

HOMOPHOBIA & THE CHURCHES IN AFRICA

A DIALOGUE



Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary,
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa – 7 & 8 April 2016

P R O G R A M M E

Co-facilitators: Ezra Chitando & Nontando Hadebe

THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2016

TIME	TOPIC	SESSION
09.00	<p>Welcome, introductions, and statement of purpose Simangaliso Khumalo, President: Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary</p> <p>Moderator: Bella Matambanadzo, <i>The Other Foundation</i> Maxim Anmeghichean, <i>Open Society Foundations</i> Douglas Dziva, <i>KwaZulu-Natal Christian Council</i> Gerald West, <i>Ujamaa Centre, University of KwaZulu-Natal</i> Anthony Waldhausen, <i>Gay & Lesbian Network</i></p>	A
09.30	<p>Engagement of the churches in reflection and action on homophobia in Africa: A status report Masiwa Ragies Gunda, Independent Consultant</p>	B
10.15	<p>Learning from practice: What are we learning and where are the fault lines? Moderator: Ian Southey-Swartz, <i>Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa</i> Jane Kaluba, <i>Dette Resources</i> Ecclesia de Lange, <i>Inclusive and Affirming Ministries</i> Steve Letsike, <i>Access Chapter 2</i> Douglas Dziva, <i>KwaZulu-Natal Christian Council</i></p>	C
11.15	BREAK	

11. 30	<p>What types of engagement are happening now? What is working and what is not working?</p> <p>Small group discussion leaders: <i>Judith Kotze, Inclusive and Affirming Ministries</i> <i>Anna Moloi-Chalmers, LEGABIBO</i> <i>Bruce Tushabe, MANARELA</i> <i>Teboho Klaas, Gauteng Department of Community Safety</i></p>	D
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13.00	LUNCH	
14. 00	<p>Reality check: Living vulnerable lives</p> <p>A drama performance presented by the Gay & Lesbian Network based in Pietermaritzburg</p>	F
14. 20	<p>When faith does violence: Re-imagining engagement between churches and LGBTI groups on homophobia in Africa</p> <p>Gerald West, Ujamaa Centre, University of KwaZulu-Natal</p> <p>Moderator: Nontando Hadebe, University of South Africa <i>Charlene van der Walt, University of Stellenbosch</i> <i>Kapya John Kaoma, St John's University College / Episcopal Divinity School / Boston University</i> <i>Laurie Gaum, Centre for Christian Spirituality</i></p>	G
15.30	BREAK	
15. 45	<p>Finding a shared language: What are we really talking about?</p> <p>Small group discussion leaders: <i>Virginia Magwaza, Foundation for Human Rights</i> <i>Esther Adhiambo, PEMA</i> <i>Alice Mogwe, Ditshwanelo: The Botswana Centre for Human Rights</i> <i>Motsau Motsau, University of the Free State</i></p>	H
16. 30	<p>Learning loop</p> <p>Moderator: Ezra Chitando, World Council of Churches Southern Africa Office <i>Virginia Magwaza, Foundation for Human Rights</i> <i>Clifford Okoth, PEMA</i> <i>Alice Mogwe, Ditshwanelo: The Botswana Centre for Human Rights</i> <i>Motsau Motsau, University of the Free State</i></p>	I
17.00	BREAK & TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU NATAL	
18. 00	<p>Inaugural Eudy Simelane Lecture</p> <p>Colin Webb Hall, Main Campus, University of KwaZulu-Natal <i>The Simelane family</i> <i>Cheryl Potgieter, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: University of KwaZulu-Natal</i> <i>Steve Letsike, Co-Chairperson: SA National Working Group on LGBTI Hate Crimes</i> <i>Edwin Cameron, Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa</i></p>	J

FRIDAY 8 APRIL 2016

<p>09. 00</p>	<p>Pride or prejudice: Where should we focus our efforts? Isabel Phiri, Deputy Secretary General, World Council of Churches</p> <p>Moderator: Bafana Khumalo, Sonke Gender Justice <i>Paula Abuor, Jamii Moja (One Family) LGBTI</i> <i>Phumzile Mabizela, INERELA</i> <i>David Mbote, Futures Group</i> <i>Isabel Phiri, World Council of Churches</i></p>	<p>K</p>
<p>10. 00</p>	<p>Are we going in the right direction? Where are the organizational, knowledge, opportunity, and strategy gaps that we should address to deepen engagement? Small group discussion leaders: <i>Madelene Isaacs, TULINAM</i> <i>Mote Magomba, University of KwaZulu-Natal</i> <i>Lilly Phiri, University of KwaZulu-Natal</i> <i>Guillain Koko, Church World Service</i></p>	<p>L</p>
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<p>12. 00</p>	<p>Gearing for action: Pathways to progress <i>'Open space' working group discussions on emerging practical ways forward</i></p>	<p>N</p>
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<p>14. 00</p>	<p>Learning loop Moderator: Nontando Hadebe, University of South Africa</p>	<p>O</p>
<p>14. 30</p>	<p>Summary of outcomes by 'listening group' Facilitator: Janet Trisk, Canon of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa <i>Mabuluki Kangwa, All Africa TEE Association</i> <i>Philippa Cole, Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary</i> <i>Albert Bangirana, UKZN School of Religion</i> <i>Dumisile Sibisi, St Joseph's Theological Institute</i> <i>Mote Magomba, UKZN School of Religion</i></p>	<p>P</p>
<p>15.00 BREAK</p>		
<p>15. 30</p>	<p>Liturgical gathering Chapel</p>	<p>Q</p>
<p>16.30 BREAK & RETURN TO ACOMMODATION VENUE</p>		
<p>18. 30</p>	<p>Closing reception Road Lodge, corner of Hesketh Drive and New England Road, Hayfields, Pietermaritzburg</p>	<p>R</p>