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CHAPTER 1: DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW

A prominent feature of a very successful 2008, was the international profile that the Community Law Centre and its researchers are gaining through their participation in the activities of international organisations.

The Centre has played a major role in bringing the South African jurisprudence and practice on socio-economic rights to the international arena. The Socio-Economic Rights Project made joint submissions with the NGO coalition to the Open Ended Working Group for an Optional Protocol on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Through membership on the steering committee of the NGO coalition, the Centre staff has been involved in the drafting process of the Optional Protocol.

The Children's Rights Project attended the 11th and 12th sessions of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and at the 12th session presented a paper on the best interests of the African child. They also attended the 3rd International Policy Conference on the African Child.

The Centre's participation in the African Commission on Human and People's Rights 43rd and 44th Ordinary Sessions held in Swaziland and Nigeria during 2008, has led to a request from the Commission for the conclusion of a formal cooperation agreement in terms of which the Centre would contribute to the research activities of the Commission.

The Local Government Project provided advice on decentralisation and local government through participating in the activities of the Department of Provincial and Local Government (in relation to the Democratic Republic of Congo), the World Bank, the Commonwealth Local Government Forum and the Forum of Federations.

The international demand for the skills of the Centre flows from the long, sustained and productive role the Centre has been playing in law reform in South Africa. This is best illustrated by the passing of the Child Justice Bill, a law reform project that has been the focus of the Children's Rights Project since its inception 18 years ago. It is no coincidence that the passing of the law coincided with the 10th year of *Article 40*, the journal that popularised and advocated the new concept of child justice, and the production of two books by Julia Sloth-Nielsen, a fellow of the Centre, with contributing chapters by Project staff and a doctoral intern. These events were celebrated in November by a range of academics, NGOs and lawyers, with whom the Project has had a close working relationship over the years. The key-note address was delivered by Supreme Court of Appeal Judge, Belinda van Heerden, who has been a close friend and supporter of the Project over the years.

Having established itself over the past decade as one of the foremost research institutions in South Africa on human rights and democracy, it was also gratifying to be nominated in 2008 by the South African Department of Foreign Affairs for the international UNESCO/Bilbao prize for the promotion of a culture of human rights.

The role that the Centre plays both internationally and domestically is the product of its excellence in research. This was again underscored by the awarding of two doctorates, in March, to Jacqui Gallinetti, the coordinator of the Children's Rights Project, on the use of children in the commission of crimes as a worst form of child labour and, in September,

to Yonatan Fessha, a doctoral intern, on the accommodation of ethnicity in the Ethiopian and South African constitutions.

Staff

The Centre bid farewell to Sibonile Khoza, the coordinator of the Socio-Economic Rights Project, who was appointed to a senior position in the Premier's Office of the Western Cape. Lilian Chenwi was appointed as project co-ordinator in his place. Reuben Baatjies, a researcher in the Local Government, also joined the Premier's Office of the Western Cape. The Centre received two doctoral interns - Rebecca Amollo and Douglas Singiza, both from Uganda. The Centre was most fortunate to have Professor Kader Asmal accepting the position of a research fellow of the Centre. Dr Christopher Mbazira from Makerere University, Uganda, was also appointed as a research fellow.

The Centre celebrated the long service of two stalwarts - Heléne Combrinck, coordinator of the Gender Project, for ten years of research excellence and Trudy Fortuin, the office manager, for ten years of outstanding service to the Centre.

Fifth Dullah Omar Memorial Lecture

The Fifth Dullah Omar Memorial Lecture was delivered by the Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, on 27 March. The Archbishop gave a most challenging lecture on the state of democracy in South Africa. The lecture enjoyed wide media coverage and was published in the journal *Law Democracy and Development*.

Finances

The Centre had a very successful financial year in 2008. It raised R10.6 million, an increase of 17 percent on 2007. A third of the income was derived from tenders, consultations and other service-related income, indicating a range of sources of income which safeguards the long-term sustainability of the Centre. The expenditure of the Centre was also ten percent higher than the previous year. The Centre maintained sound financial management. Apart from the overall audit of the university's books, three quarters of the Centre's donor agreements were further externally audited and all of them received an unqualified audit. The Centre wishes to thank all its donors for supporting the work of its projects. Particular acknowledgement goes to the Ford Foundation for generously providing both core funding for administration and project-based funding. Support received from the University in the form of office space, utilities, information and communication technology assistance and human and financial management services is also gratefully acknowledged.

CHAPTER 2: RESEARCH

In-depth and cutting-edge research is the basis of the Centre's activities, since it informs and guides our outreach programmes. As a university-based institution, our goal is also to publish our research results in peer-reviewed publications. In this section the broad focus areas of research are set out, as well as specific research projects.

Children's Rights Project

This year marked a concerted effort around advocacy in relation to the Child Justice Bill and preparing for implementation of the Children's Act, 2005. The research that was therefore undertaken related to producing work that will ultimately inform the implementation of new legislation affecting children.

Jacqui Gallinetti and Julia Sloth-Nielsen provided commentary on selected chapters of the Children's Amendment Act 41 of 2007 for the 2nd edition of *A Commentary on the Children's Act*. Two focus areas were covered, which dealt with issues that had not been regulated in detail in legislation; reporting of child abuse and other related matters and foster care.

Likewise, the Project also contributed to a chapter on children in the forthcoming *Commentary on the Sexual Offences Act*. As with the new children's legislation, many new issues and areas are covered by the latest sexual offences legislation including the introduction of new substantive offences in South African law, such as sexual grooming of children and sex tourism. Sloth-Nielsen also provided a detailed comparison of the different reporting procedures in the Sexual Offences Act and Children's Act, highlighting overlaps and inconsistencies that will provide clarity in a somewhat problematic cross-cutting area in the law.

In addition, Julia Sloth-Nielsen and Benyam Mezmur have produced a wealth of critical thought on issues relating to children's rights from the African perspective. Their work includes articles on the work of the African Committee of Experts, as well as commenting on substantive articles of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, notably Article 31 dealing with the duties of the African children.

Civil Society Prison Reform Initiative (CSPRI)

CSPRI's research focused on HIV and AIDS in the prison system, the prevention and combating of torture, the African human rights framework, offender reintegration, sentencing reform, violence and sexual violence in prisons, and the prevention and combating of corruption.

The HIV and AIDS research on the impact of the pandemic on correctional centre governance was finalised and it was concluded that, while much attention has been paid to prisoners in the HIV and AIDS discourse, the situation of prison officials has by and large been ignored. This may hold severe consequences for the overall governance of prisons as the pandemic exacts its toll.

Research was also undertaken on alternative sentencing under the African human rights instruments, as well as recent developments in case law from other African countries. It was concluded that the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights has not paid sufficient attention to alternatives to imprisonment. There is a need for the African

Commission to call upon African states to report on the measures they are taking to limit the use of imprisonment.

CSPRI's work on the prevention and combating of torture continued focussing on domestic, as well as African developments. The work culminated in a number of publications, including a plain language guide to the UN Convention against Torture in South Africa. The research has confirmed the important role that civil society has to play in ensuring that South Africa complies with its obligations under the UN Convention against Torture. Law reform to meet the requirement of domestication is urgently needed, as well as the training of officials responsible for individuals deprived of their liberty.

Given the estimated 5000 sentenced prisoners released from South Africa's prisons every month, research was undertaken to track a Cape Town-based sample of prisoners from prior release to after release, to investigate and record their experiences. It was concluded that prisoners are generally poorly prepared for their release, lack knowledge about community-based resources that may assist them, and consequently face significant hurdles in integrating into society. The findings support the position that imprisonment should be used as a measure of last resort and when imposed, focussed services should particularly be aimed at successful reintegration.

