthropist and avid mountaineer, having summited Mt Kilimanjaro twice for social causes including #Action4Inclusion.



**Ms Catherine Constantinides**

**International climate activist, human rights defender, trail blazer & agent of change**

Ms Constantinides is an international climate activist and human rights defender. A 2013 Archbishop Tutu African Oxford Fellow and 2016 Mandela Washington Fellow, she is committed to social change, working from local communities to global platforms, including the United Nations. Her recent work includes advocating for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara, and she actively engages with political leadership across the continent and the world. Catherine has spoken at major forums such as the inaugural Obama Summit and the World Youth Forum in Egypt. Her use of media and speaking engagements is geared towards inspiring positive change and hope.



**Dr Marlene Le Roux**

**Chief Executive Officer, Artscape Theatre Centre**



**Prof Sibusiso Moyo**

**Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Innovation, Research and Postgraduate Studies, Stellenbosch University**

Professor Sibusiso Moyo is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Innovation, Research, and Postgraduate Studies at Stellenbosch University, serving in this role since September 2022. She holds a PhD in Mathematics and a Masters in Tertiary Education Management from the University of Melbourne. Prof Moyo has published widely on differential equations and their applications. A leader in various academic and innovation initiatives, she is a guest editor for several prestigious journals and serves on the editorial boards of Taylor & Francis and Agenda. She has been awarded the Department of Higher Education and Training's Entrepreneurial Development Leadership award twice and played a key role in establishing DUT's Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

## SPEAKER PROFILES



### **Mr Nelson Muffuh**

#### **Head of the United Nations in South Africa and Resident Coordinator**

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Mr Nelson Muffuh of Cameroon as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in South Africa, with the host Government's approval. Nelson Muffuh brings more than 20 years of experience in international relations and negotiations, political and development issues at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters, regional and country levels. As lead strategic adviser and policy coordinator on sustainable development political and partnerships interventions, Mr Muffuh helped shape and advance the UN's comprehensive response to the COVID-19 pandemic, advocate and organize summits on the SDGs, Financing for Development, and Climate Action. He was instrumental in convening and coordinating the efforts of launching the Spotlight Initiative on violence against women and girls, the Decade of Action for the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, and the Global Crisis Response Group to address the impacts on food, energy, and finance due to the war in Ukraine. Mr Muffuh studied political science and international relations at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, and development cooperation at Sussex University, United Kingdom. He is married and has two children.



### **Justice Edwin Cameron**

#### **Former Justice of South Africa's Constitutional Court, Inspecting Judge of Correctional Service and Stellenbosch University's Chancellor**

Justice Edwin Cameron is a distinguished former Justice of South Africa's Constitutional Court and the current Chancellor of Stellenbosch University. He is recognised globally for his commitment to human rights and social justice. A Rhodes Scholar, Justice Cameron holds degrees in law from Stellenbosch University, Oxford University, and the University of South Africa. He has practised as a human rights lawyer, contributed to the drafting of South Africa's Constitution, and openly advocated for HIV treatment, being the first high-profile public figure in South Africa to speak about his HIV status. He has received numerous awards, including the Nelson Mandela award, and continues to be an influential figure in both South African and international law.

His international impact as top jurist with nearly 200 published judgments against his name, acclaimed author and popular speaker is evident from the numerous awards and distinctions he has received, among them the Nelson Mandela award. Accolades range from recognition by the Bar of England and Wales for his contribution to international jurisprudence and the protection of human rights, to the prestigious Grand Prix du Conseil Québécois des Gais et Lesbiennes award bestowed on him in Montreal. He is the youngest of three children, with two older sisters, Laura and Jeanie. The eldest, Laura, was tragically killed by a delivery van in Pretoria as a child. Justice Cameron credits Jeanie for helping make him the person he is today. He met his partner, Nhlanhla Mnisi, in 2015.



### **Dr Mshai Mwangola**

#### **Vice-President, the Transitional Council of the Society of International Development**

Dr Mshai Mwangola is a performance scholar, academic, and activist. Her work focuses on using performance as a lens for research, teaching, and advocacy, with a particular emphasis on Story and Culture. She is the Vice-President of the Transitional Council of the Society of International Development and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Uraia Trust. Dr Mwangola is also a founding member of The Orature Collective and The Elephant.info, and she serves on the Advisory Board of the Macondo Literary Festival. Her intellectual contributions bridge academia, activism, and the arts, reflecting a deep commitment to cultural development and social advocacy.



# SPEAKER PROFILES



**Mr Zane Dangor**  
**(Director General, Department of International Relations and Cooperation)**

Mr Zane Dangor currently serves as the Director-General (DG) of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO). Before being appointed to serve in this capacity from 1 April 2022, he was a Special Adviser to the current and former Ministers of International Relations and Cooperation. Before joining DIRCO, he worked as the Chief Operations Officer at Soul City.

Mr Dangor worked with the International Human Rights Law Group, based in Washington, DC, focussing on transitional justice issues in West Africa. He worked in civil society and as a consultant in various capacities. He was a senior manager, including Executive Director at the Development Resource Centre, for 10 years, where he contributed to human rights and development work nationally and abroad. He was a managing partner in the social consulting company, Sonke Consulting.

Mr Dangor holds a Master's in Law in International Law and a Master's in Public and Development Management, both from the University of the Witwatersrand.



**H.E. Dr Abdulkadir A A Abdel Wahab**  
**Ambassador of Libya to the Republic of South Africa**



**H.E. Mr Andreas Peschke**  
**Ambassador of Germany to the Republic of South Africa**



**H.E. Ms Aysegul Kandas**  
**Ambassador of Turkey to the Republic of South Africa**

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**H.E. Mr Benedicto Fonseca Filho**  
Ambassador of Brazil to the Republic of South Africa



**Mr Corentin Ducroquet**  
Representing the Ambassador of France to the Republic of South Africa



**Miss Zoalize Jansen van Rensburg**  
Miss World South Africa



**Dr Nomakwezi Mzilikazi**  
**DVC: Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships, Rhodes University**  
Dr Kwezi Mzilikazi is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation, and Strategic Partnerships at Rhodes University, where she provides critical leadership in research and innovation. Her role includes advancing the university's research portfolio, enhancing postgraduate performance, and fostering national and international research partnerships. Dr Mzilikazi holds a PhD in Zoology, specialising in small mammal physiology, and has a deep interest in human capacity development. Her previous roles include Director of Research Support and Management at Nelson Mandela University and Director at the National Research Foundation of South Africa. She currently serves as Chairperson of the Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency and is a lifetime member of the Council of the Zoological Society of Southern Africa.



**Ms Nkatha Ntoburi**  
Regional social policy officer, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations

## SPEAKER PROFILES



**Dr Samkelo Bala (Lecturer and Researcher  
University of Witwatersrand, South Africa)**

Dr Samkelo Bala is a lecturer and researcher at the University of the Witwatersrand. His current research focuses on the colonial-apartheid traits that affect access to health services in the Eastern Cape.



**Prof (Extraordinary) Scott Drimie  
Southern Africa Food Lab, Faculty of Agrisciences, Stellenbosch University**



**Dr Yvonne Erasmus  
Senior Researcher, Socio-economic Rights Institute of South Africa**



**Dr Gisele La Vita  
PhD in Property Law, Stellenbosch University and Master's in International Relations  
specialising in Global Governance, IE University, Spain**



**Prof Julian May  
CoE-FS / UNESCO Chair in Science and Education for African Food Systems**

Professor Julian May is the director of the DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Food Security (CoE-FS), hosted by the University of the Western Cape and co-hosted by the University of Pretoria. He holds the UNESCO Chair in Science and Education for African Food Systems and serves as a Commissioner for the National Planning Commission. He is currently a member of the Council of the Academy of Science in South Africa and chairs the Standing Committee on Science for the Reduction of Poverty and Inequality. He served two terms on the South African Statistics Council, chairing the sub-committee on Population and Social Statistics. His current research includes childhood malnutrition, climate change and food system governance.

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**Zackie Achmat**

**Movement builder, political activist and law reformer**

Zackie Achmat, is a movement builder, political activist and law reformer. He spent his life fighting for justice, equality, dignity, and freedom, particularly for working-class people and vulnerable minorities. Schooled by great mentors, Zackie worked within the ANC to end white minority rule. Since 1994, he co-founded and led movements, including the Treatment Action Campaign, Equal Education, the Social Justice Coalition, Ndifuna Ukwazi, Reclaim the City, and #UniteBehind. He has collaborated with activists, HIV/AIDS and humanitarian agencies worldwide, including UNAIDS and the World Health Organization. Blazing a trail, Zackie ran as an independent candidate in the national elections in 2024. He also continues to fight against state capture, corruption, mismanagement, fraud, incompetence, and criminality through the work of #UniteBehind.



