



BREAKING THROUGH THE BACKLASH

*Transformative encounters between LGBTI people
and churches in Africa*

Olive Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa, 24 - 26 June 2019

PROGRAMME

CO-FACILITATORS: Bella Matambanadzo & Davis Mac-Iyalla

MONDAY 24 JUNE 2019			
TIME	TOPIC	TYPE OF ENGAGEMENT	SESSION
19.00	<p>Breaking through the backlash: Transformative encounters between LGBTI people and the churches in Africa</p> <p>A public event at the Diakonia Centre, 20 Diakonia Avenue, Durban <i>Moderator: Iman Rappetti, eNews Channel Africa (eNCA)</i> <i>Keynote speaker: Allan Boesak</i></p> <p>A cocktail reception with food, drinks, and light entertainment will follow an address and question and answer session.</p>	Public event and cocktail reception	A
TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2019			
08.00	<p>Registration at Olive Convention Centre, cnr. Somsteu Road and Sylvester Ntuli Road, Durban</p>	Registration and networking	-
09.00	<p>Reading the signs of our times</p>	Plenary session <i>Bella Matambanadzo</i> <i>Davis Mac-Iyalla</i>	B
10.00	<p>Analysing progress and backlash in the churches in Africa</p>	Plenary presentation and discussion <i>Davis Mac-Iyalla</i>	C
11.00	BREAK		
11.15	<p>Group discussions: The signs of our times</p> <p>What are the signs of progress towards LGBTI equality and freedom that we have seen in the churches in the past 3 years and who has driven it? What are the signs of backlash and where is it coming from in the churches?</p>	Small group discussions led by small group facilitators, coordinated by <i>Ian Southey Swartz</i>	D
12.00	<p>Learning loop: The signs of our times</p>	Plenary panel feedback <i>Bella Matambanadzo</i>	E
13.00	LUNCH		
14.00	<p>Interpreting the backlash and building on progress</p>	Plenary panel discussion <i>Bella Matambanadzo</i>	F
15.00	<p>Group discussions: Interpreting backlash and progress</p> <p>How has progress towards LGBTI equality and freedom been achieved in the churches in the past 3 years? Why is there a backlash and how powerful might is grow?</p>	Small group discussions led by small group facilitators, coordinated by <i>Ian Southey Swartz</i>	G
15.15	BREAK – Tea / coffee served		
15.30	<p>Learning loop: Interpreting backlash and progress</p>	Plenary panel feedback <i>Davis Mac-Iyalla</i>	H
16.00	<p>Depart from Olive Convention Centre to Edgewood College, School of Education, University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal, 121 Marianhill Road, Pinetown – for evening panel discussion and cocktail dinner</p>	Transfer	-
17.00	<p>Breaking the backlash at its source: Redesigning theological education for inclusion and dignity of LGBTI people</p>	Plenary panel discussion <i>Thabo Msibi</i>	I

30	Followed by finger dinner and networking.		
19.30	Depart from University of KwaZulu-Natal to Garden Court Marine Parade hotel, 167 OR Tambo Parade, Durban.	Transfer	-
WEDNESDAY, 26 JUNE 2019			
09.00	Transforming backlash into breakthrough: Strategies to seize the moment	Plenary panel discussion <i>Bella Matambanadzo</i>	J
10.00	Group discussions: Transforming backlash into breakthrough How can we seize the moment of the current spotlight on LGBTI issues in the churches to transform the backlash into even deeper and more direct engagement about the core issues at stake? Where should we focus our efforts?	Small group discussions led by small group facilitators, coordinated by <i>Ian Southey Swartz</i>	K
11.00	BREAK – Tea / coffee served		
11.15	Learning loop: Transforming backlash into breakthrough	Plenary panel feedback <i>Davis Mac-Iyalla</i>	L
11.45	Group discussions: Beyond the backlash - Pathways to progress Breakaway group discussions (4 groups): [45 minutes] What practical ways forward should we focus on to transform the backlash into progress?	Small group discussions led by small group facilitators, coordinated by <i>Ian Southey Swartz</i>	M
12.30	Learning loop: Pathways to progress	Plenary panel feedback <i>Davis Mac-Iyalla</i>	N
13.00	LUNCH AT OLIVE CONVENTION CENTRE		
14.00	Beyond the backlash: Pathways to progress	Closing plenary panel discussion <i>Bella Matambanadzo</i>	O
15.00	BREAK – Tea / coffee served		
15.15	Transfer to Central City Mission yaseThekwini (Methodist Church), 74 Samora Machel Street, Durban	Transfer <i>Basic Blaque Volunteers</i>	-
16.00	Service of confession and affirmation A liturgical service of confession and affirmation to wrap up our reflections.	Liturgical service <i>Bishop Linda Mandindi Davis Mac-Iyalla Teboho Klaas</i>	P
17.00	Transfer from Central City Mission to Marine Parade Garden Court hotel	Transfer	-
18.00	Closing reception at Marine Parade Garden Court hotel With concluding remarks and thanks from the Other Foundation, the Durban Lesbian and Gay Centre, the Diakonia Council of Churches, the Open Society Foundations, the Arcus Foundation, and the Commonwealth Secretariat	Networking	Q
THURSDAY, 27 JUNE 2019			
-	Departures and close out	Transfers	-

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