Sentencing in South Africa remains in urgent need of reform in order to establish a sentencing regime reflective of the new constitutional order and based on evidence of what works. Research was undertaken to investigate the views of the Constitutional Court on punishment. Based on recent case law it is evident that this Court is exploring and receptive to new perspectives on punishment.

Corruption and poor governance have plagued the prison system post-1994 culminating in the appointment of the Jali Commission. Other state institutions, such as the Special Investigations Unit, have also been mandated to investigate corruption in the prison system. Given these developments, an assessment was conducted, based on information available in the public domain, on progress made. It was concluded that while challenges remain, there is a growing sense that the situation is improving. Of particular importance is the interaction between different institutions of oversight.

Research was concluded on the potential impact of the Sexual Offences Act (2007) on prisoners and obligations created for the Department of Correctional Services. The research will be written up in a Commentary on the Sexual Offences Act.

CSPRI and the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) are cooperating on two research projects relating to repeat violent offending and the review of the criminal justice system undertaken by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development. A joint project between CSPRI and the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVr) has also commenced and is aimed at gaining a better understanding of prison violence.

Gender Project

The Gender Project conducted research on whether existing training programmes provide police officials with the knowledge and skills to apply the Domestic Violence Act in practice. This research consisted of in-depth interviews with police officials and station commissioners at twenty police stations in the Western Cape, as well as with members of oversight bodies, including the Independent Complaints Directorate and the provincial Directorate of Community Safety.

The Project continued its research on the role of firearms in domestic violence. It commenced with the final part of the field work, which aims to investigate the role of the police in determining whether a perpetrator of domestic violence should be declared unfit to possess a firearm.

Lorenzo Wakefield, together with a lecturer at the Law Faculty, conducted research to determine the extent to which women's care-giving role affect their access to social security. On the one hand, it grants care-givers specific benefits, while, on the other, it deprives them of saving for retirement.

The Project supervised research on access to justice for women experiencing domestic violence, with specific reference to the role of the South African Police Service. This research was carried out by an exchange student from the University of Middelburg in the Netherlands and the field work was conducted at the Saartjie Baartman Legal Advice and Training Project, a partner of the Gender Project.

The Gender Project conducted research on different aspects of violence against women with disabilities. Firstly, Heléne Combrinck examined sexual assault against persons with intellectual disabilities for purposes of a chapter in the forthcoming *Commentary on the Sexual Offences Act*; secondly, the Project did exploratory work on the criminal justice response to violence against women with disabilities.

Local Government Project

The Local Government Project has been involved in research to develop solutions to institutional problems in local government. During the first half of 2008, the Project engaged intensively with the National Department of Provincial and Local Government's national review of provincial and local government and a Roundtable Conference was organised in March to discuss the major themes of the local government review.

In that context, the Project produced research papers on the principle of subsidiarity in local government, conflicts between district and local municipalities, the financing of infrastructure needed for basic services, accountability tools for municipal councils, property rates policies and the effects of overregulation of local government.

The Project formally launched another flagship publication, the *Local Government Law of South Africa* (2007), a loose-leaf textbook analysing and critiquing local government legislation in May at the Centre of the Book in Cape Town. Chief Justice Pius Langa provided the keynote address for the launch on the constitutionalisation of local government.

Moreover, 2008 saw the publication of another milestone in the Project's ongoing research. A chapter on local government by Nico Steytler and Jaap de Visser was published in *Constitutional Law of South Africa*.

Other important areas of research have been the role of local government in land use management, the principles and rules for community participation in municipalities and the contestation between the municipal offices of the speaker and the mayor. In-depth research was also conducted to examine whether ward committees, hailed as a key vehicle to make municipalities more responsive, are in fact working.

Socio-Economic Rights Project

The Socio-Economic Rights Project continues to conduct research aimed at ensuring the effective implementation, monitoring and enforcement of socio-economic rights in South Africa. The Project conducted research on several topics including housing rights and evictions, housing rights of women experiencing gender-based violence, public participation in service delivery, socio-economic rights obligations of local government, health rights of women experiencing HIV/AIDS, social security and the enforcement of court orders, and social security.

This research has produced seven research papers, two of which have been published as research series and others have been accepted or submitted for consideration for publication in peer reviewed journals.

The one research series paper, by Christopher Mbazira, is entitled, *You are the “weakest link” in realising socio-economic rights: Goodbye – Strategies for effective implementation of court orders in South Africa*. The paper reviews a number of socio-economic rights judgments and discusses the extent to which the orders granted in those cases have been complied with. The other research series paper entitled, *Pertinent social security issues in South Africa*, provides some perspectives on the South African social security system, including the South African Social Security Agency. The paper was written by Letlhokwa George Mpedi, a research consultant for the Project.

Collaboration between Projects

CSPRI collaborated closely with the Children Rights Project regarding the Child Justice Bill and a number of smaller desktop research projects were undertaken in the course of Parliament’s deliberations on the Bill.

The Socio-Economic Rights and Local Government Projects continued with their research on the enjoyment of basic municipality services as a human right. They focused on the importance of public participation at the local government level and delineating the socio-economic rights obligations of local government. A research paper had been produced on public participation in service delivery, which was presented at a conference on public participation and has been submitted for consideration for publication in a peer reviewed journal.

CHAPTER 3: APPLIED RESEARCH

Based on its reputation for high quality research, the Centre is frequently requested and commissioned to undertake applied research for various government departments and non-governmental bodies. Through this work, the Centre and its staff not only make a major contribution to policy formulation, but also are placed at the coalface of the key challenges confronting government and civil society.

Children's Rights Project

The Children's Rights Project was again requested by Save the Children Swaziland to assist them in their child law reform efforts. This required the Project to draft a paper on the comparison between the recommendations for the new law emanating from the law reform process and the Bill produced by the Swazi Attorney General's office. This paper was presented in September 2008 to the Swazi Working Group, which has driven the law reform process.

The Project also has produced a manual on the Children's Act, Children's Amendment Act and regulations for the Western Cape Department of Social Development. This comprehensive document examines all aspects of the legislative framework and is intended to serve as a reference source on how to implement the legislation.

Civil Society Prison Reform Initiative (CSPRI)

CSPRI is managing, on behalf of the University of the Western Cape (UWC), a three-year project to monitor the implementation of the Correctional Services Act. A multi-disciplinary team of senior researchers from UWC was assembled for the project to monitor the six identified themes:

- conditions of incarceration;
- protection of human rights;
- health;
- parole administration;
- offender reintegration; and
- management.

CSPRI was also commissioned by the CSIR to conduct research on the role of the police in offender reintegration as part of a larger project on community safety in the Western Cape.

Local Government Project

The Project conducted research, commissioned by the South African Local Government Association (Salga) and the German Development Agency, GTZ, on the reasons for the failure of many South African municipalities to establish and maintain transparent, accountable and responsive administration. Interviews were conducted with municipalities and an interim report was drafted on the findings, as well as recommendations for change.

For the Western Cape Department of Local Government and Housing, the Project provided research reports on the management of the Cango Caves and the identification of essential municipal by-laws and policies, and drafted a Privileges and Immunities of Councillors Bill.

CHAPTER 4: INFORMING PUBLIC DEBATE ON LAW REFORM

On the basis of its research, the Centre informs public debate on key issues of law reform. On a number of occasions, parliamentary committees requested its comment on draft legislation. In addition, Projects have also made submissions to international human rights bodies.

