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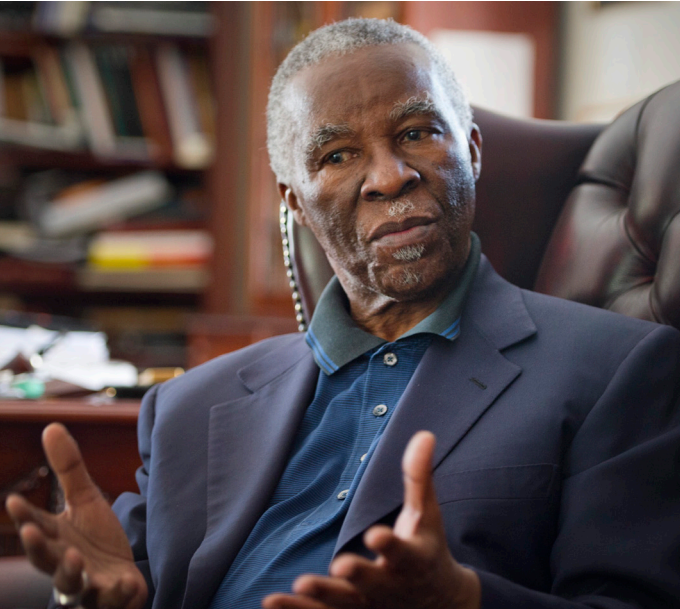
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Invitation

DISCUSSION FORUM
By, for and of Africa?
Reflections on the South African Constitution at 20

25 May 2016 (Africa Day)



DISCUSSION FORUM: By, for and of Africa: Reflections on the South African Constitution at 20

The **Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria**, cordially invites you to a Discussion Forum on Africa Day that forms part of a series of events celebrating the Centre's 30th anniversary during the course of 2016.

The discussion aims to reflect on the extent to which the South African Constitution is African in its inspiration, ownership and solidarity with the rest of the continent.

The Discussion Forum draws inspiration from two historical dates. On **9 May 1996** then Deputy President Thabo Mbeki made his 'I am an African' speech, on the occasion of the adoption of the current South African Constitution. His inaugural words grounded the Constitution in an African identity that stretches beyond the borders of South Africa, in a mutually reinforcing manner, with other African countries. On **25 May**, Africa Day is annually celebrated in recognition of the formation of the Organisation of the African Union on that day in 1963.

Panelists in the discussion will include:

- **Dr Frene Ginwala**
Former Speaker of the National Assembly
- **Dr Mathole Motshekga**
Chairperson, Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services
- **Justice Zak Yacoob**
Retired Judge, Constitutional Court of South Africa
- **Justice Johann van der Westhuizen**
Retired Judge, Constitutional Court of South Africa
- **Advocate Pansy Tlakula**
Chairperson, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
- **Prof Sandy Africa**
Department of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria
- **Prof Charles Ngwena**
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria
- **Dr Alfredo Tjiurimo Hengari**
Senior Research Fellow, South African Institute of International Affairs

Date: Wednesday 25 May 2016
Time: 16:00 to 19:00, followed by a cocktail reception
Venue: Auditorium, Plant Sciences Building

RSVP: Kindly confirm your attendance by Monday 23 May 2016 by sending an email to thuto.hlalele@up.ac.za