### September 2016



### **COMMISSIONER'S PROGRAMME**

SAHRC launches the National Investigative Hearing into the Impact of Protest-related Action on the Right to a Basic Education in South Africa



# SAHRC hosts Hearing on The Underlying Socio-economic Challenges of Mining Affected Communities in South Africa

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Panel at the hearing on the Underlying Socio-economic Challenges of Mining Affected Communities in South Africa.

From Left: Commissioner Lindiwe Mokate, Commissioner Mohamed Ameermia, Commissioner Janet Love and Professor Tracy-Lynn Humby.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS DAYS**

### International Older Persons Day, 01 October 2016

The International Older Persons day is observed each year on 01 October to raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly. This day came into being on 14 December 1990 when the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish 01 October as the International Day of Older Persons as recorded in Resolution 45/104.

Did you know?

Commissioner Bokankatla Malatji is responsible for the rights of older persons.

#### **SAHRC PEOPLE**

### **Introducing the Communications Coordinator**

The Commission has a new Communications Coordinator, Gushwell Brooks. Gushwell started at the Commission on the 12th September 2016 and is really excited with his new responsibilities with the Commission.

Previously, Gushwell has worked in the area of social justice with non-governmental organisations and faith based organisations; working on gender, refugee, nutritional and accountability as well as human rights related matters.

He has extensive media experience in print, radio and digital platforms.



North West Provincial Manager, Mpho Boikanyo recently met with the Speaker of the North West Provincial Legislature Honourable S.R. Dantjie on 21 September 2016 in Mahikeng to introduce the office and forge working relationships.



#### **SAHRC IN THE MEDIA**

### Minister Gigaba's decision on pastor Anderson

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

The South African Human Rights Commission (the Commission) welcomes the decision by the Minister of Home Affairs, Malusi Gigaba, not to allow Pastor Steven Anderson into South Africa as a demonstration of political commitment in the quest to take forward South Africa's commitment to Resolution 275 by the African Commission, and the provisions of the South African Constitution. Read more



# Difference, diversity & reasonable accommodation of difference in South African Schools

07th September 2016

The South African Human Rights Commission (the Commission) has noted with concern the allegations of marginalisation and discriminatory treatment of Black female learners at Pretoria High School for Girls, the Sans Souci High School in Cape Town, Saint Michael's School for Girls (SMS) in Bloemfontein, as well as other incidents and allegations emanating from other schools since. <u>Read more</u>

## Diversity must be cherished

We must celebrate our various differences, whether they are language, race, religion, culture, habit or opinion

The New Age (Northern Cape) 12 Sep 2016 MOHAMED SHAFIE AMEERMIA Advocate Mohamed Ameermia is a commissioner at the South African Human Rights Commission and is responsible for the right to housing and access to justice

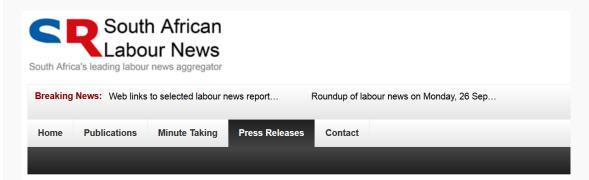


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#### PRESS RELEASES

SAHRC hosts a hearing on the underlying socio-economic challenges of mining affected communities in South Africa

Press Statement dated 9 September 2016

Issued by Gail Smith, Spokesperson, SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC)

• Read at SAHRC online

# Constitutional Court ruling pulls the plug on unlawfully obtained emoluments attachment orders

13 September 2016

The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) applauds the ruling by the Constitutional Court in the matter of University of Stellenbosch Legal Aid Clinic and Others v Minister of Justice and Correctional Services and Others and other related matters to declare that judicial oversight in the granting of emoluments attachment orders (EAO) is a necessary prerequisite. Read more



Senior Legal Officer Osmond Mngomezulu speaking to the media following the ground-breaking judgment on emoluments attachment orders



# SAHRC launches National Investigative Hearing into the Impact of Protest-related Action on the Right to a Basic Education in South Africa

The report contains findings and recommendations of a national investigative hearing held by the Commission during 13-15th June 2016 shortly after a number of schools in Vuwani, Limpopo were closed as a result of protest related action. The Commission as a constitutional body is empowered to investigate human rights violations and to make suitable findings and recommendations to the State on measures to be taken in redress where human rights have been violated. Click here to access the report.



# **SAHRC: Protesters target schools to get attention**

POLITICS / 15 September 2016, 2:41pm



Johannesburg - Lack of communication between government and communities resulted in the targeting of schools by protesters seeking ways to draw attention to their plight, a report by the South African Human Rights Commission has found.

The commission monitored the impact of protests on basic education over five years and conducted hearings. The SA Police Service, Department of Basic Education, and lobby group Equal Education, among others, made their submissions as part of the investigation.

### **Birthdays**

The following colleagues are celebrating their birthdays in October.

Lawrence Makgabo (HO) 03rd

Karabo Kgasago (HO) 05th

Zukiswa Louw (NC) 09th

Eileen Carter (LMP) 17th

Thandiwe Matthews (HO) 20th

Tiyasi Mhlongo (MP) 24th

Poppy Mochadibane (NW) 30th

Colleagues celebrating their birthdays in November are requested to send pictures to Wisani for inclusion in the next issue.



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