Children's Rights Project

This year was the culmination of over a decade of work by the Project on the Child Justice Bill. This work started with a staff member serving on the South African Law Reform Commission's Project Committee on Juvenile Justice that produced the first draft of the Child Justice Bill. The work then continued with the Project establishing the Child Justice Alliance and co-ordinating it since 2001.

In late 2007 the Child Justice Bill eventually re-emerged in Cabinet after a three year hiatus. However, it was radically different from the original version introduced to parliament in 2002. In many respects it did not comply with constitutional or international obligations. There was a clear divide between the way the proposed legislation provided for children under a particular age and charged with less serious offences, on the one hand, and children who were older and charged with serious offences on the other. The effect of this bifurcated approach was that children accused of serious offences would not benefit from any of the new procedures included in the Child Justice Bill notably; assessment, the preliminary inquiry and diversion.

The Project, working in its capacity as co-ordinator of the Child Justice Alliance, arranged civil society participation in the public hearings scheduled for February 2008. It enlisted other NGOs to make submissions on various aspects of the Bill, and in two submissions, one on behalf of the Child Justice Alliance and the other as the Children's Rights Project, comprehensively dealt with all the provisions in the Bill. Assistance from a communications company was also enlisted and a media campaign was initiated, which saw heightened interest from the print and radio media in the progress of the Bill through Parliament.

The parliamentary process around the Bill in 2008 should be seen as a parliamentary good practice. The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development, with the support of the members of the Committee, actively encouraged and facilitated public participation in the Child Justice Bill process. The Project played a central role in their capacity as co-ordinators of the Alliance, to present civil societies' position on each provision in the Bill during the parliamentary deliberations. The Portfolio Committee afforded the Project members equal opportunity to comment as was afforded the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development as lead department in this process.

After an intense deliberation period, the Bill was passed at its first reading in the National Assembly on 25 June 2008. The bifurcated approach that was adopted in the 2007 cabinet version of the Bill had been abandoned, thanks in a large measure, to the many co-ordinated submissions by civil society. The Bill that was passed resembled, in many respects, the original version introduced in 2002 and had retained its rights based ethos. There were some problems relating to an over-regulation of diversion and a strict

sentencing framework that is rather prescriptive in certain respects; however the overall product will revolutionise the criminal justice system pertaining to children.

The Bill was then passed by the National Council of Provinces on 25 September 2008 and at its second reading by the National Assembly on 19 November 2008. It is waiting assent by the President and its date of operation is set for 1 April 2010.

Civil Society Prison Reform Initiative (CSPRI)

In June CSPRI presented two papers at the Commonwealth Secretariat Conference on 'Alternative Sentencing in Small Commonwealth States Southern Africa Region' Gaborone, Botswana. The use of non-custodial sentencing options in Africa remains fraught with challenges and it is believed that the Commonwealth can play a significant role in promoting the use of these sentence options.

CSPRI maintained a productive working relationship with Parliament, especially the Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services. Submissions to this Committee related to the Correctional Services Budget Vote, deaths in custody, medical parole, and the annual report of the Department of Correctional Services.

A number of written and oral submissions were also made to the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development regarding the Child Justice Bill. CSPRI paid particular attention to sentencing, monitoring of children in custody and also submitted that the minimum age for admission to a prison should be raised to 16 years regardless of sentence status. Other submissions to this Committee focussed on South Africa's obligations under the UN Convention against Torture, Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and the Optional Protocol to CAT; the audio-visual link-up between courts and prisons for the purpose of trial postponements; and the expungement of criminal records.

Furthermore, CSPRI made a written submission to the Portfolio Committee on Social Development regarding the Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill [B12 of 2008] and focussed on the prevention of torture and ill treatment in drug rehabilitation centres.

CSPRI also participated in a roundtable discussion hosted by the National Council for Correctional Services on the incarceration framework, as proposed in the Correctional Services Amendment Bill. A written submission was made to the Council following the roundtable discussion.

CSPRI made written and oral submissions to the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development focussing on the review of the criminal justice system undertaken by the Department. The submission focussed on particular aspects in the Criminal Procedure Act affecting prisoners and the size of the prison population.

CSPRI released the research report 'The Changing Face of Life Imprisonment in South Africa' at a seminar in September in Cape Town which was well attended and the current Inspecting Judge of Prisons was the respondent.

Local Government Project

When important legislative initiatives were discussed in Parliament, the Project brought across its views on local democracy and how local government stands to be impacted on.

The Project made submissions on the Land Use Management Bill and on the draft Single Public Service Bill. Furthermore, the Project submitted its views on the Western Cape Liquor Bill to the Western Cape Provincial Legislature and its views on the Child Care Regulations to the Department of Social Development.

Gender Project

The Gender Project made a submission (with the Saartjie Baartman Legal Advice and Training Project) on the Review of the South African Criminal Justice System. The submission focused on the need for the “7-Point Plan” to take gender-based offences into consideration, which forms the basis of the Review.

The Project (with the Saartjie Baartman Centre) developed a series of three information posters on the need to improve the criminal justice response to violence against women with disabilities, as part of the “Sixteen Days of Activism on Gender-Based Violence” Campaign, and distributed these to partner organisations nationally.

The Gender and Socio-Economic Rights Projects, together with the Shelter Focus Group and ACG Architects, convened an introductory meeting of the Western Cape Special Needs Housing Forum. The aim of the meeting was to bring together civil society groups with an interest in “special needs” housing (for example, women experiencing domestic violence, persons with disabilities, persons living with HIV/AIDS and orphans and other vulnerable children) to organise themselves as a forum for purposes of advocacy and other collective action. A Forum Steering Committee has been selected, and the two Projects are acting as secretariat for the Committee.

Socio-Economic Rights Project

The Socio-Economic Rights Project made a submission to the City of Cape Town on the implementation of the Hostels to Homes project in the area of Guguletu. The Project also wrote letters to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, Minister of Foreign Affairs and the South African Permanent Mission in Geneva, on the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (OP-ICESCR) drafting process. In addition, together with other organisations, it also submitted a joint appeal letter to states to ensure finalisation and adoption of the OP-ICESCR. The Project also issued, together with the Centre for Applied Legal Studies and the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, a media statement calling on the South African government to immediately ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural rights. Once the South African government ratifies the above instrument it will lead to law reform, as it will require domestication.

CHAPTER 5: EDUCATION, TRAINING & INFORMATION SHARING

One of the Centre's core activities is to disseminate the Centre's expertise and research results to the broader community through education programmes, training workshops, publications and the website.

Education Programmes

The Centre, once again, presented the bulk of the LLM Module on Constitutional Litigation at the University of the Western Cape. The Module consisted of courses on:

- children's rights;
- criminal justice and the Constitution;
- socio-economic rights;
- intergovernmental relations; and
- constitutional law practice.

The Centre continued its partnership with the Universities of Pretoria, Makerere, Ghana, Addis Ababa, Catholic University of Central Africa in Cameroon, American University in Cairo and the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo to present the LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa for students from across the continent. In the second semester, it hosted six students who attended the LLM courses offered by the University of the Western Cape and completed their dissertations with the Centre. The Documentation Centre and its extensive collection on national and international materials, was the students' primary legal resource during the LLM programme.

Staff offered expert knowledge as guest lecturers. Jacqui Gallinetti gave guest lectures to social work students at the University of the Western Cape and final year law students at the University of Cape Town. A number of lectures on prison reform, prison corruption and the investigation of prison corruption were presented by Lukas Muntingh to post-graduate and under-graduate students at UCT. Heléne Combrinck taught a module on legal aspects of gender-based violence and child abuse to post graduate psychiatric nurses at the Nursing Department, University of Stellenbosch, as well as two lectures on legal aspects of gender-based violence to 4th year nursing students at UWC. Furthermore, she presented a lecture on the international protection of women's rights as part of an LLM module at UCT.

