



PROGRAMME

**Promoting a Culture of Human Rights and Social Harmony through the
Resolution of the National Question Campaign Launch**

South Africa will not realise a Culture of Human Rights without a Collective
Sense of Belonging

**25 TO 27
MARCH
2025**

VENUE: THE CAPITAL ON THE PARK, SANDTON

Day 1: Tuesday, 25 March 2025
Launch

EVENT FACILITATOR: LEE-ANNE GERMANOS MANUEL



Timing	Item	Presenter/Panellist
08:00 – 08:30	Registration and Tea	
08:30 – 08:45	Welcome	Commissioner Tshepo Madlingozi – South African Human Rights Commission
08:45 – 09:15	Opening Remarks and Citations of Honour bestowed on Robert Sobukwe, Adv Gareth Prince and Nomarussia Bonase	Chairperson Chris Nissen – South African Human Rights Commission
09:15 – 09:45	Keynote Address	Dr Mmatshilo Motsei – Executive Director, Afrika Ikalafe Pluriversity
09:45 – 10:00	First Respondent to Keynote Address	Dr Rajendran Govender – Commissioner, Commission for the Promotion of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities
10:00 - 10:15	Second Respondent to Keynote Address	Prof Rozena Maart - SARChI Chair on The National Question
Tea Break		
10:30 – 11:30	Panel I: ‘One Nation, One Constitution’?: The Constitution and the (im)possibility of Constituting a truly post-apartheid nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adv Lloyd Lotz – Chief Director, Constitutional Implementation, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development• GOAK'XOAB Danub, Zheven Heitsi Ebib – NEC Chairperson, Khwe/xam Insiba• Dr Sanele Sibanda – Senior Lecturer, Department of Jurisprudence, University of Pretoria Moderator: Commissioner Tshepo Madlingozi – South African Human Rights Commission
11:30 – 12:30	Panel II: ‘It is the economy, stupid’: Nation-Building, Human Rights, and the Political Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Azar Jammie - Director and Chief Economist, Econometrix• Alexandria Hotz - South African Lead Coordinator, WoMin African Alliance• Duma Gqubule – Columnist and independent Economist• Mark Heywood - Founder, Justice Activism Hub Moderator: Commissioner Sandra Makoasha – South African Human Rights Commission
Lunch Break		
13:15 – 14:15	Panel III: ‘...not actually a slave, but a pariah in the land of their birth.’: Human Rights, Nation-Building, and Belongingness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ntuthuzo Ndzomo - Advocacy Officer, Iranti• Patrick Mahlakoane – Chairperson, Disabled People South Africa• Adv. Gareth Prince – Spokesperson, Rastafari Nation Council Moderator: Commissioner Nomahlubi Khwinana – South African Human Rights Commission

14:15 – 15:15	<p>Panel IV: ‘Poets [artists] are the unacknowledged legislators of the World’: The Role of the Creative Arts and Literature in forging a Human Rights Culture and Nation-Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof Pitika Ntuli - Sculptor, Poet, Writer, and Scholar• Lebogang Marishane – Strategic Support Manager, Constitution Hill <p>Moderator: Commissioner Aseza Gungubele – South African Human Rights Commission</p>
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Tea Break		
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16:00 – 17:00	<p>Panel V: - ‘The media is the most powerful entity on earth.’ The Role of Social and Mainstream Media in Nation-Building and Human Rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof Steven Friedman – Director, Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Johannesburg• Dianne Hawker - Gauteng Regional Convener, SANEF• Dr Eileen Carter - National Coordinator, Human Rights & Developing Technologies, South African Human Rights Commission <p>Moderator: Eric Mokonyama – Acting Chief Operating Officer, South African Human Rights Commission</p>
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Panel VI: ‘The past is in the present’: Reparation, Reconciliation, Redress and Nation-Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shirley Gunn - Chairperson, South Africa Coalition for Transitional Justice• Konehali Gugushe - Daughter of Mapetla Mohapi• Phiwinhlanhla Madida - Deputy Director: Social Cohesion & Nation-Building for Department of Sports, Arts and Culture• Nomarussia Bonase – Coordinator, Khulumani Galela Campaign <p>Moderator: Commissioner Tshepo Madlingozi – South African Human Rights Commission</p>

18:00 – 18:05	Closing remarks and way forward
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National Dialogue

Timing	Item	Presenter/Panellist
Programme Director for Day 2: Zamantungwa Mbeki		
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and Tea	
09:00 – 09:15	Opening and welcome	Chairperson Chris Nissen – South African Human Rights Commission
09:15 – 09:30	Purpose of the day	Commissioner Nomahlubi Khwinana – South African Human Rights Commission
09:30 – 10:00	Address	Adv. Thuli Madonsela – Law Faculty Chair in Social Justice: University of Stellenbosch
10:00 – 11:00	Panel discussion: Reflections on the State of Social Harmony in South Africa, 30 Years into Democracy, and Beyond.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Father Simangaliso Mkhathshwa – Chairperson, Moral Regeneration Movement• Nancy Ngwenya - Commissioner, Public Service Commission• Neeshan Bolton – Director, Ahmed Kathrada Foundation• Puleng Kekana - Chief Director, Department of Sports, Arts and Culture
Tea Break		
11:15 – 11:30	Q&A on the presentations	All
11:30 – 12:00	The South Africa We Want: Youth perspective	TVET Students representatives
12:00 – 13:00	Discussion and responses to the presentations by TVET students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TBC - Department of Higher Education and Training• Lwazilwaphesheya Khoza – National Youth Development Agency• Kgaogelo Chokoe – President, South African Technical and Vocational Education and Training Student Association• TBC – Department of Employment and Labour• Tsholofelo Nakedi – Community Specialist, Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation
Lunch Break		

14:00 – 15:15	Breakaway commissions: 1. Embracing diversity and creating an inclusive society. 2. Creating a caring, safer and crime-free society. 3. Building a sense of nationhood and belonging. 4. Ensuring equality and justice for the minority and vulnerable groups.	4 commission discussions
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Tea Break

15:30 – 16:15	Report back from commissions	Group leaders
16:15 – 16:25	Summary and way forward	Commissioner Tshepo Madlingozi – South African Human Rights Commission
16:25 – 16:30	Closure	Eric Mokonyama – Acting Chief Operating Officer, South African Human Rights Commission



Section 11 Committees National Question and Social Harmony
Roadmap Development Workshop

Timing	Item	Presenter/Panellist
08:30 – 08:50	Recap of Days 1 and 2	Naleli Morojele – Research Advisor, South African Human Rights Commission
08:50 – 09:05	Explanation of the purpose and opening of the workshop: Development of Roadmap for Resolution of the National Question	Commissioner Tshepo Madlingozi – South African Human Rights Commission
09:05 – 10:35	Discussions and deliberations	Participants: Section 11 Committee members Moderated by Facilitator
Tea Break		
10:45 – 11:30	Break away sessions	Section 11 Committee members to split into two groups
11:30 – 12:00	Presentation of recommendations for roadmaps by two Section 11 Committee groups	
Tea Break		
12:15 – 12:30	Recapping discussions and confirming recommendations for roadmap	Lee-Anne Germanos Manuel – Research Advisor, South African Human Rights Commission
12:30 – 12:40	Closing	Chairperson Chris Nissen – South African Human Rights Commission
Closure		