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And so we set off, curious strangers with an intuitive sense that we can do more and better, interested to share the lessons that we have learnt, be challenged, and engage about our visions for the future

ENDS HERE

And so we end, celebrating new ideas, relationships, and strategies; and renewed commitment and energy.

OUR DIALOGUE JOURNEY TOGETHER

SETTING OUR DIRECTION

Morning of Thursday 7 April

We want to be careful to make sure that we head off in the same direction - and in the right direction. So we spend some time clarifying the interests that we each come with and the intended purpose of this dialogue. Where is our finishing line?

THINKING ABOUT THE NEXT LEG

Afternoon of Friday 8 April

Participants voluntarily gather in working groups to take forward collaborative initiatives that emerge from the dialogue as key pathways forward

FAMILIAR TERRAIN

Morning of Thursday 7 April

Our first steps are grounded on the work that is already happening in the region. We are not starting from scratch. Rather, there is much practice to analyze, assess, and learn from. Who are the actors? What are they doing? What's the difference between different actors and approaches? How are they working? What is being learnt?

NAVIGATING NEW TERRAIN

Morning of Friday 8 April

Having unpacked learning from past practice, established new meaning and found new ground, we start to get some traction going. Where should we focus our efforts? Are there important gaps in what we know, what we do, and how we do it?

FINDING NEW PURPOSE

Afternoon of Thursday 7 April

The realities around and within us start to challenge our certainties. Are we heading in the right direction? Might we need to re-imagine how we engage? What language should we use to have a meaningful engagement?

REALITY CHECK

Living Vulnerable Lives

Lunchtime on Thursday 7 April

The drama group of the Pietermaritzburg-based Gay & Lesbian Network present a 15-minute drama performance that brings the realities of exclusion, hatred, and violence against LGBTI people into our discussions.

REALITY CHECK

Eudy Simelane Lecture

Evening of Thursday 7 April

The inaugural annual public lecture in honour of Eudy Simelane, the South African national soccer star whose life was taken brutally because she was lesbian. Hosted by the Ujamaa Centre with the Simelane family, Justice Edwin Cameron, and Steve Letsike.