Information Sharing: Popular Publications

The Centre produced a number of journals that communicated the Centre's research results to a broad audience.

Article 40

2008 marked *Article 40's* 10th year of this quarterly publication that has been dedicated to child justice issues since 1999. Its contents address legal developments, case law and innovations in child justice development in South Africa and some articles have also had a regional focus on particular African countries. The publication was widely distributed both to South African and international audiences. In addition, some of the articles appearing in *Article 40* have been reproduced in international publications and relied upon by reported High Court judgments. In addition, the publication has been placed on the Project's website and the Project received many queries regarding child justice due to the exposure created by *Article 40* being available electronically. This also means that the publication is available to a far greater readership than the 3500 potential recipients of the hard copy version.

Article 19

The Children's Rights Project also produced 2 issues of *Article 19*. This popular journal is dedicated to disseminating diverse and relevant information advocating for a prohibition on corporal punishment to South African stakeholders in order to change mindsets and create an environment committed to eradicating corporal punishment of children. The publication was distributed to teachers, social workers, commissioners of child welfare, parliamentarians, NGOs, places of safety and children's homes and regional and international organisations. Three thousand hard copies per issue were disseminated to interested parties. All the issues are also available on the Project's website.

CSPRI Newsletter and CSPRI 30 Days/Dae/Izinsuku

In the course of 2008, 11 issues of *CSPRI 30 Days/Dae/Izinsuku* were published electronically. This monthly summary of media reporting in South Africa and Africa on prison related matters has proven to be an invaluable source for tracking events and trends in media reporting on prison issues.

Five issues of *CSPRI Newsletter* appeared and focused on medical parole; the role of the Judicial Inspectorate of Prisons and the Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services in providing effective oversight; the DCS budget vote; the results of the HIV/AIDS prevalence survey conducted by the Department of Correctional Services; and the Correctional Services Amendment Bill. The *CSPRI Newsletter* and the *CSPRI 30 Days/Dae/Izinsuku* were circulated to more than 1000 subscribers.

In order to keep subscribers informed of important events and developments, CSPRI started with an alert service in the form of *CSPRI Notice*. These dealt with new publications from CSPRI or other institutions relevant to the field; advertising CSPRI events; new case law; and developments in law reform.

Local Government Bulletin

The *Local Government Bulletin*, also in its 10th year, remains a very successful publication, each of the five issues eagerly read by local government practitioners across the country. The number of pages was increased from 20 to 28 per issue. The *Bulletin* has a run of 11 000 copies per issue and over 60 percent of the municipalities were paid up subscribers. Linked to a subscription to the *Bulletin* is a help desk facility: researchers assist municipalities and NGOs with their queries surrounding the legal framework for local government. The helpdesk facility is fast filling an important void in this regard. Many of the answers given were published in the *Bulletin* for the benefit of other municipalities.

ESR Review

The Socio-Economic Rights Project produced four issues of the *ESR Review*. Two thousand five hundred copies of each of the four issues have been widely distributed nationally and internationally. This popular journal is also available electronically on the Project's website.

Other Popular Publications and Communication

Increased media interest in prison reform issues resulted in more than twenty newspaper reports concerning CSPRI. In addition to print and on-line media reporting, 15 radio interviews concerning prison reform were conducted. Two articles dealing with prison

corruption and sentencing respectively were published in the widely circulated *SA Crime Quarterly*.

The Socio-Economic Rights Project produced four publications. The first was the well received evictions manual, *Evictions in South Africa: Relevant International and National Standards*, which provides useful and accessible information on the substantive and procedural standards in international and national law relating to evictions. It is a useful guide for non-governmental organisations, academics, students, paralegals and legal practitioners assisting those facing eviction and advocating reform in housing rights and evictions. The publication has been distributed widely, with the Project receiving many requests for more copies.

The second is the booklet, *Knowing and Claiming Your Right to Food* (second edition), which has updated information on what the ‘right to food’ means, how it is protected in the Constitution and in international law, describes the obligations it places on the state, provides information about government policies and programmes and how to get access to them, and suggests ways and means to promote the right to food. The booklet is available in four languages: English, Afrikaans, IsiXhosa and IsiZulu and has been widely distributed.

The third, *You are the “Weakest Link” in Realising Socio-Economic Rights: Goodbye – Strategies for Effective Implementation of Court Orders in South Africa*, was published as *Socio-Economic Rights Project Research Series 3*, while the fourth, *Pertinent Social Security Issues in South Africa*, was published as *Socio-Economic Rights Project Research Series 4*.

Workshops and Training Programmes

Children’s Rights Project

The Project was involved in two important training initiatives in relation to the Children’s Act in 2008.

First, the Western Cape Department of Social Services contracted the University of the Western Cape to train social workers across the province on the provisions of the Children’s Act, Children’s Amendment Act and Regulations. The Project assisted in eight 3-day training workshops at various venues in the Western Cape. Over 400 social workers have thus far been trained in the legislation, with a focus on the child protection system, parental rights and responsibilities and facilities and programmes for children under the new legislative scheme. In addition, the Project has developed a 200-page training manual for the Western Cape Department of Social Services on the new legislation.

The second initiative involves the development of training materials on the Children’s Act, Children’s Amendment Act and Regulations for the national Department of Social Development. The Project was contracted to undertake the development of these material in 2008 and the first phase of this undertaking was initiated in 2008. There are three phases namely; a foundation phase, an intermediate phase and an advanced phase. The undertaking involves a team of experts co-ordinated by the Project. The training materials will be finalised by October 2009.

The Child Justice Bill creates a separate criminal justice procedure for children in conflict with the law and for the first time formally incorporates diversion into criminal procedure in South Africa. While diversion has been occurring in practice over the last 15 years, the Child Justice Bill is the first piece of legislation to provide a legal framework for diversion in the criminal justice system. Therefore, the Project was of the opinion that a workshop on the issue would be of great use in preparing for the implementation of the Child Justice Bill. The Project, as the Child Justice Alliance, arranged a National Workshop on Diversion on 1 and 2 December 2008, shortly after the Child Justice Bill was passed by the National Assembly at its second reading on 19 November 2008. Representatives from organisations such as NICRO, Teddy Bear Clinic, Khulisa, Childline, The President's Award, Outward Bound, Restorative Justice Centre, Youth Development Outreach, Bosasa all attended the workshop. Government representatives that attended the workshop included the National Prosecuting Authority SOCA Unit, the Department of Correctional Services and various provincial departments of social development such as Mpumalanga and North West. Valuable feedback on how the provisions of the Bill should be implemented was received and the Project undertook to communicate this to the relevant government departments and publish the workshop report in *Article 40*.

Civil Society Prison Reform Initiative (CSPRI)

Three training workshops with civil society organisations were held during July and August in Polokwane, Witbank and Klerksdorp. The workshops focused on prisoners' rights, parole, the prevention of torture and dealing with prison corruption. The workshops involved approximately 60 participants from civil society. These workshops were important to link organisations at local level with research and advocacy initiatives at national level.

Gender Project

The Project presented two workshops (in Cape Town and Hermanus) on violence against women with disabilities, in partnership with the Saartjie Baartman Centre, as part of the "Sixteen Days of Activism on Gender-Based Violence" Campaign. It also hosted a workshop on the implementation of the Sexual Offences Act (2007) in relation to persons with intellectual disabilities, in partnership with the UWC Legal Aid Clinic.