**Asanda Ngoasheng**

**Political analyst, diversity trainer, facilitator, academic and speaker**

Asanda Ngoasheng is a speaker, diversity trainer, facilitator, political analyst, and academic. Over the past five years, Asanda has been an official political analyst for the SABC, eNCA and Media24. She is regularly featured in local, regional and global media, discussing politics in South Africa and Africa, international relations and global politics. Asanda speaks on local and global platforms, on topics such as education, gender inequality, gender-based violence, climate justice, social justice, education, diversity (race and gender), journalism and media. She facilitates trauma-informed, transformative workshops using a Rehumanising Dialogue methodology, working with schools, NPOs and organisations. Asanda is also a curriculum developer and academic coach, and has written academic journal articles on curriculum development at universities of technology and universities.



**Gabriel Klaasen**

**Intersectional justice activist and youth coordinator**

Gabriel Klaasen is an intersectional justice activist, youth coordinator, and a leading voice for youth climate action in Cape Town. They work on capacity building and knowledge development around socio-environmental justice with young individuals across Africa, focusing on action and advocacy. Gabriel is a Programme Manager at African Climate Alliance and a Communications Coordinator at Project 90 by 2030. Among their proudest moments was the success of the Cape Town global climate action in 2020, where they were the key organiser and helped set up and mobilise three separate climate actions in three different Cape Town communities, all aligning with the global climate actions led by Fridays For Future.



**Mandy Sanger**

**Head of Education at the District Six Museum**

Mandy Sanger is the Head of Education at the District Six Museum which represents one of many urban sites of apartheid forced removals. Mandy's main focus is on youth and community participation through intergenerational, creative, and learning-by-doing encounters. In partnership with community-based organisations, she facilitates learning journeys that aim to build resilience and solidarity to explore the continuities and discontinuities of power, privilege, oppression, identity, and resistance in society. Her emphasis is on illuminating possibilities for an egalitarian future that respects freedom, participatory citizenship, and social justice across socio-cultural barriers. Her work involves designing anti-racism programmes with a practice component to 're-imagine the city' by rethinking public spaces through a humanising pedagogy.



# SPEAKER PROFILES



**Florian Kroll**

**PhD researcher (PLAAS), project lead (CoE-FS)**

Florian Kroll is a researcher at the CoE-FS and PhD candidate at the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape. His key area of interest is local food governance. "Flo" has worked to promote health through food security, nutrition and environments since 2004, applying his interdisciplinary background in anthropology. An activist researcher with a keen interest in the intersection between society, ecology and health, his work includes food systems research, consultancy, policy analysis, advocacy, capacity building and mentorship. He has led pioneering food systems research and consultancy for various civil society organisations, academic networks and government departments in Johannesburg and Cape Town. He currently leads the Food Imbizo, an initiative supported by the CoE-FS.



**Prof Francis Peterson**

**Vice Chancellor, University of Pretoria**

Professor Francis Petersen is the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of the Free State, and as of 1 October 2024, he will take up the role of Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Pretoria. With a PhD in Engineering from Stellenbosch University, Prof Petersen has held several leadership positions in higher education, including Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Cape Town. He is a sought-after speaker at prominent international conferences and actively contributes to global discussions on higher education and research. Prof Petersen currently serves as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Universities South Africa.



**Mr Godfrey Mashamba**

**Deputy Director General, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation in the Presidency**



**Ms Phelisa Nkomo**

**Development Economist, Gender Equity and Inclusion Expert**

Ms Phelisa Nkomo is a development economist and expert in gender equity and inclusion, with extensive experience in ESG. She has held various roles, including economic advisor, public policy advocate, and founder of women's economic rights groups such as the Women's Economic Assembly. Recently admitted as a Research Fellow at the University of Johannesburg, Ms Nkomo is a strategic thinker frequently sought for media analysis and public speaking on topics such as macroeconomic policy, economic inclusion, and gender equity in South Africa, Africa, and globally.



**Ms Victoria Lagae**

**Business Engineering student, KU Leuven University, Belgium**

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**Ms Nonhlanhla Buthelezi**

**Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Johannesburg**

Ms Nonhlanhla Buthelezi is a PhD candidate in the Urban and Regional Planning Department at the University of Johannesburg's Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment. She is currently the Chief Director for Policy at the National Department of Human Settlements and serves as Chairperson of the Technical Working Group of the Social Cluster and SEIAS Champion. With a Masters in Social Development and Social Policy from the University of Pretoria, Ms Buthelezi has worked in the civil service since 1995, holding various roles in government departments, including Social Development and National Treasury. She has represented South Africa as a policy expert at numerous local, regional, and international platforms.



**Hon Mlondi Mveli Mdluli**

**PhD candidate in Economics at the University of Reading, in the United Kingdom**

Hon Mlondi Mveli Mdluli is a Member of Parliament in South Africa, currently pursuing a PhD in Economics at the University of Reading, UK. He holds a Master of Commerce in Economics, a Bachelor of Commerce Honours in Economics (cum laude), and a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics and Management from the University of KwaZulu-Natal. His primary interests lie in econometrics, macroeconomics, and microeconomics. In Parliament, Hon Mlondi serves on the Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry, and Competition, contributing to legislation and national policy, particularly in trade policies and industry regulations. He also has experience in the private sector, having advised companies, government bodies, and diplomatic missions on economic research and strategic socio-economic issues.



**Professor Stephen Devereux**

**Extraordinary Professor, Institute for Social Development, the University of the Western Cape**

Stephen Devereux is a development economist who holds a PhD from the University of Oxford. He is an Extraordinary Professor at the Institute for Social Development, University of the Western Cape, and Professor in Development Studies at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex (UK), where he is co-Director of the Centre for Social Protection and co-founder of the Food Equity Centre. Since 2016 he has held a research chair in South Africa on 'Social Protection for Food Security', supported by the National Research Foundation (NRF) and affiliated to the DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Food Security.



**Commissioner Philile Ntuli**

**South African Human Rights Commission**

## SPEAKER PROFILES



**Ms Ashley Monteiro**  
LLB European and International Law, University of Groningen, The Netherlands



**Mr Eugene Opperman**  
Admitted Attorney of High Court of South Africa, Opperman Inc.



**Dr Musediq Olufemi Lawal**  
Department of Sociology, Osun State University, Nigeria



**Ms Olayinka Oluwakemi Ruth**  
iLEAD AFRICA Abuja, Nigeria



**Mr Timileyin Gabriel Olajuwon**  
University of the Western Cape

## SPEAKER PROFILES



**Ms Olukemi Mary Fowosola**  
**Ph.D. Candidate, the University of Ibadan, Nigeria**

Ms Olukemi Mary Fowosola is a PhD candidate in law at the University of Ibadan, with over 15 years of experience in legal practice.



**Dr Tracy SN Muwanga**  
**Transdisciplinary Post-Doctoral Fellow, Faculty of Natural & Agricultural Sciences, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa**

Dr Tracy Muwanga is a transdisciplinary postdoctoral fellow at the University of Pretoria, specialising in International Human Rights Law, with a particular focus on food law, food insecurity, and food safety. She completed her doctoral studies in Public Law in 2018, focusing on Public International Law, Medical Law, Medical Ethics, and International Human Rights Law. Dr Muwanga leads several European Union-funded projects on food safety in Africa and is working to develop a robust food law platform at the university. She also supervises Masters and Doctoral students in the Faculty of Law, bridging the disciplines of law and natural sciences through interdisciplinary collaboration.



**Prof Anél du Plessis (Chair in Urban Law and Sustainability Governance, Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University, South Africa)**

Anél du Plessis is a Professor of Law and holds the Chair in Urban Law and Sustainability Governance at the Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University.



**Mr Clemens Bott**  
**MSc candidate in Management and Technology, Technical**

Mr Clemens Bott is an MSc candidate in Management and Technology at the Technical University of Munich, Germany. He is currently an exchange student at Stellenbosch University.



**Ms Catherine Sofianos**  
**Partnership, and Development Manager, Canon Collins Trust**

Ms Catherine Sofianos is the Partnership and Development Manager at the Canon Collins Trust, which aims to advance social justice in Southern Africa through building and connecting strong communities of ethical leaders, activists, and organisations. She is responsible for developing and managing strategic partnerships both locally and internationally. With 20 years of experience in development and communication, Catherine is a widely published thought leader, award-winning writer, and filmmaker. She holds a Master's in Applied Linguistics from the University of Cape Town and is currently pursuing a Master's in Film and Television from the University of the Witwatersrand.



