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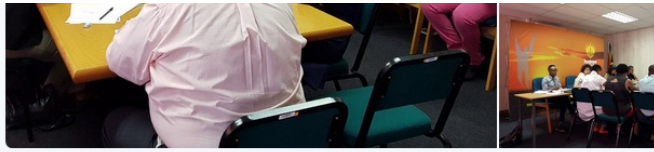
## COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITIES



## SAHRC Deputy Chairperson visits KwaZulu - Natal to attend to a number of human rights issues.

The Deputy Chairperson went on a provincial visit to KwaZulu-Natal to engage with key stakeholders on human rights issues – with a particular focus on Equality and Social Cohesion. Some of the salient issues involved the following: Taxi Violence, Politically Motivated killings, Socio-economic Inequalities, Poverty, Spatial Legacies of Apartheid, Land, Services and Rural-urban Divide, Education, and Unemployment.





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SAHRC Deputy Chair Priscilla Jana and KZN Provincial Manager Tanuja Munnoo meet with KZN Premier Mr Willis Mchunu



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SAHRC Deputy Chairperson Priscilla Jana and Ethekwini Mayor Cllr Zandile Gumede following a meeting to strengthen relations.



**SAHRC IN THE MEDIA**

## Meet SAHRC FS's new manager

New Provincial Manager at the Free State's South African Human Rights Commission, Thabang Kheswa, said he could never have imagined that his love for public matters would lead him to where he now is in his career.

Kheswa, who hails from Botshabelo's E-section, said his interest for the profession began while he was in high school, where he was involved in the Youth Parliament debates with regards to the legislature where he and his peers debated on a number of issues. "From there, with the encouragement of my teachers, who in retrospect probably saw something in me, I decided that I wanted to study law," Kheswa said.

He then registered with Vista University in 2003 and when Vista merged with the University of the Free State, he was able to receive his LLB qualification in 2006. "For me, it was always about helping the disadvantaged and the marginalised, who, when they have legal issues, in most cases do not know what to do or where to go. So immediately after university, in 2007, I joined the Human Rights Commission," he said. (Source: Bloemfontein Courant) [Read more](#)



## SAHRC to meet with NPA over Thembisile Yende's murder

The South African Human Rights Commission will this morning meet with the National Prosecution Authority (NPA) and the police to discuss a complaint lodged by the family of murdered Eskom employee Thembisile Yende.

Yende's body was found at Eskom's offices in Springs on the East Rand last May after she was reported missing.

Her colleague David Ngwenya was later charged with her murder

The Yende family claim they were not told about Ngwenya's bail application and an appeal of a decision to deny his request. (Source: EWN) [Read more](#)



## Edward Zuma 'Does Not Understand Hate Speech' - SAHRC

Edward Zuma is being sued for R100 000 for "hate speech" over comments he made about Pravin Gordhan and Derek Hanekom.

Former president Jacob Zuma's son Edward does not understand what hate speech is, the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) says. According to TimesLive, the SAHRC told the Equality Court this week that Zuma's response to the allegations against him shows that he lacks understanding of the charges against him. (Source: Huffington Post) [Read more](#)

## 'You will hear sad stories,' says black academic as Unisa racism hearings begin



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The Gauteng Provincial office will be hosting a three day hearing from 20 - 22 February 2018 to address a complaint received from a UNISA staff member in December 2017, regarding allegations of racial tensions and harassment.



The University of South Africa has roped in the SA Human Rights Commission to conduct an extensive inquiry into allegations of racism, sexism, harassment and unfair discrimination in its College of Law.

### #WaterCrisis: Weeks later, Mangaung's water is still discoloured and sandy

The Democratic Alliance, the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC), and the Public Protector will be meeting this week to discuss the quality of water in Mangaung.

The DA says the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality should be held accountable for the discolouration and sandy smell in the water. According to DA councillor and water expert, Rossouw Botes, tests have indicated that very high levels of E-coli and coliform bacteria are present in the water. However, several weeks after the incident was first reported to the Municipality, residents in the city are still experiencing a distinct odour, change in colour and taste in the water. (source: Bloemfontein Courant) [Read more](#)

### Sodwana guest house owner found guilty of hate speech

Sodwana Bay guest house owner André Slade has been found guilty of unfair discrimination and hate speech by the Human Rights Commission.

