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COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITIES

South Africa Needs More Transparent Public and Private Bodies

The South African Human Rights Commission and Information Regulator have called for more accessibility to information during the recently held Universal Access to Information Day held on 28 September 2017.



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Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, Pansy Tlakula says WC judgement on political parties funding is a victory for PAIA Act.



The Commission raised concerns that despite numerous advocacy efforts, Government departments do not comply with access to information regulations. "Majority of Government Departments and Municipalities do not report according to Section 32 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act," said SAHRC CEO Tseliso Thipanyane. In addition, Commissioner Angie Makwetla echoed

Thipanyane's sentiments: "There are lots of things still to be done with regards to access to information," Commissioner Angie Makwetla.

On the other hand, the Information Regulator has with the Commission by citing that the recent Western Cape Judgment compelling Political Parties to disclose funders is a step in the rights direction. "This will help citizens to make informed choices during elections," said Commissioner Pansy Tlakula.

Public and private bodies will share experiences, successes and challenges in realising the right of access to information.

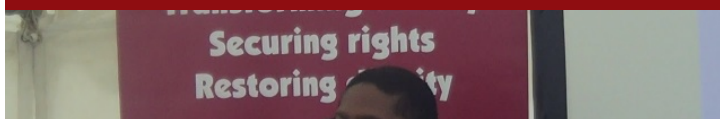
Commissioner Angie Makwetla highlights SAHRC work on the Promotion of Access to Information



Majority of SAHRC recommendation on PAIA have not been addressed, Commissioner Angie Makwetla



Government departments do not report according to PAIA, SAHRC CEO Tseliso Thipanyane





Access to information assist citizens to fully realise their rights, Adv Pansy Tlakula



Commissioner Andre Gaum Visits Eastern Cape to Assess Human Rights Compliance

Ultimatum Given on School's Toilets

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has issued an ultimatum to the Department of Education to pay nearly R2-million owed to a contractor responsible for building ablution facilities at a Port Elizabeth school.

A year after a representative of the commission visited Zanoxolo Public Primary School in Motherwell and saw the appalling conditions of the bathrooms, nearly 1 000 pupils still use the temporary toilets provided while construction is ongoing. (Source: Herald) [Read more](#)





Commissioner Bokankatla Malatji Presents at the Sign Language Dialogue

Commissioner presented on *removing barriers to the realisation of Human Rights: The role of South African Sign Language*



Commissioner Angie Makwetla Meets Limpopo

Office over Vuwani Shutdown

Commissioner met with various key stakeholders including Office of the Premier, Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Department of Education discussing solutions on addressing the impact of Vuwani shutdown on the right to basic education.



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Commissioner Angie Makwetla with the SAHRC Limpopo team following discussion on the Vuwani shutdown matter.



SAHRC Hosts Counterparts from Siera Leone

The Commission hosted Commissioners from Siera Leone Human Rights Commission who had visited to learn best practice on operational matters.



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SAHRC is hosting Commissioners from Human Rights Commission of Siera Leone on a study visit.



SAHRC IN THE MEDIA

**Call for submissions, Investigative Hearing:
Inequality in Eldorado Park and surrounding areas
and School Disruption at Klipspruit West**



Commissioner Chris Nissen addressing residence of Greater Eldorado Park following demonstration over service delivery, racism, excessive use of force and lack of development.

Following the recent service delivery protests in Eldorado Park and surrounding areas, allegations of racial tensions in the community and the

SAHRC drives media campaign

Braamfontein – SAHRC focuses on conciliation, mediation and negotiation to ensure that the rights of the people are not violated.



CEO Tseliso Thipanyane and Gauteng Office Provincial Manager Buang Jones responding to queries from the media.

The South African Human Rights Commission hosted a briefing session with the media at its Gauteng provincial offices in Braamfontein on 21 September, to discuss its future plans. Source: North Eastern Tribune [Read more](#)

Anger Over Police Brutality at Khayelitsha Dialogue

Members of the Khayelitsha community expressed their anger during the third annual Policing and Social Justice Dialogue Series when the focus turned to police brutality.