## SPEAKER PROFILES



**Mr Ivor Baatjes**  
**Executive Director, Canon Collins Trust**

Mr Ivor Baatjes is the Executive Director of the Canon Collins Trust. Prior to this, he served as Director of the Centre for Integrated Post-School Education and Training at Nelson Mandela University and co-host of the National Research Foundation SARChI Chair in Community Adult and Worker Education. Ivor's extensive experience in the education sector includes roles as a senior researcher at the Centre for Education Rights and Transformation at the University of Johannesburg and Director of the Centre for Adult Education at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. His research interests cover the social and solidarity economy, adult education, and learning in social movements. Ivor is also the founder of the Paulo Freire Institute – South Africa and has served on various ministerial task teams and policy groups in education.



**Ms Jessie Ditshego**  
**Candidate Attorney, Centre for Applied Legal Studies,  
University of the Witwatersrand, University, South Africa**

Ms Jessie Ditshego is a Candidate Attorney in the Business and Human Rights Programme and the Environmental Justice Programme at the Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS), University of the Witwatersrand. She is also a Bertha Justice Fellow at Wits University.



**Ms Tumelo Machaba**  
**Candidate Attorney, Legal Resources Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa**

Ms Tumelo Machaba is a Candidate Attorney in the Education, Land, and Legacy Programmes at the Legal Resources Centre (LRC) in Johannesburg, South Africa.



**Ms Nangamso Koza**  
**Developmental Strategist, Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity, South Africa**

Ms Nangamso Koza is a Developmental Strategist with over 12 years of experience in education and community engagement. She founded Kwankqubela, an NGO focused on innovative education solutions. A published author, she has written 13 children's books and an anthology, and consults on Xhosa children's literature. Her accolades include being a Mail & Guardian Top 200 South African (2011), Mandela Washington Fellow (2015), and Atlantic Fellow for Health Equity (2022). As a land rights activist, she focuses on transformative agroecology for food production in schools. She holds an M.Phil. in Business Management from GIBS.



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**Ms Seroné Stal**  
**Lecturer, University of Fort Hare, South Africa**

Ms Seroné Stal is a lecturer at the University of Fort Hare. She holds an LLB and LLM from North-West University and is currently pursuing a PhD at the same institution. Seroné previously lectured at North-West University (2020-2022) and is currently a lecturer and researcher in the Public and Constitutional Law Department at the University of Fort Hare. Her areas of expertise include labour law and criminal law. She is a member of the Golden Key Honour Society and a recipient of the Vice Chancellor's Emerging Researcher Award.



**Ms Viwe Gobeni**  
**Lecturer, University of Fort Hare, South Africa**

Ms Viwe Gobeni is a lecturer at the University of Fort Hare. She holds an LLB from the University of Fort Hare and an LLM from Stellenbosch University. Viwe is currently pursuing an LLD at the University of Fort Hare, with research interests in sustainability, climate change, and human rights. She serves as a Time-on-Task Lecturer in the Private Law Department, teaching African Customary Law, Family Law, and the Law of Evidence.



**Ms S'khulile Ngcobo**  
**Department of Practical Business Law, University of Johannesburg, South Africa**

Ms S'khulile Ngcobo is a lecturer in the Department of Practical Business Law at the University of Johannesburg, where she teaches and coordinates Labour Law modules. She holds an LLB and a Masters in Environmental and Sustainable Development Law from the University of the Witwatersrand. Her research focuses on Environmental Law, Energy and Climate Change Law, and Sustainable Development Law, with a particular interest in the Sustainable Development Goals and interdisciplinary research.



**Dr Greg Munro**  
**Director, Cities Alliance**

Dr Greg Munro is a Public Health Physician with extensive experience in strengthening primary health care in post-apartheid South Africa. He has served on advisory committees for the Ministers of Health, leading reform agendas on health sector parity and decentralisation, and developing the first local government strategy to respond to the HIV pandemic. Dr Munro has consulted for World Bank projects in Southern Africa and led civil society capacity development across 40 countries in responses to HIV and TB. Since 2021, he has been the Director of Cities Alliance, a global partnership addressing urban poverty and slum conditions, working in over 80 countries. Dr Munro also has a long-standing academic background as an Honorary Lecturer at the Africa Centre at Stellenbosch University.

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**Mr Ayabonga Hlumkeza**  
Bachelor of Accounting student, Stellenbosch University, South Africa



**Dr Ntsako S Mathonsi**  
**Department of Human Settlements Research, Policy, Strategy and Planning Branch**  
Dr Ntsako Mathonsi is the National Director for Human Settlements Policy Development and Review in the Department of Human Settlements and a Researcher in the Sociology and Anthropology Department at the University of Limpopo. With extensive experience in both academia and public service, Dr Mathonsi has held various positions, including Deputy Director for Municipal Accreditation and Manager in the Department of Basic Education. His research focuses on governance, service delivery, and decentralisation, with publications presented locally and internationally. Dr Mathonsi holds multiple degrees, including a PhD in Sociology of Governance, and is a member of organisations such as SAAPAM and the Social Science International Research group.



**Ms Nonhlanhla Buthelezi**  
PhD candidate, Department of Urban and Regional Planning,  
University of Johannesburg, South Africa



**Mr George Onatu**  
Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

## SPEAKER PROFILES



**Mr Monde Ndlovu**

**Managing Director, Black Management Forum**

Mr Monde Ndlovu is the Managing Director of the Black Management Forum (BMF), an organisation at the forefront of managerial leadership development and socio-economic transformation in South Africa. A former consultant at Outlier Leadership, he has held several key roles within the BMF, including Head of Thought Leadership. Monde is also a trustee of the Maduke Lot Ndlovu Legacy Trust and serves on the board of the PGA of South Africa, where he chairs the Transformation Committee. He holds a BBA degree from UNISA, a postgraduate diploma in management practice, and a Master's in Business Administration from Henley Business School. He is a thought leader, frequently contributing to influential platforms such as Primedia's Eye Witness News, and was nominated for ICABA's Global 100 Leading Black Professionals in 2024.



**Ms Claudia Battiferri**

**Global Studies scholar, jointly at Ghent University, Belgium and Vienna University, Austria**

Ms Claudia Battiferri is from Italy and has pursued a multicultural education across Europe, North America, South America, and Africa, developing a global perspective. She is passionate about people as the most important resource for sustainable development and is committed to working internationally to create pathways for future generations.



**Dr Bright Nkrumah**

**Department of Environmental Studies, Salisbury University**

Bright Nkrumah is an Assistant Professor at Salisbury University - Maryland. He previously served as Assistant Professor (Florida Gulf Coast University-Florida), Visiting Assistant Professor (Clark University-Massachusetts), and Landhaus Fellow (Rachel Carson Center - Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich). His single-authored book, *Seeking the Right to Food* was published by Cambridge University Press.



**Ms Omhle Ntshingila**

**Project Coordinator, Right2Protest**

## SPEAKER PROFILES



**Ms Thandeka Kathi**  
Acting Deputy Director, Centre for Applied Legal Studies



**Mr Thuto Gabapethe**  
Admitted Attorney of the High Court, Centre for Applied Legal Studies



**Ms Tsireletso Mokoaqo**  
Paralegal, Centre For Applied Legal Studies



**Ms Zinhle Novazi**  
Law and Technology Lecturer, Mercantile Law, Department Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Ms Zinhle Novazi is a Law and Technology Lecturer in the Mercantile Law Department at Stellenbosch University. A qualified attorney with a diverse professional background, she has worked as a Tax and Fiduciary Specialist at Investec Bank and gained experience in tax law, data privacy, and corporate practices at Tabacks. Zinhle holds a Master's degree in Technology, Media, and Telecoms from Queen Mary University of London, and a Master's in Taxation Law from the University of the Witwatersrand. She is the Director of the Heavy Chef Foundation NPC, where she champions entrepreneurship in disconnected communities. In 2023, she received the prestigious Mail and Guardian 200 Young South Award in the Entrepreneurship Category. Zinhle is also the host of the Navigating the Twenties podcast, dedicated to empowering young people.



**Mr Daniel Lindner**  
B. Sc. Electrical and Information Engineering, Technische Universität München



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**Mr Kingsley Kwame Gyamera Abrokwa**  
**Development practitioner and child specialist at the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nation**



**Ms Shannon van Wyk Khosa**  
**Digital Portfolio Manager, Afrobarometer**  
 Ms Shannon van Wyk Khosa is a strategist specialising in digital democracy and governance innovation. She currently serves as Afrobarometer’s Digital Portfolio Manager. Shannon holds an undergraduate degree in Film and Media and a postgraduate degree in Strategic Communications. She is completing a Master of Philosophy in Inclusive Innovation at the University of Cape Town, focusing on the impact of digital innovation on governance. In 2020, she was awarded the Bertha Scholarship by the Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship and graduated from Futurelect’s Southern Africa Public Leadership Programme in 2021.