Local Government Project

The Project conducted a series of training sessions with officials of the Department of Local Government and Housing, as well as a two-day training workshop with municipal officials of the Western Cape. A Project member conducted an information session with senior managers of the City of Cape Town on the Single Public Service Bill.

Socio-Economic Rights Project

The Socio-Economic Rights Project hosted two seminars and a conference. In June, it hosted a seminar on rights, legal empowerment and poverty reduction. The seminar addressed, amongst others, the question of empowering the poor to actively participate in decision-making processes and consequently influence policy outcomes. A conference on public participation in service delivery as a means of strengthening the realisation of socio-economic rights was held in July. The conference brought together representatives from civil society (including community and non-governmental organisations), constitutional bodies like the South African Human Rights Commission and Commission on Gender Equality, academia and government to discuss and reflect on the issue of public participation in service delivery, share experiences and highlight the implications

and challenges of public participation, especially at the grassroots level, and explore the various ways or opportunities of ensuring that residents and communities participate in service delivery decisions and processes. The conference was also aimed at raising awareness of the legislative and policy framework on public participation. A summary of this event was published in ESR Review. Furthermore, in November, the project hosted a seminar on critical socio-economic rights issues, focusing on the right of access to food, social security and enforcement of court orders.

CHAPTER 6: OTHER ACTIVITIES

***Amicus Curiae* Litigation**

The Socio-Economic Rights Project continues to contribute to the development of jurisprudence on socio-economic rights that is responsive to the needs of the poor and the marginalised groups in South Africa.

Together with the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, the Project intervened as *amicus curiae* in the case of *Various Occupants v Thubelisha Homes and Others* Case No CCT 22/08. This case concerns the eviction of residents of Joe Slovo, one of Cape Town's biggest informal settlements, to make way for formal housing as part of a government project. The High Court (Cape of Good Hope Provincial Division) granted the eviction order (*Thubelisha Homes and Others v Various Occupants and Others* Case No: 13189/07, judgment delivered on 10 March 2008). The Court did not see it as a mass eviction but a strategic relocation that will not result in homelessness as alternative accommodation has been provided by the state. The Court also interdicted the occupiers, once they have vacated or been evicted, from returning to Joe Slovo for the purposes of erecting or taking up residence in informal dwellings. The Court based its finding on the fact that the residents were occupying the land unlawfully and without consent of the owner, alternative accommodation has been provided and transport, safety, educational and pension needs have been catered for. However, the alternative accommodation is in Delft, which is in the outskirts of the City and far from livelihood opportunities. Moreover, the Court did not adequately deal with the issue of meaningful consultation before an eviction and the impact the eviction will have on the livelihoods of the residents, among other things. Hence, the residents appealed directly to the Constitutional Court. The case was heard by the Constitutional Court in August and the Court is still to hand down its judgment.

As stated in the 2007 report, judgment is still awaited in the old age pension case of *Christian Roberts and Others v Minister of Social Development and Others* Case No: 32838/05, in which we intervened, together with the Centre for Applied Legal Studies, as joint *amici curiae*.

International Assistance and Collaboration

Children's Rights Project

Julia Sloth-Nielsen and Benyam Mezmur attended the 11th and 12th sessions of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and at the 12th session presented a paper on the best interests of the African child. They also attended the 3rd International Policy Conference on the African Child. Moreover, they drafted a paper for the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child General Day of Discussion on the Right to Education in Emergency Situations.

The Project was also invited by UNICEF to attend and present on Promoting Cross-departmental Cooperation and Allocation of Resources for National Law Reform and Implementation at the Legal Experts Consultation for the Third World Congress on the Sexual Exploitation of Children in Bern, Switzerland.

Civil Society Prison Reform Initiative (CSPRI)

In cooperation with the Judicial Inspectorate of Prisons and the US-based organisation Stop Prisoner Rape, CSPRI presented and participated at a workshop hosted by Stop

Prisoner Rape in April. Three months later CSPRI presented and facilitated a session on prisoners' rights at a training workshop for DCS officials, hosted by Stop Prisoner Rape, on preventing sexual violence in prisons.

In September, in cooperation with CSV, CSPRI presented a one-day training workshop on HIV/AIDS and prisons in Pretoria. The workshop forms part of an international training programme for paralegals from Africa, hosted by the Human Rights Development Initiative.

In December, CSPRI formed part of an International Bar Association delegation hosted by the British High Commission to Cameroon to carry out a scoping study on torture and to investigate prison conditions in that country.

Local Government Project

Nico Steytler was the theme editor of *Local Government and Metropolitan Regions in Federal Systems*, the sixth volume in the Global Dialogue on Federalism series, the leading international series on federalism sponsored by the Forum of Federations and the International Association of Centers for Federal Studies. The editing of the twelve country study has been completed and the manuscript is with the publishers. Steytler is also a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee on the Global Dialogue on Federalism, advising on this international publication series. He has also been asked to serve on the committee of experts to advise the Forum of Federations and the Ethiopian government on the 5th International Conference on Federalism to be held in Addis Ababa in 2010. He also participated as an expert in a World Bank / Swiss Government seminar for the Constitution Reform Committee of the Iraqi Parliament on second houses of parliament.

Jaap de Visser was commissioned by the Worldbank's Independent Evaluation Group as an external expert for a conference on public sector reform in Africa.

The Project assisted the Department of Provincial and Local Government in its efforts to support its counterpart in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Project sourced and translated academic and support material to equip officials in the DRC with knowledge surrounding decentralisation.

Socio-Economic Rights Project

At the international level, the Socio-Economic Rights Project continues to be actively involved in the OP-ICESCR drafting process, through the membership of Lilian Chenwi on the Steering Committee of the NGO Coalition for an OP-ICESCR. The Project's participation in this process continues to be motivated by the need to ensure that those whose socio-economic rights have been violated have access to justice not just at the domestic level but also in the international arena as well.

Chenwi attended the 'African Regional Meeting on an Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' held in Cairo, Egypt in January, organized by the government of Egypt together with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She made a presentation at this meeting on international cooperation and assistance and the establishment of a fund, as well as presented the International NGO Coalition for an Optional Protocol's opening statement. She also participated in the Third Committee of the 63rd Session of the General Assembly held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in November, during

which the report of the Human Rights Council including the OP-ICESCR was considered.

Chenwi also participated in the Fifth Session of the Open-Ended Working Group on an OP-ICESCR held in Geneva in February and March – April, making oral presentations on various provisions of the then draft OP-ICESCR. Together with the other organisations forming the NGO Coalition the project also made a written submission. The OP-ICESCR work has been successful, as the United Nations General Assembly adopted by consensus the OP-ICESCR in December. It establishes a complaints procedure through which victims of economic, social and cultural rights violations that are not able to get an effective remedy in their domestic legal system can seek redress at the international level. Following its adoption, the next step is to raise awareness of the mechanism, ensure that states sign and ratify the OP-ICESCR so that it comes into force, and ensure the development of rules of procedure that would allow for greater participation of NGOs and would not limit accessibility of the mechanism.

In addition, Chenwi was invited by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to participate and present in an expert seminar on the impact of terrorism and counter-terrorism measures on the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights. The seminar was held in Geneva in November, in which she made two presentations on states' economic, social and cultural rights obligations in relation to counter terrorism and on the linkage between economic, social and cultural rights and civil and political rights as indivisible rights.

