



Summit Agenda

2020 Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders Summit

“Building Back Better: Expanding the Civic Space and Enhancing Resilience of Human Rights Defenders During and Post COVID-19 – A Special Focus on Womxn and Traditionally Marginalized Groups”

Via: Zoom Link to register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LDar9d8nTHuzF7SJfi1IQ

Dates: December 1-2, 2020

December 1, 2020

Conference Moderator: Dr Musa Kika, Zimbabwe NGO Forum

11:00 – 11:20 (SAT): Welcome Remarks:

- **Arnold Tsunga**, Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders Network
- **Tiseke Kasambala**, Advancing Rights in Southern Africa (ARISA)
- **Deprose Muchena**, Amnesty International
- **Abigail Noko**, OHCHR Regional Office for Southern Africa

11:20 – 11:50 (SAT): Keynote Speakers:

- **Hon. Timothy Mtambo**, Minister of Civic Education and National Unity, Government of Malawi
- **Ms. Mary Lawlor**, UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders

Panels:

First Session: Navigating the Shrinking Civic and Democratic Space During COVID-19

Time: 11:50 – 13:30 (SAT)

Speakers:

- **Siphosami Malunga**, Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa
- **Roland Ebole** – Amnesty International
- **Prof. Adriano Nuvunga**, Centre for Democracy and Development – Mozambique

- **Alice Mogwe**, DITSHWANELO - The Botswana Centre for Human Rights and FIDH
- **Leah Mitaba**, Zambia Council for Social Development.

Moderator: Otto Saki, Ford Foundation

Second Session: Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Womxn Human Rights Defenders

Time: 15:00-17:00 (SAT)

Speakers:

- **Jemina Beukes**, Namibian Sun
- **Nyaradzai Gumbonzvanda**, AU Goodwill Ambassador
- **Tumeliwa Mpepho**, Persons with Albinism
- **Tiseke Kasambala**, Advancing Rights in Southern Africa (ARISA)

Moderator: Lucia Da Silveira, Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders Network

December 2, 2020

Third Session: Civic Space in Southern Africa: An Analysis of Key Trends (OHCHR Report)

11:00 – 12:00 (SAT)

Speaker: **Anganile Mwenifumbo**, OHCHR Regional Office for Southern Africa

Discussants:

- **Deprose Muchena**, Amnesty International
- **Laura Miti**, Alliance for Community Action

Moderator: Arnold Tsunga, Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders Network

Fourth Session: Digital Security as part of Holistic Security for Human Rights Defenders

12:00 – 12:45 (SAT)

Guest Speaker: **Tawanda Mugari**, Digital Society Africa

Fifth (Closed) Session: SAHRDN Biennial General Meeting

14:00 – 17:0