**Mr Stuart Tippins**  
**Digital Agriculture Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organisation, United Nations**



**Dr Qinisani Qwabe (Chairperson: Australia-Africa Universities Early Career Researchers Network)**  
 Dr Qinisani Qwabe is a lecturer at Nelson Mandela University and the Africa Early Career Research Chair for the Australia-Africa Universities Network. With a PhD in Sustainable Agriculture, Dr Qwabe is a leading authority on building resilient food systems and drives initiatives to combat student hunger through sustainable food production. He is a strong advocate for food security as a fundamental human right, essential for social justice and equitable education. Dr Qwabe’s work extends beyond academia, where he mentors future leaders and has received national and international recognition for advancing food security for refugees and enhancing rural economies.



**Ms Ôgonnindjiou Kassogu **  
**University of Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, the Netherlands**  
 Ms Ôgonnindjiou Kassogu  is a student of Humanistic Studies in the Netherlands. Her academic focus has deepened her personal interest in social justice, particularly in exploring the intersections of humanity, ethics, and the pursuit of humanising processes and equitable societies.



## SPEAKER PROFILES



**Ms Martha Fakude**  
Masters candidate at University of Johannesburg, South Africa



**Dr Molefhi Phorego**  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Faculty of Law, Public Law Department,  
Nelson Mandela University, South Africa

Dr Molefhi Phorego is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Faculty of Law, Public Law Department, at Nelson Mandela University. He holds a Doctor of Laws (LLD) from Nelson Mandela University and an LLM in Public Law and LLB from the University of Pretoria. Dr Phorego's research focuses on Constitutional Law, Human Rights, Administrative Law, and Marine Law Enforcement. In addition to his research, he co-supervises Master of Laws (LLM) students at Nelson Mandela University.



**Prof Tumai Murombo**  
Professor of Law, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Dr. Tumai Murombo, PhD (Wits), LLM Human Rights Law (UCT), LLM Environmental Law (Pace University, New York), LLB (Hons) (University of Zimbabwe) is a Professor of Law at Wits University, and former Director of the Mandela Institute. He is admitted to practice law in Zimbabwe and previously practiced with Mvingi and Mugadza, Legal Practitioners. He is an expert in environmental law, energy and climate change, sustainability, extractives and the environment, water law and governance, among others. As an NRF rated researcher, he has researched, advised governments, and civil society across these areas. Prof. Murombo is a co-founder and board chairperson of the Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association (ZELA), one of the leading public interest environmental organizations in the region. He sits on various boards and entities including the Advisory Council of the Copper Mark, the leading assurance framework to promote responsible practices across the copper value chains, the Editorial Board of the Journal of African Law, the Environmental Law Association (South Africa), and the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law, (its Environmental Law Academy and the Working Group on Climate Change and Energy). He was a former member of the Water Tribunal (formerly Water Court) of South Africa. Among his recent publications is an edited volume on Climate Change Law in Zimbabwe, the decolonization of environmental law and water rights reform and reallocation in South Africa.



**Dr Sifiso Ntombela**  
Kagiso Development Trust

Dr Sifiso Ntombela is an Agricultural Economics expert who earned his PhD from the University of Pretoria in 2019. As a trade specialist, he focuses on agricultural product exports and imports, frequently publishing insights on trade policies and market trends. Recently, he has contributed to several UNFSS Dialogues as a representative of NAMC, showcasing his expertise in advancing agricultural trade and policy.

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**Dr Francis Marimbe**  
**Kagiso Development Trust**

Dr Francis Marimbe is a seasoned Development and Research Consultant with with a PhD in Development Studies from the University of KwaZulu-Nata, and over fifteen years of experience in sustainable development. He specializes in project management, monitoring, and evaluation, with a focus on enhancing community and organizational growth. His work spans water, sanitation, agriculture, and social cohesion, reflecting his commitment to fostering sustainable solutions and advancing societal well-being.



**Mr Luvuyo Sandi**  
**Kagiso Development Trust**

Mr Luvuyo Sandi is the SED Business and Fund Manager at Kagiso Trust, with over fifteen years of expertise in enterprise development and funding facilitation for SMMEs. He holds a B.Com in Economics from Rhodes University and an MBA from Stellenbosch Business School, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Development Finance at Stellenbosch Business School. Luvuyo's extensive experience spans various sectors, reflecting his commitment to advancing sustainable business growth.



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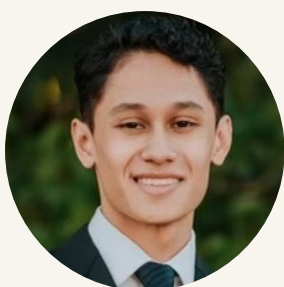
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# CONCEPT NOTE

## The 5th Annual Social Justice Conference

**Summit Theme:** Social Justice and the Sustainable Development Goal on Zero Hunger (SDG 2)

### Introduction

The **International Conference on Social Justice and the Sustainable Development Goal on Zero Hunger**, scheduled to take place at the Artscape Theatre Centre (Cape Town) on 17 October 2024, aims to interrogate research, policies and legal developments on hunger with a view to increasing the pace of progress in addressing hunger as one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2, "Zero Hunger"). The International Conference will bring together academics, lawyers, judges and civil society researchers who are involved in research on the intersection between hunger, social justice and human rights; to share research outputs and explore innovative solutions and best practices on the integration of data science and neuroscience in social and legal policy design processes.

### The Problem

In the Special Edition SDG Report 2023, United Nations (UN) Secretary-General António Guterres warned that, halfway to the deadline for the UN's Agenda 2030, we are leaving half the world behind.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, progress on addressing poverty and hunger has stalled or reversed.<sup>2</sup>

Despite global efforts, in 2022 about 9.2 per cent of the world population was facing chronic hunger, equivalent to about 735 million people. This is 122 million more than in 2019. An estimated 29.6 per cent of the global population – 2.4 billion people – were moderately or severely food insecure, meaning they did not have access to adequate food.<sup>3</sup>

According to the 2023 Global Hunger Index scores and provisional designations, nine (9) countries have alarming levels of hunger: Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Niger, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen.<sup>4</sup> In a further 34 countries, hunger levels are considerably serious. Despite SDGs, some countries, estimated at 18, have seen hunger worsen.<sup>5</sup> Hunger was further exacerbated by COVID-19, climate change and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, amongst other reasons.<sup>6</sup> The statistics do not include the 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza that have been plunged into extreme hunger or famine since the current war started in October 2023.<sup>7</sup> Worth noting is the fact that not only do the SDGs commit to ending hunger by 2030, but the right to food is also a universal human right under Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Furthermore, studies show that defaulting on the right to food has negative implications for the advancement of other human rights, social justice and peace.

1 United Nations Report on *The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023: Special Edition Towards a Rescue Plan for People and Planet* (2023, pg. 2)

2 United Nations Report (2023, pg. 2)

3 Oxfam South Africa: *The crisis of hunger in South Africa requires urgent attention*

4 Global Hunger Index Report on *The Power of Youth in Shaping Food Systems* (2023, pg. 5)

5 Global Hunger Index Report (2023, pg. 5)

6 United Nations Report (2023, pg. 2)

7 Prof Thuli Madonsela



### Key Conference Objectives

Catalyse progress on SDG 2 (“Zero Hunger”) by spotlighting what has been done by state parties and what still needs to be done to accelerate the pace of change with the goal of ending extreme hunger by 2030.

Share research and good practice models on overcoming hunger and malnutrition and on giving effect to the right to food under international and domestic laws.

Discuss pressing threats to the right to food, including climate change and war.

Heed the United Nations’ call to action on coming up with urgent coordinated and collaborative action, including further research, policy solutions and strategies to mobilise civil society, particularly business and social enterprises, to play a role and enhance the capabilities of communities facing hunger, so as to enhance their agency.

Familiarise everyone with SDG 2 targets and foster social accountability through an annual hunger-tracking map and conference report/policy brief.

Familiarise everyone with the African Union Agenda 2063 goals.

### Key Outputs and Outcomes

Increased public and leadership awareness of the “Zero Hunger” SDG and responsibilities regarding realisation of the right to food and related rights such as water, energy, climate resilience and equitable resource distribution, and the connection to social justice and peace.

A conference resolution adopted and circulated with a media statement at the end of the conference, plus a summary report on the conference released shortly after the conference

A special-issue academic publication released in early 2025.

An agreed research and collaborative agenda to accelerate progress towards zero hunger, with business, civil society and the data science community playing key and synergistic roles.

### Conference Themes and Format

The International Conference on Social Justice will take the form of plenary sessions and parallel sessions with keynote speakers, speakers and panels from all over the world. Each panel will have a keynote panellist and one or two respondents/panellists. Speakers will be required to present on their ongoing research on SDG 2 (“Zero Hunger”) and the right to food, viewed from an equality and social justice lens.