The Project became a member of the the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR-Net). It then participated in an international strategy meeting on economic, social and cultural Rights and an ESCR-Net General Assembly Meeting held in Nairobi in December, represented by Chenwi, who made a presentation on the OP-ICESCR, next steps and future challenges.

Siyambonga Heleba participated in the guest research programme at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (Oslo), and also attended an Intensive Course on the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights organised by the Institute for Human Rights, Abo Akademi University, Finland.

Rebecca Amollo participated in a student exchange programme at University of Alberta, Canada for a period of five months, working under the project 'Strengthening nurses' capacity in HIV policy development in sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean'. The exchange programme included a two month research internship on health policy and HIV/AIDS at the University of Ottawa.

Working with State Institutions

The Children's Rights Project has continued to serve on the Western Cape Child Justice Forum, a provincial forum that focuses on issues relating to children in trouble with the law in the Western Cape. In addition, the Project has continued to serve as a civil society representative on the Inter-Sectoral Committee on Child Justice, a national forum that monitors child justice across the country and is responsible for the development of policy and protocols relating to child justice.

CSPRI has maintained good and productive relations with the South African Human Rights Commission, the Judicial Inspectorate of Prisons, the Portfolio Committee on

Correctional Services and the Department of Correctional Services. New linkages were made with the National Council on Corrections.

The Local Government Project provided research assistance and advice to the Western Cape Department of Local Government and Housing on a variety of policy and legal issues. It also collaborated with the Department of Provincial and Local Government on training.

The Socio-Economic Rights Project has continued to collaborate with various government departments. The City of Cape Town has involved the Project in the discussions on the development of special needs housing policy. The Department of Provincial and Local Government (Western Cape) assisted in providing information for the Project's housing research. The Project has also collaborated with the Department of Foreign Affairs in the discussions of the OP-ICESCR and plans to continue interacting with Foreign Affairs with regard to the ratification of this Protocol as well as the ICESCR. In addition, the Project involved government departments in its conference on public participation.

Working with Non-Governmental Organisations

The Child Justice Alliance was formed in February 2001. Since 2003, the work of the Alliance concentrated primarily on research projects and awareness raising activities around the content of the law, implementation of the Child Justice Act and monitoring such implementation. The Child Justice Alliance consists of over 400 members and friends, who are either civil society organisations or concerned individuals. The Alliance is run by a driver group that was formed with core organisations. The selection of these organisations is based on their expertise and experience in the field of children's rights, available resources, and shared interests. However, primary responsibility for the execution of the Child Justice Alliance has rested with the Children's Rights Project, as Programme Co-ordinator, and implemented the various work components of the Alliance including the management of the present study.

The Project is also part of the Southern African Network on the Prohibition of Corporal Punishment and serves on the Working Group on Corporal Punishment. Both of these groupings involve civil society members in South Africa and across Southern Africa, such as Botswana, Mozambique and Zambia. In 2008, the Southern African Network made a submission to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child specifically calling on the Committee to take a strong stance on the prohibition of all forms of corporal punishment.

CSPRI had a number of joint projects with the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation and the Institute for Security Studies. The training workshops with civil society organisations, reported on above, also strengthened the project's link with local organisations. The growing subscription list to the project's newsletter is also indicative of civil society interest in prison reform.

The Gender Project continued its partnership with the Saartjie Baartman Centre for Women and Children, specifically in relation to the Centre's Legal Advice and Training Project.

The Project has also commenced working with the UWC Legal Aid Clinic on the newly-established satellite clinic in Khayelitsha. The clinic, which forms part of a broader urban upgrading project through violence prevention, aims to bring a strong gender focus to the objective of improving access to justice.

The Local Government Project was an active member of the Good Governance Learning Network, a collective of NGOs concerned with local government. One of its members serves on the network's Reference Group.

The Socio-Economic Rights Project continues to work with a range of civil society organisations such as the Legal Resources Centre and the Centre for Applied Legal Studies as well as other international organisations such as the Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions. As a member of ESCR-Net and the NGO Coalition for an OP-ICESCR, the Project engages with other organizations at both the national and international levels. In intervening in a case as *amicus curiae*, the Project did so in partnership with other organisations.

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- Chenwi, Lilian. “The Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and its links with Poverty”. Paper presented at the *LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) Partners’ Conference*, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, December.
- Combrinck, Heléne. “Sober-minded lawyers and sexual offences: Reflections from South Africa on rape law reform”. Paper presented at conference *Rethinking Rape Law: Akayesu Ten Years On*, Durham University, UK, July.
- Combrinck, Heléne and Wakefield, Lorenzo. “The Domestic Violence Act and HIV/AIDS: Amend, Expand or Interpret?”. Paper presented at conference on *The South African Domestic Violence Act: Lessons from a Decade of Legislation and Implementation*, Johannesburg, November.
- de Visser, Jaap. “Subsidiarity in the Constitution – Slapstick asymmetry or a ‘rights-based’ approach to powers”. Paper presented at the CWCI International Roundtable, Community Law Centre, UWC, Mont Fleur, March.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui and Denni Leppan. “The increased capacity of the children’s courts and implications for family law practice in light of the new mechanisms that promote alternative dispute resolution”. Paper presented at the Miller du Toit/ UWC *Child and Family Law Conference*, Cape Town, March.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. “Mechanisms for resolving disputes in the new South African Children’s Act 38 of 2005”. Paper presented at the *Gender, Family Responsibility and Legal Change Conference*, Sussex Law School, University of Sussex, UK, July.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. “Family engagement in youth justice and children welfare – The South African experience”, Presentation at the seminar of the Family Rights Group, *Family-Centred Solutions - changing child welfare policy and practice on the ground International Conference*. Stratford-Upon-Avon, UK, September.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. “Whole family approaches in Child Welfare – South African experiences and ambitions”. Paper presented at the Family Rights Group, *Family-Centred Solutions - changing child welfare policy and practice on the ground International Conference*, Stratford-Upon-Avon, UK, September.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. “Promoting Cross-departmental Cooperation and Allocation of Resources for National Law Reform and Implementation”. Paper presented at the Unicef Legal Experts Consultation for the *Third World Congress on the Sexual Exploitation of Children*, Bern, Switzerland, October.
- Heleba, Siyambonga. “Perpetuating Apartheid Single Sex Hostels: The Implications of Lack of Public Participation for Service Delivery”. Paper presented at a one-day conference on *Ensuring public participation in service delivery: Strengthening the Realisation of Socio-Economic rights*, Cape Town, July.
- Kassan, Daksha. “Children in law reform processes”, Paper presented at an international workshop *Prohibiting all physical and other humiliating punishment of children: achieving legal reforms*, Bangkok, Thailand, May.
- Mujuzi Jamil. “Alternative Sentencing under the African human rights instruments and mechanisms: lessons for Southern Africa”. Paper presented at the Commonwealth Secretariat Conference on *Alternative Sentencing in Small Commonwealth States Southern Africa Region*, Gaborone, Botswana, June.
- Muntingh, Lukas. “Youth crime and violence – some perspectives from the prison reform sector”. Paper presented at a roundtable discussion on youth and crime and focused on youth and imprisonment, Human Sciences Research Council, Johannesburg, May.