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BY TIMESLIVE





Andre Slade, owner of the Sodwana Bay Guest House.

**Image:** Thuli Dlamini

Below is the full statement from the commission.

The South African Human Rights Commission's ("SAHRC") KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Office instituted an Equality Court Application against the Sodwana Bay Guest House ("First Respondent") and Mr André Slade ("Second Respondent") in the Ubombo Magistrates Court, following several complaints that were received against them.

The Respondents comments: "we do not accommodate blacks or government employees any longer", were widely circulated in the media and on various social media platforms. Mr. Slade subsequently went on to make further offensive and discriminatory comments publically. (Times Live) [Read more](#)

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

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SAHRC KZN hosts roundtable discussion on Ending Corporal Punishment in School in Empangeni.

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#InternationalMotherLanguageDay: Please join the conversation this morning on social media between 05:45am – 8:30am, by tweeting at @PanSALB and @IOL in your #MotherTongue using the hashtags #SpeakitLiveit #WeRead.  
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Team SAHRC wishes everyone a Happy Valentines Day!



**REPORTS ON THE WEBSITE**

## NANHRI & SAHRC IN - COUNTRY MEETING ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION

Despite the constitutional recognition and statutory protections afforded to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and gender non-conforming (LGBT/GNC) persons in South Africa, LGBT/GNC persons continue to face numerous challenges, including gender or sexual orientation-based discrimination and hate crimes; difficulties accessing justice when these violations occur; and the prevalence of traditional gender roles which perpetuate stereotyping and marginalisation of vulnerable groups.

In response to these challenges, the SAHRC, in partnership with the Network for African National Human Rights Institutions (NANHRI), convened a meeting of over 50 delegates representing government departments, civil society stakeholders and Chapter 9 institutions, to address SOGIE- related issues in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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**REPEAL OF COMPLAINTS HANDLING  
PROCEDURES ON 29 DECEMBER 2017 IN  
NOTICE NO.: 1483  
\_\_ GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO.:\_ 41362 \_**

**The South African Human Rights Commission (“the Commission”) hereby gives notice that with effect from 31 December 2017, it shall repeal its Complaints Handling Procedures published on 27 January 2012 in Notice No. 55 of Government Gazette No. 34963.**

**The Commission hereby gives further notice that in terms of section 15 (7) of the South African Human Rights Commission Act, 40 of 2013, that the particulars of the procedures which shall be followed in conducting investigations shall be made known publically by placing same on its website at [www.sahrc.org.za](http://www.sahrc.org.za). These procedures shall be operational and come into effect as from 1 January 2018.**

### THEMATIC DISCUSSION PAPER

#### DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION (SOGIE) IN SOUTH AFRICA

Globally, South Africa is celebrated for its progressive and transformative democracy installed by the 1996 Constitution founded on human dignity, the achievement of equality and the advancement of human rights and freedoms.

In relation to violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression (SOGIE-based violence and discrimination), South Africa's Constitution was indeed the first in the world to expressly prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. South Africa boasts a comprehensive and “liberal” policy framework for the promotion of equality and social justice, with generous protection for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ) persons.

Notwithstanding this much celebrated constitutional, legislative and policy framework, serious violations of the rights to equality and dignity of LGBTIQ persons occur much too frequently in South Africa – on the basis of their real or perceived SOGIE; and the justice system in the country is unfortunately not known for its adequate response to these seemingly systematic challenges experienced by members of the LGBTIQ community.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Yonela Diko (HO) - 02nd

Victor Mavhidula (LMP), Sebongile Mutlwane (GP) & Loyiso Mpondo (EC) - 03rd

Kelly-Anne Cleopas (GP) - 04th

Rakesh Kamrajh (HO) - 07th

Lloyd Lots (WC) - 13th

Mmakgabo Nkwe (LMP) & Nombulelo Mnisi (MP) - 14th

Peter Makaneta (HO) - 15th

Emily Pietersen (HO) - 17th

Thembi Madalane (LMP) & Kenneth Seretse (HO) - 21st

Commissioner Andre Gaum - 22nd

Ncumisa Willie (HO) - 23rd

Mantsibile Mojapelo (HO) & Correlia Mabofoho (HO) - 25th

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