Key conference themes are:

1. Hunger, poverty, the economy and social justice.
2. The intersection between hunger and human rights such as social security, health and access to justice.
3. The impact of hunger on the right to education and vice versa.
4. Hunger, spatial disparities, human settlements and homelessness.
5. The nexus between agriculture, land rights and hunger.
6. Digital inclusion, artificial intelligence and leveraging data science for impact-conscious social policy design to avoid exacerbating hunger and food insecurity.
7. Hunger, environment and the water-energy-food (WEF) nexus.
8. The impact of war and displacement on hunger and nutrition security.
9. Disaster risk reduction, management and prevention.

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# INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

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**Boschendal Statement** (Statement on Restitution adopted at the 3rd International Social Justice Conference, Boschendal Conference Centre, South Africa, 2022)

**Cape Town Declaration** (Declaration on The Role of Business and Civil Society in Advancing Social Justice, adopted at the 4th International Social Justice Conference, Artscape Theatre Centre, Cape Town, South Africa, 2023)



**Hazendal Resolution (Resolution on Leveraging the Sustainable Development Goals and the Global Human Rights Agenda to Advance Social Justice, adopted at the Inaugural International Social Justice Conference, Hazendal Estate, South Africa, 2019)**

**The Participants,**

*Mindful* of the reality that as long as there is injustice somewhere there cannot be sustainable peace and that the greatest imperative of our time is social justice as a basis for sustainable peace, whilst acknowledging the inherent worth, value and dignity of the national environment,

*Recognising* the constitutional responsibility to advance equality, human dignity, freedom and social justice,

*Concerned* about the systemic disparities that continue to pervade society and the resulting deterioration in social cohesion and environmental sustainability,

*Note* that socioeconomic disparities is primarily as a result of the intersecting grounds of race, gender and class, as well as ceaseless patterns of violence and environmental abuse, and within a common understanding of the psychological and emotional trauma of a large majority of our people,

*Acknowledge* the important role of academia and civil society in advancing the Global Agenda for Social Justice,

*Welcome* the initiative of the Law Trust Chair in Social Justice, Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University, in leveraging the SDGs as a catalyst for social justice change,

1. *Decide* to give life to the constitutional promise of social justice and to draw on the lived experiences of the people';
2. *Are encouraged* by the commitment and willingness of participants to join hands to continue with research and dialogue, even where we disagree, to ensure that the constitutional and universal declaration's promises of equal enjoyment of all human rights for all, is realised for all;
3. *Invite* academia and civil society to expand our common understanding on how to reduce poverty and inequality so that we can move the social justice discourse forward in a manner that is in line with the constitutional objectives of a united South Africa anchored in shared humanity and prosperity;
4. *Agree to:*
  - a) Explore the pathways available to address social injustices globally,
  - b) Leverage opportunities presented by the SDGs, national constitutions and development plans in national and international contexts,
  - c) Share information on research that is undertaken,
  - d) Source information for the Social Justice hub at Stellenbosch University,
  - e) Form a coalition of universities, researchers and civil society that works in a coordinated way to advance social justice,
  - f) Focus on a multi-sectoral approach for a cohesive future,
  - g) Endorse the Social Justice M-Plan;
5. *Request the Law Trust Chair in Social Justice, Stellenbosch University, to convene* yearly social justice conferences.

*Inaugural International Social Justice Conference  
31 August 2019*

**Boschendal Resolution (Resolution on Mainstreaming Social Justice in Economic Policy Design and Law Reform adopted at the 2nd International Social Justice Conference, Boschendal Conference Centre, South Africa, 2021)**

**The Participants,**

*Note* with deep concern that the Covid-19 pandemic, which has cost millions of lives, particularly those of the poorest in the world, has exposed the scale of social and economic imbalances and left certain groups of societies severely exposed to heightened social and economic hardships, including food security disruptions,

*Believe* the freedom to thrive socially and economically, in equality with others, is the birth right of every man, woman or person on the continent and in the broader world, yet many remain bound in chains of poverty, inequality, hunger and various forms of social exclusion, including education and digital exclusion,

*Are convinced* that deepening poverty, hunger and inequality pose a threat to social cohesion, peace, stability and the rule of law, while undermining sustainable development and resilient economic growth, and that there is an urgent need to make meaningful progress in addressing these disparities in line with the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

*Reaffirm* our commitment to the Resolution of the Inaugural International Social Justice Conference, which took place at Hazendal Wine Estate in 2019, among them the endorsement of the Musa Plan for Social Justice (Social Justice M-Plan), a Marshall Plan-like initiative dedicated to advancing social justice in South Africa; the acknowledgement of the threat that social injustice poses to sustainable development, social cohesion, peace and stability; and the seizing of the catalytic opportunity presented by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the opportunities available for multi-disciplinary academic research to catalyse progress towards breaking the back of structural inequality and ending poverty,

*Further* reaffirm the link between social justice and human rights and, specifically, the grounding of social justice in international and regional human rights treaties such as the Charter of the United Nations (UN Charter) Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, the Maputo Protocol, and subsidiary human rights and social change instruments,

*Are encouraged and inspired* by the concrete social justice commitments and program of action in the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of 1995, the SDGs adopted by the United Nations (UN) in 2015 as a universal call to end poverty, advance equality, foster resilient communities, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030, the African Union's Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, which is a shared vision and strategic framework for achieving a peaceful Africa that works for all,

*Acknowledge* the duty of African governments and the collective responsibility of all sections of society to advance social justice, particularly regarding social and economic parity, while being mindful of the interconnectedness and indivisibility of human rights and freedoms,

*Note* progress made since the Inaugural International Social Justice Conference, particularly regarding research and exploring good practice in the use of prospective social impact tools that leverage systems and design thinking, using disaggregated data to predict the social justice impact of planned laws and policies focusing on economic equality and other sub-issues,

*Note* that the regulatory responses to Covid-19, although well intended, had a disparate impact on the poor and other vulnerable groups,

*Note* that not enough attention has been paid to the relationship between economic policy design and social well-being, including human development, environmental justice and mental health,

*Note further* that many of the Covid-19 fiscal relief packages were insufficiently designed to meet the differentiated needs of diverse affected groups in society while, in parts of the continent, arbitrary and unduly excessive measures were employed in the enforcement of laws and other measures aimed at containing the Covid-19 pandemic, with poor and other disadvantaged groups bearing the brunt of such executive exercise

*Are encouraged* by progress made since the Inaugural International Social Justice Conference, including experimental research and development work aimed at designing prospective social impact assessments, which includes the Social Justice Impact Assessment Matrix (SIAM) that is being piloted at Swartland Municipality in South Africa with a view to assisting governments, businesses and courts, to mainstream social justice impact considerations at the design stage to ensure planned legislation, policies and programmes are attuned to diversity and do not have a disparate impact on disadvantaged groups and make informed policy choices that eschew any unintended impacts that exacerbate poverty and inequality.

*We thereby resolve to:*

1. *Recommit* ourselves to seize the opportunity created by Covid-19 rebuilding endeavours, including those presented by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement, to deepen social justice research, innovation and teaching, strengthen collaboration across disciplines and sectors between academic institutions, broader civil society, business and government, as well as across the continent, including combining law making with design thinking, engineering and data science;
2. *Commit* ourselves to increase efforts aimed at advancing social justice through impact foresight anchored in systems thinking, design thinking to aligning policy design reform with social justice obligations focusing on poverty and inequality collaboratively with other stakeholders, together with educating civil society on social justice as well as engaging businesses and government to attune their policies;
3. *Promote* greater accountability for socio-economic inclusion and participatory democracy as well as social accountability through actions that include fostering constitutional literacy, legal literacy and economic literacy, while promoting greater transparency in government economic policy design processes and enhanced access to justice through courts and other forums;
4. *Collaborate* on a Model Law on Equality Duty initiative to assist governments to adopt a law or integrate in existing law a requirement for the certification of compliance with the social justice or equality duty before any law, policy or programme is passed and assist with a model law to facilitate this process, taking into account the lessons from and continued responsibility to advancing gender mainstreaming and children's rights, while remaining mindful of all intersectional inequalities;

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5. *Collaborate* to support a Covid-19 rebuilding better together agenda on the continent that transcends the binary focus on health and the economy and includes social well-being imperatives such as education, mental health, food security, climate change and digital inclusion, while fostering a deliberate implementation of the SDGs and Agenda 2063, with all hands on deck in fostering resilient communities, shared prosperity and peace in the constituent countries and the continent;
  6. *Collaborate* in fostering a climate of friendship and a culture of shared humanity through embracing social justice, respect for human dignity, embracing diversity and fostering social cohesion and peace on the continent;
  7. *Collaborate* towards assisting African governments to invest in people, particularly young people, and improve their position in the Human Development Index so as to foster an ecosystem that is conducive to peace and stability for all, and effective implementation of the AfCFTA agreement;
  8. *Reinforce* the role courts serve in supporting democracy through purposive and contextual interpretation of the Constitution in a manner that is anchored in a commitment to the realisation of social justice, combating corruption, and fostering good governance, accountability and the rule of law in a manner that fundamentally transforms economic relations for marginalised groups, in line with the African Charter and international human rights treaties;
  9. *Engage* in interdisciplinary research collaboration to design and implement research and capacity-building programs aimed at reinforcing state capacity for ethical leadership, good governance, and anti-corruption in order to improve responsiveness, accountability and broader checks and balances;
  10. *Promote* the prioritisation of the realisation of social justice through economic redistribution and economic parity, ensuring active public participation in budgetary processes to achieve human rights resonant budgets that are informed by mainstreaming gender and intersectionality considerations such as GBV, child abuse and child marriage/adoption to remove social barriers to women and young peoples' economic participation.