- Muntingh, Lukas. "Alternative sentencing in Africa". Paper presented at the Commonwealth Secretariat Conference on *Alternative Sentencing in Small Commonwealth States Southern Africa Region*, Gaborone, Botswana, June.
- Muntingh, Lukas. "Prisoner Re-Entry in Cape Town – An Exploratory Study". Paper presented at OSF (SA) Conference on *Offender Reintegration*, Pretoria, October.
- Steytler, Nico. "South Africa: A nation in search of its capital". Paper presented at the Forum of Federations international workshop on *Capital Cities in Federal Countries*, New Delhi, India, March.
- Steytler, Nico. "Strangulation of local government". Paper presented at the CWCI International Roundtable, organised by Community Law Centre, UWC, Mont Fleur, Stellenbosch, March.
- Steytler, Nico. "The centralisation of power in South Africa: the policy review process on the future (and role) of provinces". Paper presented at the International Association of Centre of Federal Studies Conference on *Decentralizing and Re-centralizing Trends in the Distribution of Powers within Federal Countries*, Institut d'Estudis Autonomicas, Barcelona, Spain, September.
- Steytler, Nico. "The financial instruments to raise revenue: Policy, by-laws and resolutions". Paper presented at the Annual conference of Institute of Municipal Finance Officers, Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, September.

Other presentations, lectures, workshop and submissions

- Amollo, Rebecca. Presentation "The Phenomenon of Child Headed Households and Orphans in the Face of HIV/AIDS in Sub Saharan Africa" Golder Trust for Orphans, Edmonton, Canada, May.
- Chenwi, Lilian. Presentation "International Cooperation and Assistance and the Establishment of a Fund: Articles 13 and 14 – Revised Draft OP-ICESCR", African Regional Consultation Meeting on an Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, organised by the Government of Egypt and the United Nations Office of the High Commission for Human Rights, Cairo, Egypt, January.
- Chenwi, Lilian. Presentations "Scope of the Optional Protocol", "Admissibility Criteria", "Interim Measures" and "Requirement for Entry into Force of the Optional Protocol", *Fifth Session (First Part) of the United Nations Open-Ended Working Group on an Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*, Geneva, Switzerland, February.
- Chenwi, Lilian. Presentation "Interim Measures", *Fifth Session (Second Part) of the United Nations Open-Ended Working Group on an Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*, Geneva, Switzerland, March-April.
- Chenwi, Lilian. Presentation "Socio-Economic Rights Litigation", Rutgers Law School Students, Community Law Centre, UWC, March.
- Chenwi, Lilian. Lecture "Socio-Economic Rights" LLM students, UWC, October.
- Chenwi, Lilian. Presentations "Review of States' Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Obligations in Relation to Counter-Terrorism" and "The Linkage between Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Civil and Political Rights as Indivisible Rights", *Expert Seminar on the Impact of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Measures on the Enjoyment of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*, Organised by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland, November.
- Chenwi, Lilian. Presentation "Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Current status, next steps and future challenges", *International Strategy Meeting on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and an ESCR-Net General*

- Assembly Meeting*, organised by the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Nairobi, Kenya, December.
- Christmas, Annette. Chaired the final session of the conference on “Ensuring Public Participation in Service Delivery: Strengthening the realisation of socio-economic rights”, hosted by the Socio-Economic Rights Project, Cape Town, July.
- Christmas, Annette. Submission “Comments on Draft Regulations under the Children's Act, 2005 (Including the Children's Amendment Act, 2007)”, Department of Social Development, Cape Town, August.
- Combrinck, Heléne. Panellist “Discussion on litigation”, at conference *Decent work for Persons with Disabilities in Africa*, organised by UWC Law Faculty and International Labour Organisation, UWC, Bellville, May.
- de Visser, Jaap. Presentation “Delegation and Assignment” training workshop for IGR practitioners, Department of Provincial and Local Government, Cape Town, March.
- de Visser, Jaap. Submission “Public Administration Management Bill” to Department of Public Service and Administration, Cape Town, April.
- de Visser, Jaap. Submission “Western Cape: Liquor Bill”, Western Cape Government, Cape Town, April.
- de Visser, Jaap and Leah Cohen. Submission “Land Use Management Bill”, to Parliament, Cape Town, June.
- de Visser, Jaap. Presentation “Land use management Bill”, Parliament, Cape Town, July.
- de Visser, Jaap. Presentation “Delegations Policy for Tlokwe Municipality”, at a workshop, hosted by Tlokwe Municipality, Potchefstroom, August.
- de Visser, Jaap, with Nico Steytler. 9 seminar training course on local government, Department of Local Government, Western Cape Provincial Administration, September-November.
- de Visser, Jaap. Presentation “Internal governance”, training workshop for municipal managers, Department of Local Government, Western Cape Provincial Administration, Worcester, November.
- de Visser, Jaap. Presentation “Filling vacancies”, training workshop for municipal managers, Department of Local Government, Western Cape Provincial Administration, Worcester, November.
- de Visser, Jaap. International expert, “10 years of public sector reform in Africa” for the World Bank, Addis Ababa, December.
- de Visser, Jaap. Lecture “Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations in South Africa and Ethiopia”. The Ethiopian Civil Service College, Ethiopia, December.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui and Daksha Kassan. Submission “Child Justice Bill” (on behalf of the Child Justice Alliance) to the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development, Parliament, February.
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- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Oral submission “Child Justice Bill” (behalf of the Child Justice Alliance) to the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development. Parliament, February.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Lecture “Child Rights in South Africa”, Rutgers Law School Students, Community Law Centre, UWC, March.

- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation. “African Charter on Human and People’s Rights and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child”, Regional Network to End Corporal Punishment of Children Regional Workshop, Cape Town, April.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation “Role of NGOs in Convention on the Rights of the Child and African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child reporting”, South African Human Rights Commission Seminar on Children’s Ombuds and National Independent Human Rights Institutions, Johannesburg, April.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation “National and Provincial Roles and Responsibilities in the Children’s Act and Children’s Amendment Act”, Western Cape Department of Social Services Workshop on Litigation Risks in the Children’s Act and Children’s Amendment Act, Cape Town, May.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation “Increased jurisdiction of the Children’s Courts and other issues”, Access National Workshop on Foster Care, Cape Town, May.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation “Feedback on Courts”, Department of Social Development National Conference on the Implementation of the Children’s Act, Johannesburg, May.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation “Children used By Adults to Commit Crime as a worst form of child labour”, Anex World Day Against Child Labour Workshop, Cape Town, June.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation “Children’s Act, Children’s Amendment Act and Regulations”, training for Western Cape Department of Social Services, at Cape Town, Citrusdal, Worcester and Beaufort West. June, August, September and November.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Lecture “Children’s Courts”, to final year social work students, UWC, Bellville, August.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation “Draft Swazi Children’s Welfare and Protection Bill”, National Steering Committee Workshop on the Draft Children’s Welfare and Protection Bill, Swaziland, August.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation “Children’s Act and Children’s Amendment Act”, Women’s legal Centre Seminar on the Children’s Act, Cape Town, September.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation “The Child Justice Bill and Children’s Courts”, People to People Delegation Seminar, Cape Town, September.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Lecture “Child justice in South Africa”, 4th year LLB students, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, October.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation “Civil Society Child Justice Research”, Inter-Sectoral Committee on Child Justice, Pretoria, October.
- Gallinetti, Jacqui. Presentation “Diversion – At Last a Regulatory Framework”, Child Justice Alliance National Diversion Workshop, Pretoria, December.
- Heleba, Siyambonga. Presentation “Socio-Economic Rights Litigation” Rutgers Law School Students, Community Law Centre, UWC, March.
- Heleba, Siyambonga. Presentation “Implications of lack of community participation for the right of Access to Adequate Housing at Local Government”, an in-house seminar, organised by the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Oslo, Norway, June.
- Kassan, Daksha. Oral Submission “The Child Justice Bill and imprisonment of children under the age of 14 year”, Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development, Parliament, February.
- Kassan, Daksha. Presentation “Research undertaken in relation to Children Used By Adults to Commit Crime”, Limpopo Department of Education, Limpopo, March.
- Kassan, Daksha. Radio interview “Child Justice Bill”, Verulum Community Radio, Cape Town, March.