Hosted by the Social Justice Coalition (SJC) at the Isivivana Centre

in Khayelitsha, the dialogue opened on Thursday with the topic "Police brutality and Human Rights". Panelists included Chris Nissen from the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) and Mzwakhe Mdlalose from Abahlali baseMjondolo. (Source: All Africa) [Read more](#)

Stability Returns to Klipspruit West School

Stability has returned to Klipspruit West Secondary School in Soweto after an agreement was reached with the South African Democratic Teachers Union (SadtU) that teachers would return to work.

The Gauteng Department of Education also said that teachers from about 30 schools in Eldorado Park, who were participating in a stay-away, would return to their respective schools.

In a statement on Wednesday, Gauteng education department spokesperson Steve Mabona said SadtU was satisfied with the intervention implemented by the department to restore functionality at Klipspruit West.

The interventions include: security personnel deployed to the school for access control, community members will not be allowed to prevent teachers from accessing the school, and the allegations of racism will be investigated by the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC). (Source: News24) [Read more](#)

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

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SAHRC KZN with @DOJ_CD at Mathonsi Tribal Authority in Thulasi, Mandeni conducting a Roadshow.



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SAHRC Limpopo hosting Outreach, Advocacy and Legal Clinic at Kabosadi Disability Center, Ga-Maja Village





Pic: Tirhani Mawila, Human Rights Officer, Limpopo

SAHRC celebrates casual day

The Commission celebrated casual day by hosting learners from Sebuyile Special School on 01 September 2017. Learners performed recited the Constitution Pre-ample, gumboots dane and sang different inspirational songs.

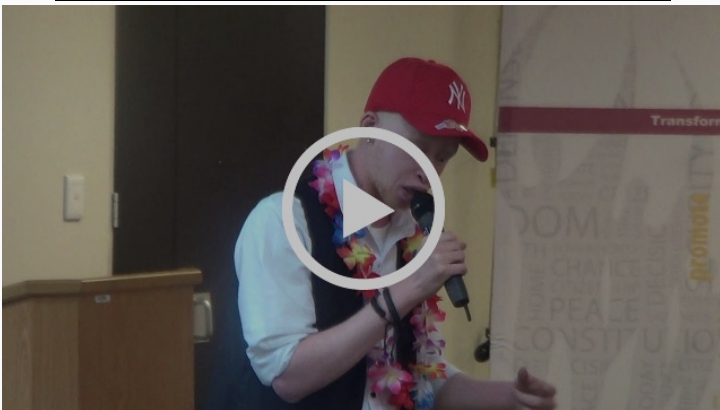


Commissioner Angie Makwetla on her role as the Commissioner responsible for Children's rights

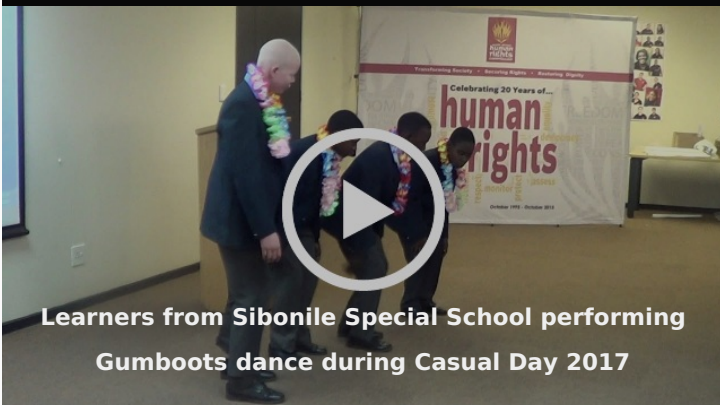




SAHRC CEO Tseliso Thipanyane addressing learners from Sibonile Special School, Casual Day 2017



The blackness in me poem by Kamogelo Ntshani during Casual Day 2017 celebration



Learners from Sibonile Special School performing Gumboots dance during Casual Day 2017

HUMAN RIGHTS DAYS

World Food Day, 16 October

World Food Day is celebrated yearly on 16 October around the world. This day honours the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945. Organisations around the world are encouraged to celebrate the day and also reflect on challenges affecting food security.

BIRTHDAYS

Heritage Day

Lawrence Makgabo (HO) - 03rd

Karabo Kgosana (HO) - 05th

Zukiswa Louw (NC) - 09th

Commissioner Angie Makwetla (HO) - 15th

Eileen Carter (LMP) - 17th

Thandiwe Matthews (HO) - 20th

Shafieka Morris (NC) - 22nd

Poppy Mochadibane (NW) - 30th

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