*2nd International Social Justice Conference  
11 October 2021*



### **Boschendal Statement (Statement on Restitution adopted at the 3rd International Social Justice Conference, Boschendal Conference Centre, 2022)**

As academic experts and leaders drawn from government, community experts, business and the diplomatic community from diverse disciplinary backgrounds from all South African provinces, various parts of the African continent and beyond, we met on 11 October 2022 at the Boschendal Retreat close to Stellenbosch under the auspices of the 3rd International Social Justice Conference to deliberate on restitution. This was a follow up to the 2nd International Social Justice Conference, which focussed on economic parity. One of the conclusions was that many of the inequalities and poverty challenges in South Africa, the African continent and the world, are a legacy of unremedied past injustices that can be traced to odious human rights violations such as slavery, human trafficking, colonialism, apartheid and patriarchy.<sup>8</sup>

The conference's focus was on what happened in the past that can be regarded as unjust and how that continues to shape the present patterns of inequality and poverty within and between nations. The deliberations, which benefited from speeches and research papers took place under five themes. The conference themes on past wrongs and restitution were:

1. Wealth, income and economic justice
2. Health and well-being, family and social life
3. Land, housing and spatial equality
4. Impact of digitisation and innovation on the media, education and epistemology
5. Public governance, democratic leadership, and access to justice

#### **General Observations**

*The conference papers and deliberations confirmed that* though there has been acknowledgment of past human rights violations and crimes against humanity such as war crimes and the holocaust and affected communities received some restitution for such wrongs, the same has not been the case regarding racially motivated human rights violations such as slavery, and the colonisation and pillaging of resources from the African continent. These set back the continent and its people within and in the diaspora by centuries regarding economic development and human wellbeing,

*The conference further noted that* not only have racially motivated wrongs not been unacknowledged but the lack of acknowledgement has also limited accountability and left affected victims, be they original or descendants, with perennial trauma, socio-psychological challenges and economic disadvantages in comparison to those that benefited from the past injustices. Participants further noted that aspects of intersectional disparities or pathologies such as gender-based violence, xenophobia and toxic nationalism, can be traced to unremedied past human rights violations,

*The conference further noted* the torture and disappearance of democracy and anticorruption activists in various countries and that many of these remain unaccounted. In this regard, the conference noted the failure to prosecute perpetrators of human rights violations in South Africa and other transitional democracies and apparent unwillingness of governments to expedite judicial accountability,

<sup>8</sup> Daniels v Scribante (CCT50/16) [2017] ZACC 13. The first and second judgments remind us all – and remind white people in particular, people like me, lawyers who grew up with the benefits, both accumulated and immediate, of their skin colour in a society that deliberately set out to privilege them, white people who are still the majority in the profession and probably still the majority readers of these reports – that the past is not done with us; that it is not past; that it will not leave us in peace until we have reckoned with its claims to justice."

*The conference further noted* the role of business in engineering some of the policies and laws that anchored slavery, colonialism, apartheid, extreme patriarchy, systematic social and political diminution and other ideological underpinnings of the human rights violations whose impact continues to inform the current skewed distribution of resources between and within societies,

*The conference also noted* that business has not acknowledged its role, taken accountability or made amends to the victims or descendants of the odious atrocities and the legacy,

*The conference further observed* that the lack of acknowledgement of past wrongs also distorts conversations about the present and the future thus limiting the proficiency of policy choices. This leaves persons and communities with continuing social, psychological and economic challenges that can be traced to the unacknowledged and unremedied past injustices,

*Participants further acknowledged* that the unacknowledged and unremedied injustices of the past underpin stark racial, gender and regional inequalities in economic and social life within and between societies thus undermining social justice. This was further said to undermine trust in democracy and democratic institutions thus encouraging polarisation, extremist tendencies that weaken the rule of law and peace,

*Participants noted* that apartheid was declared by the United Nations a crime against humanity and that since then there is at least one prosecution under way in which apartheid as a crime against humanity is a count. They further noted renewed UN calls for intensified efforts aimed at combatting racism and advancing social justice, particularly regarding economic and social parity across colour, ethnicity, and between states or continents.

## **1. Acknowledgement and Restitution Acts by Governments**

*Conference participants were encouraged* by emerging trends among governments acknowledgement of and restitution for past racist motivated human rights violations, including slavery, torture, human degradation, economic deprivation and their legacy. These include:

- a) New Zealand's acknowledgment of past injustices against the indigenous communities and entry into restitutive treaties and incorporating indigenous practices in mainstream policies;
- b) The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa (TRC) and other TRCs, which though having not tackled economic dimensions of past human rights wrongs though did not deal with economic impact;
- c) Land restitution programmes in South Africa and other parts of the world though incomplete and not incorporating the social and economic impact of land dispossession that continues to define many of the affected communities;
- d) Kenya UK and Namibia Germany efforts at acknowledging past atrocities though this was viewed as inadequate;
- e) Return of some of the artifacts and human remains of Africans by various former Western Colonial powers, including remain of African leaders and South Africa's Sarah Baartman;
- f) Rwanda restorative justice following the genocide, which includes leveraging indigenous justice systems of inquisitorial and restorative justice and ensuring that all learners take a trip to the genocide museum.

## 2. Acknowledgement and Restitution Acts by Private Actors

*The Conference further noted* encouraging acts of acknowledgement of past human rights violations and/or complicity by private actors. These included the following:

- a) Georgetown student initiative on restitution to descendants of slaves that were sold to save the university when it was in financial distress;
- b) Stellenbosch University's restitution statement, whose implementation has included visual redress such as renaming a key administration building, the Krotoa Building after Krotoa, a Khoi woman that was part of the first encounters between the Khoi, which was one of the indigenous groups and the Dutch settler community that arrived in 1652.

*The conference noted* with concern that although business drove the process of adopting the policies and laws that led to past atrocities whose impact continues to undermine equality and antipoverty efforts today, it is one group that has not shown any contrition or restitution gestures. It was further noted that business lobbying for policies that exacerbate inequalities, poverty and hunger, in violation of human rights and undermine progress on SDG goals, including climate justice, continues unabated, in the absence of transparency regarding and the regulation of lobbying;

*The conference acknowledged* that the failure to acknowledge and remedy past human rights and social justice wrongs undermines compliance with international treaty obligations, including regional human rights treaties, such as the Charter of the United Nations (UN Charter), Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, the Maputo Protocol, and subsidiary or social change instruments such as the Durban Declaration on the World Conference Against Racial Discrimination the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063.

## 3. The conference called for the following remedies

- a) *Establish a restitution fund* to help with closing the economic gap that continues to exist between the beneficiaries of past human rights violation with economic implications and fund education about the past;
- b) *Business to convene* under the UN Global Compact and reflect on its role in past racially motivated atrocities with a view to acknowledgement and making amends;
- c) Leverage data science to quantify the cost of past injustices and impact on stubborn inequalities and poverty that affects groups that were the subject of slavery, colonialism and apartheid, among others;
- d) *Leverage data science* to design laws and policies that do not exacerbate existing inequalities and poverty;
- e) *Support the South African Musa Plan for Social Justice* and consider similar initiatives in other nations where there is massive inequality;
- f) *Support the implementation of remedial international social instruments* such as the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of 1995, the SDGs adopted by the United Nations (UN) in 2015 as a universal call to end poverty, advance equality, foster resilient communities, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030, the African Union's Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, which is a shared vision and strategic framework for achieving a peaceful Africa that works for all.