- Kassan, Daksha. Presentation “Child Justice Bill and latest developments”, Western Cape Child Justice Forum, Cape Town, April.
- Kassan, Daksha. Presentation “Global Update on the Status of Corporal Punishment of children”, national workshop on Promoting Positive Discipline hosted by RAPCAN, Cape Town, April.
- Kassan, Daksha. Trained social workers from the Western Cape on the Children’s Act, Children’s Amendment Act and draft regulations in Cape Town, Caledon, Vredendal and Citrusdal, June, July and August.
- Kassan, Daksha. Presentation “Child Justice Bill and opportunities it presents for diversion service provider” delivered to staff of Khulisa, Gauteng, July.
- Kassan, Daksha, co-drafted with Samantha Waterhouse (RAPCAN). Submission “Banning all forms of violence against children”, to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights of the Child, August.
- Kassan, Daksha. Presentation “Overview of the law reform process addressing the issue of parental corporal punishment”, a legal strategy meeting on the prospects of success of a constitutional challenge against the legality of parental corporal punishment, hosted by the SAHRC, Gauteng, December.
- Kassan, Daksha. Presentations, “Monitoring compliance of diversion orders , child’s failure to comply and the legal consequences of diversion”, Child Justice Alliance National Diversion Workshop, Pretoria, December.
- Mujuzi, Jamil. Facilitated a session “Working with the media in the search for public support for alternative sentencing”, Gaborone, Botswana, June.
- Mujuzi, Jamil. Panellist “role of Uganda Human Rights Commission on the promotion and protection of human rights”, the Human Rights Institute for South Africa (HURISA) Conference on Strengthening the Capacity of Chapter 9 Institutions at the session ‘Learning from Foreign Experiences’ , Johannesburg, June.
- Mujuzi, Jamil. Presentation “Life imprisonment in South Africa” at the UWC-University of Missouri Summer School, UWC, June.
- Mujuzi, Jamil. Presentation “The Changing Face of Life Imprisonment in South Africa: research report”, seminar, Centre of the Book, Cape Town, September.
- Mujuzi, Jamil, Lukas Muntingh and Julia Sloth-Nielsen. Presentations, CSPRI Training programme, Workshop on prisons reform, Klerksdorp, October.
- Mujuzi, Jamil, Lukas Muntingh and Julia Sloth-Nielsen. Presentations, CSPRI Training programme, Workshop on prisons reform, Witbank, October.
- Mujuzi, Jamil. Delegate, Formed part of an International Bar Association delegation hosted by the British High Commission to Cameroon to carry out a scoping study on torture and investigate prison conditions in that country, Cameroon, December.
- Mujuzi, Jamil. Chaired a session on due process at a meeting on legal enforcement of the right to liberty and security in Africa, organised by INTERIGHTS, Nairobi, Kenya, December.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Lecture “Prison reform in South Africa” to final year political science students from California State University, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, January.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Presentation “International good practice in investigating deaths in custody”, roundtable discussion on deaths in custody convened by the Department of Correctional Services, Pretoria, February.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Submission (written and oral) on the revised Child Justice Bill to the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development, Parliament, February.

- Muntingh, Lukas. Submission (written and oral) “The Correctional Services Budget Vote”, Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services, Parliament, March.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Presentation at launch of Booklet “*Preventing and combating torture in South Africa – a programme of action under CAT and OPCAT*”, Centre for the Book, Cape Town, April.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Presentation on “Prisoners’ rights”, at workshop on building civil society support for dealing with sexual violence in prisons, hosted by the US-based organisation Stop Prisoner Rape, April.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Written submission “The Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill [B12 of 2008]”, Parliament, May.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Comment of book, book launch of *Imprisoning Communities* (T. Clear), Centre for Criminology (UCT), Cape Town, May.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Submission “South Africa’s obligations under UN Convention against Torture (CAT) and the Optional Protocol to CAT, together with the SA Human Rights Commission, to the Justice and Constitutional Development Portfolio Committee, Parliament, June.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Participation in roundtable discussion on sexual violence hosted by the Commissioner of Correctional Services, Pretoria, June.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Presentation “Prisoners’ rights”, training workshop with DCS officials on preventing sexual violence in prisons, hosted by the US-based organisation Stop Prisoner Rape, Cape Town, July.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Submission “Deaths in custody and medical parole” the Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services, Parliament, August.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Panellist, roundtable discussion on the incarceration framework as proposed in the Correctional Services Amendment Bill, hosted by the National Council of Correctional Services, DCS head Office, Pretoria. A written submission was made to the Council following the roundtable discussion, August.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Interviewed on SABC 2’s ‘Fokus met Freek’ regarding the Action for a Safer South Africa Convention, Cape Town, August.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Submission on the Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill [B42 of 2008], Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development, Parliament, September.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Lecture “Prisons and prison reform in South Africa”, UCT, Cape Town, September.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Submission regarding sentencing, Workshop on the review of the criminal justice system, hosted by the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, Cape Town, September .
- Muntingh, Lukas. Presentation “The state of offender reintegration services”, Action for Safer South Africa Convention, Midrand, August.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Presentation “The reduction of youth crime and violence”, Student Society for Law & Social Justice Seminar, Hermanus, September.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Presentation “prisoners’ rights”, Joint Civil Society Monitoring Forum on prisoners and HIV/AIDS, September.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Presentation “Prisoners rights and HIV/AIDS”, training workshop on HIV/AIDS and prisons (in cooperation with CSVR), hosted by the Human Rights Development Initiative, Pretoria, September.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Presentation in roundtable discussion on criminal justice reform in Malawi, hosted by OSF & OSISA in Blantyre, Malawi, November.

- Muntingh, Lukas. Keynote speaker, “Prisons in South Africa’s Constitutional Democracy”, Goodwood Correctional Centre as part of Corrections Week, November.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Training “CAT, OPCAT and the prevention of torture“, with the management staff of the Judicial Inspectorate of Prisons, Port Elizabeth, November.
- Muntingh, Lukas. Presentation “Meeting minimum standards and improving diversion services”, Child Justice Alliance National Diversion Workshop, Pretoria, December.
- Steytler, Nico. Presentation “Intergovernmental dispute settlement Guidelines”, Department of Provincial and Local Government, Cape Town, February.
- Steytler, Nico. Presentation “Review of provincial and local government”, Development Bank of Southern Africa and Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, Midrand, February
- Steytler, Nico. Lecture. “Decentralisation in Africa”, LL M students, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, February.
- Steytler, Nico. Lecture “Constitution-making in South Africa”, University of Stellenbosch, Stellenbosch, March.
- Steytler, Nico. Panellist “Mobilisation of shame, the role of civil society in the functioning of treaty bodies”. Presentation at conference *Decent work for Persons with Disabilities in Africa*, organised by UWC Law Faculty and International Labour Organisation, UWC, Bellville, May.
- Steytler, Nico. Presentation “National Council of Provinces”, Workshop on Second Chambers and Judicial Federalism in Iraq, organised by World Bank, Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs and the United States Institute for Peace, for Iraqi Constitutional Review Committee, Berne, Switzerland, August.
- Steytler, Nico and Jaap de Visser. 9 seminar training course on local government, Department of Local Government, Western Cape Provincial Administration, September-November.

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