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COMMISSIONERS

Progress made on addressing systemic issues relating to the treatment of Older Persons

By Allan Tumbo, Research Associate for Older Persons and Disability

On the 1st June 2016, Commissioner Malatji's office convened a meeting of the Section 11 Committee on Older Persons in the Commissioners Boardroom at the SAHRC head offices. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the progress made on addressing systemic issues relating to the treatment of Older Persons as highlighted in the Older Persons Investigative Report, which was launched in 2015.

SAHRC shares knowledge with Martin Luther College

The South African Human Rights Commission (Commission) was commended for advocating for the realisation of human rights during a study visit by

Morehouse delegation. The delegation had visited the Commission on 07 June 2016 to learn best practices in its effort to develop ambassadors for peace in the world.



HUMAN RIGHTS DAYS

National Women's Day is celebrated annually on 09 August to commemorate the 1956 march where approximately 20 000 marched to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to petition against pass laws. Blacks under the Population Registration Act were required to carry pass that was meant to maintain population and segregation during apartheid.

This year marks 60 years after the 1956 march. The Commission will commemorate this day on 12 August 2016. [Click here for more information.](#)

SAHRC PEOPLE

Dedication to Isaac Mangena

This is not a goodbye message but an opportunity to appreciate you.

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my sincere, and revolutionary thank you to all of you who made my stay here at the Commission worthwhile. I had such great experiences on both professional and personal levels.

I feel I am indebted to each and every one of you, my comrades at the Head Office and in the Provinces for the love and hospitality you gave me and my small team every time we were in your hood. But most importantly for your willingness always to help me and my colleagues with our work, be it media queries, reports or even when we called you to tell you(not ask) that you are featured in the Hot-Seat of Pfanelo.

Buang Jones, Free State Provincial Manager: Bon voyage fighter! The struggle to emancipate the masses of our people and unshackle them from neo-apartheid continues.

Eric Mokonyama, Mpumalanga Provincial Manager: Mokonyama ore “ o bile moko wa moshomo wa Khomishene ya ditokelo tja botho. Go kgaogana le wena ke tobo e lekanang le lehu. Ebile o tsamaye botse Mangena, re tswela pele ka go kopana lego shomishana go kaonafatja setshaba Thulare.”

Poppy Louw, Times Media Reporter: I'm really sad to hear you're leaving the SA Human Rights Commission. You were one of the first few spokespeople to guide me through what I initially believed was a complex story.

Kevin Humphrey, The New Age: Comrade Isaac you have been a great help to us at TNA always keeping us first in line with important happenings at the SAHRC. Thanks so much for that and it has been great working with you. If we can still work together in your new position please do not hesitate to contact me.



SAHRC IN THE MEDIA

Chairperson of the SAHRC, Adv Lourence Mushwana sends a letter of concern to Honourable Minister M E Nkoana-Mashabane, Department of International Relations and Cooperation as the SAHRC commemorates International Justice Day on 17th June 2016

The Chairperson of the South African Human Rights Commission, Advocate Lourence Mushwana has sent a letter of concern to Honourable Minister M E Nkoana-Mashabane, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, raising concerns about: [Click here to access the letter.](#)



The screenshot shows a News24 article. At the top left is the News24 logo with the tagline 'Breaking News. First' and 'LAST UPDATED: 2016-08-05, 12:22'. To the right is a small image of a man with the headline 'The decline in ANC support is good for SA' and a sub-headline 'Even though Jacob Zuma loves giggling so, he cannot look at the elections results and laugh, writes Bulelani Mfaco.' Below this is a navigation bar with categories: News, Opinions, Business, Sport, Tech, Motoring, Travel, Lifestyle, Video. The main article title is 'SAHRC demands meeting with minister over SA's 'waning' human rights commitment' with a timestamp of '2016-07-17 15:07' and 'News24 Correspondent'. The article text begins with 'Johannesburg - The SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has written a stern letter to International Relations Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, asking to meet her to discuss concerns over the country's seemingly "waning" commitment to human rights, the organisation announced on Sunday.' A quote follows: '"South Africa's commitment to the [constitutional] values and principles in its international relations seem to be waning," said SAHRC chairperson, Advocate Lourence Mushwana, in the letter sent to the minister on Friday.' To the right of the text is a large portrait of Advocate Lourence Mushwana. Social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and Email are visible above the portrait.

SAHRC Chairperson Lourence Mushwana's letter to Minister Gigaba on visit to SA by Pastor Steven Anderson

Chairperson of the SAHRC, Adv Lourence Mushwana sends an urgent letter to Honourable Minister M Gigaba, Department of Home Affairs, requesting a detailed report from the Department on its response to the proposed entry into South Africa by Pastor Steven Anderson

The Chairperson of the South African Human Rights Commission, Advocate Lourence Mushwana has sent an [urgent letter](#) to Honourable Minister M Gigaba, Department of Home Affairs, raising concerns about the Department's position on the proposed entry into South Africa by Pastor Steven Anderson. [Read more](#)

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Birthdays

The following colleagues are celebrating their birthdays in August.

Tsoane Khoarai (FS) & Patrick Maluleke (HO), 01 August

Tanuja Munnoo (KZN), 06 August

Ruth Diane(HO), Makutla Mojapelo (HO) & Derk Swart (HO), 08 August

Nkosana Kwaza (HO) & Naomi Webster (HO), 15 August

Fadlah Adams (WC), 16 August

Hamilton Garishe (HO), 17 August

Martin Nsibirwa (HO), 22 August

Lindiwe Dlamini (KZN), 29 August

Chantal Kisoon (HO), 31 August



Clockwise: Patrick Maluleke, Derk Swart, Martin Nsibirwa and Makutla Mojapelo.

Colleagues are requested to share pictures to include in the birthday section.

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