#### 4. To give effect to the above commitments, we adopt the following programme of action, based on the outcomes of the parallel sessions:

##### **Wealth, income and economic justice**

- a) *Urgent measures are required* to re-engineer South Africa to be a society of equal opportunity. Key in this is the consideration of restitution to address historical inequalities that still stand in the way of economic justice;
- b) *Restitution must be prioritised* not only because it is a legal requirement in South Africa but also because it is imperative to social stability and the promotion of a resilient government;
- c) *Social compacting about restitution must be grounded* in knowledge of historical inequality. South Africans must embrace the Constitutional social justice vision to promote restitution amongst those who have historically benefitted;
- d) *Collaborative efforts should be made* to create an archive of past laws that caused inequality and create a simulation to demonstrate what the future would have looked like if those laws had not existed;
- e) *Progressive labour regimes should be instituted* by government. Minimum wage must be utilised as a restitutive measure as wage inequality is the biggest contributor to overall inequality;
- f) *Corporate political action and lobbying should be regulated* to ensure transparency, accountability, and justice;
- g) *All social and public policies must be underpinned* by the notion of universal access and emancipation and seek to liberate South Africans from the lingering impact of historical injustices.

##### **Health and well-being, family and social life**

- a) *There should be recognition of and an understanding* of racial trauma, generational poverty, and harmful gender norms that necessitate restitution;
- b) *Restitution must start within* family life and address the way family structures have been dismantled by historic injustices and patriarchy. Change must be substantial, not superficial and government should provide sufficient resources;
- c) *Reconciliation is* the first step to redress. Sport can be used as a means to facilitate intercultural understanding, for example;
- d) *Traditional knowledge systems are* currently undervalued and can be relied upon for delivering sustainable and transformative reparations;
- e) *Restitution programmes must* consider all forms of systemic injustice and violence and include individual, community, and symbolic measures as well as material compensation and improved access to services;
- f) *Victims' participation is* crucial for ensuring that benefits of restitution are accessible, equitable and effective;
- g) *Institutional structures should* enable cross-sectoral dialogue that also includes marginalised voices that have historically been devalued;
- h) *Current policies in the healthcare system should* be reformed with input from communities and impacted individuals to prioritise restitution;
- i) *Gender transformation requires* feminist leadership informed by mainstreaming gender and intersectionality considerations.



**Land, housing, and spatial equality**

- a) *Land reform should* proceed by different routes: redistribution with agricultural investment and production as a priority, and with the state drawing in commodity organisations and the private sector. Expanding urban housing and services remain central to the restitution process;
- b) *Land restitution should* involve poverty alleviation accomplished through compensation and skills development;
- c) *Existing land claims should* be prioritised by government. Recognised claims should be supported with legal, financial, and agricultural means;
- d) *Land restitution should* not only be focused on title deeds, but also on the restoration of the dignity, security and cultural identities lost through dispossession;
- e) *Efforts should* be made to increase participation from the claimants of dispossession. They should receive priority access to state resources and be given the opportunity to propose solutions to fast-track restitution efforts. Communities should be seen as co-producers of knowledge and solutions instead of passive subjects;
- f) *Environmental considerations and climate change should* be at the centre of debates on land;
- g) *Segmentation should be resolved* between local and national government and other stakeholders which delays progress;
- h) *People* who never owned land due to historic injustices, such as farm workers, should be accounted for. New models and solutions should be established for finding a middle ground between property owners and workers in terms of restitution.

**Impact of digitisation and innovation on the media, education, and epistemology**

- a) *Restitution in the African context* is not only about material redress. It acts as a vector for possibilities of a broader epistemic, cultural, and spiritual restitution process and conversation about the extraction and destruction of the African continent through colonialism and apartheid;
- b) *Restitution should* be seen as more than the return of artifacts and heritage; it is an inroad to a conversation about Africa rebuilding itself through cultural significance and restoring lost dignity;
- c) *The discourse around restitution* tends to be dominated by non-Africans. The efforts of African scholars relating to redress must be promoted, recognised, and acknowledged;
- d) *To make restitution meaningful*, the focus should be on education programmes, media literacy, access to technology, working with young people to connect to history and developing new epistemic strategies for thinking about historical injustice, cultural heritage, and identity;
- e) *Restitution efforts in South Africa should* also be cognizant of groups that have been excluded from the discourse through stigmatisation, divisive media narratives and xenophobia. Restitution cannot be seen in a narrowly nationalistic way;
- f) *Greater investment in public media infrastructure and access to technology is needed* to promote participation in the public sphere and counter the distortions of commercial media and the failures of public media and education systems.

### **Public governance, democratic leadership, and access to justice**

- a) *Access to justice is curtailed* by affordability and there is a failure by the state to provide legal aid as envisaged by the Constitution;
- b) *A solution should* come from a consultative approach that includes the Department of Justice, the Legal Practitioners Council, Legal Aid South Africa, and private legal practitioners to discuss the following:

*Shortcomings* in the provision of legal services;

*Systems to advance* alternative dispute resolution and allocate funds for pro bono litigation expenses based on a model that provides funding to cases that warrant support;

*Procedures to better categorise* disputes in private law for allocation of funds and boutique practitioners;

*Inform* the public on democracy, public accountability, and legal education;

*Focus* on vulnerable members of society (women, children, the LGBTQ+ community, people living with disabilities);

*Involve* NGOs, civil society, youth structures, etc; and raining for customary law practitioners;

*Research* is needed to understand how entities such as paralegal community offices, pro bono funding, legal expense insurance, and Legal Aid South Africa are working so that the best learnings can be used to provide solutions with impact.

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**Cape Town Declaration (Declaration on The Role of Business and Civil Society in Advancing Social Justice, adopted at the 4th International Social Justice Conference, Artscape Theatre Centre, Cape Town, South Africa, 2023)**

The Participants,

*Reaffirm* our commitment to our shared humanity as anchored in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Copenhagen Declaration, other international human rights, and social justice instruments together with relevant domestic constitutions,

*Believe* that social justice regarding the enjoyment of all rights and freedoms is essential for peaceful coexistence and social cohesion,

*Further believe* that the world has an abundance of resources that are sufficient for all to realise the full extent of their potential under a socially just and conducive environment through multi-sector partnerships involving state, business and civil society stakeholders, to yield improved quality of life in a society based on human dignity, equality and expanded frontiers of freedom for all without discrimination on any of the grounds in the Constitution, the African Charter on Human and People's Rights and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, among others,


*Note* with deep concern this conference takes place amid various human tragedies, including war, that the architects of the UN Charter, Universal Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), International Labour Organisation (ILO) Conventions, among others, thought were never to be experienced by humanity again, believing that an investment in justice, including social justice, through these multilateral cooperation and normative standard setting instruments, would reward humanity with peace and that war and its odious cruelties would be history,

*Are further concerned* that 75 years into the implementation of the UDHR systemic and structural patterns of socio-economic disparities primarily on grounds such as race, gender, age, nationality, and class remain a reality and, in some cases, a worsening reality reflected in hunger, poverty, unemployment, unequal distribution of resources and opportunities as well as lack of parity of esteem and cultures,

*Are further concerned* over growing social fracture reflected in high levels of violence, including Gender Based Violence (GBV) in families and communities, violence, and armed conflict in other parts of the world, which has primarily claimed the lives of children and other vulnerable members of society,

*Believe* that business and civil society have a role and responsibility to advance social justice and that role has legal, and moral dimensions while being a pragmatic investment in an ecosystem that supports human wellbeing, sustainable environments, and business growth,

*Note* with appreciation that business and civil society actors have stepped up to play such role by complying with labour and employment laws, corporate regulations and general laws that prohibit exploitation and those that foster remedial justice while going beyond legal compliance to combat hunger, poverty, and various forms of inequality in areas such as education, health, business ownership, social infrastructure, sports, and arts,



*Note* that business and civil society have been particularly central in initiatives aimed at assisting vulnerable communities during COVID-19 and other moments of distress and advocacy for human rights on a shared humanity basis,

*Are convinced* that deepening poverty, hunger, and inequality pose a threat to social cohesion, peace, stability, and the rule of law, while undermining sustainable development and resilient economic growth and there is an urgent need to make meaningful progress in addressing these disparities in line with the SDGs,

*Reaffirm* our commitment to the resolutions of the Inaugural International Social Justice Conference which took place at the Hazendal Conference Centre in 2019, among them the endorsement of the Musa Plan for Social Justice (Social Justice M-Plan), a Marshall Plan like initiative dedicated to advancing social justice in South Africa; acknowledgement of the threat that social injustice poses to sustainable development, social cohesion, peace and stability; and seizing the catalytic opportunity presented by the SDGs Agenda for Change and the opportunities available for multidisciplinary academic research to catalyse progress towards breaking the back of structural inequality and ending poverty by 2030,

*Further reaffirm* the link between social justice, human rights and peace and specifically the grounding of social justice in international and regional human rights treaties, such as the UN Charter, Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UNHR), International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD), Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), African Charter for Human and Peoples Rights (ACHPR), Maputo Protocol and subsidiary human rights and social change instruments,

*Are encouraged and inspired* by the concrete social justice commitments and Programme of Action in the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action of 1995, the SDGs adopted by the UN in 2015 as a universal call to end poverty, advance equality, foster resilient communities, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030, the Continent's Agenda 2063 and the progress the country has made on the social justice imperatives that emerge from these and progressive domestic constitutions,

*Affirm* that the UDHR and related human rights normative instruments impose a duty on the Government to advance equality with a focus on equal enjoyment of all rights and freedoms including the right to equality in all aspects of the economy, and the collective and respective responsibility of all sections of society to advance social justice, particularly regarding social and economic parity while being mindful of the interconnectedness and indivisibility of human rights and freedoms,

*Are encouraged* by progress made since the Inaugural International Social Justice Conference, including experimental research and development work aimed at ensuring equality conscious law reform and policy design, leveraging disaggregated data for predictive impact of planned policies and laws and exploration of integration of social policy considerations on equity into data science, including AI,

*But note* that though it is natural that ending poverty and reducing inequality is a progressive enterprise that yields incremental progress, the direction and pace of social change in many societies, which includes the widening gap between the rich and poor and between developed and developing countries, is a major concern,



*Are concerned* that not enough attention has been paid to the relationship between economic policy design and wellbeing, human development, and environmental justice,

*Are encouraged* that there is a growing acknowledgement in business and broader society that the improvement of the lives of all people, requires a private-public co-sharing relationship premised on the use of collective resources to achieve a socially just and equitable society,

*Are further encouraged* by emerging partnerships between business, government and society that foster an environment in which business can thrive, advance SDG 10, 1, 2 and 13 and 16.

**We thereby resolve to:**

1. *Support* the adoption of holistic integrated Marshall Plan styled initiatives such as the Social Justice Musa Plan as a vehicle of collaboration to accelerate the advancement of social justice in all areas of life, including the family, economy, public governance, and parity of social esteem among all social groups, regardless of diversity;
2. *Collaborate* in accelerating progress on SDGs by intentionally drawing business and civil society together in their respective roles and ensuring business and civil society is committed and engaged, particularly with SDG 10 1, and 16;
3. *Scale* efforts aimed at advancing social justice through incorporating design thinking and systems thinking in law reform, policy design as well as the design of services and products in a manner that meets all groups and communities where they are while consciously advancing economic and other forms of equality and working towards ending poverty by 2030 and assisting government, business, and courts to mainstream social justice through impact foresight tools such as the SIAM;
4. *Promote* greater fidelity to human rights normative standards regarding socio-economic inclusion and participatory democracy as well as social accountability through actions that include conducting constitutional literacy, legal literacy, and economic literacy, while promoting greater transparency in government economic policy design processes and enhanced access to justice through courts and other forums;
5. *Collaborate* on research and other measures to strengthen synergy between social justice, economic growth, sustainable, development, democracy, and the rule of law,
6. *Collaborate* on assisting governments to place investment in the youth, women, rural or other marginalised communities in its SMME development, food security, social infrastructure, anti-crime measures and other interventions, particularly in the implementation of the SDG, Covid-Recovery and Just Transition agendas;
7. *Promote* the realisation of social justice through advocacy policy development directed at economic redistribution, land reform, ending corruption, promoting the rule of law, and strengthening democracy;
8. *Collaborate* on social justice research and the design of innovative tools to improve social justice responsiveness of all policy and societal actions;
9. *Initiate* integrated social justice education anchored in legal and human rights literacy plus peace building;
10. *Convene* interdisciplinary, intersectoral and transnational partnerships to work on corruption, and sustainable development and support tripartite collaboration between state, business, and civil society.

*4th International Social Justice Conference  
11 October 2023*

# ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

## Our Vision

To be a partner of choice on social justice research, public policy design, training, education and monitoring and evaluation to advance social justice.

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## Our Values

- Excellence
  - Compassion
  - Accountability
  - Respect
  - Equity
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## Our Mission

A centre of excellence on research, innovative policy design tools, training and advocacy to promote social justice scholarship and consciousness, public policy design skills and collaboration in academia and society to accelerate social justice transformation.

### **Resource Mobilisation**

Mobilise societal, corporate, and international support and resources towards accelerated reduction of poverty and inequality by 2030.

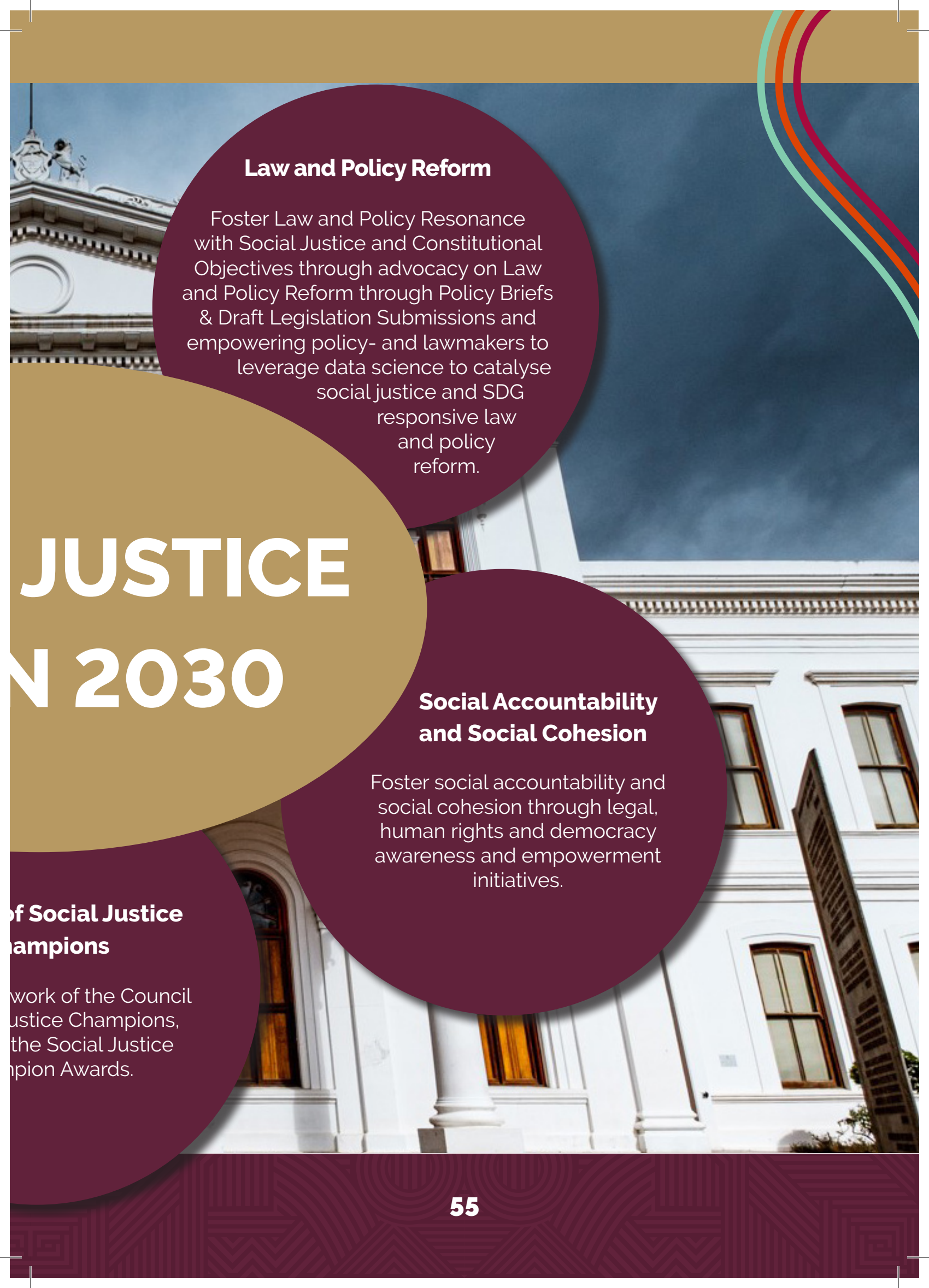
### **Democracy Leadership and State Capacity**

Cultivate social justice attuned leadership through Advocacy, Summits, Dialogues and Social Justice Champion Awards to foster ethical and democracy attuned leadership among all and contribute to building a strong capable state.

# **SOCIAL J VISION**

### **Council of Social Justice Champions**

Coordinate work of Social Justice Champions including the Social Justice Champion Awards



### **Law and Policy Reform**

Foster Law and Policy Resonance with Social Justice and Constitutional Objectives through advocacy on Law and Policy Reform through Policy Briefs & Draft Legislation Submissions and empowering policy- and lawmakers to leverage data science to catalyse social justice and SDG responsive law and policy reform.

# JUSTICE IN 2030

### **Social Accountability and Social Cohesion**

Foster social accountability and social cohesion through legal, human rights and democracy awareness and empowerment initiatives.

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