



Socio-Economic Rights Project  
Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape

## WORKSHOP

### Promoting the socio-economic rights of older persons

22 February 2011

(Venue: Room 1 C&D, School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape)

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### PROGRAMME

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08h30 - 09h00	Arrival, Registration and Tea
09h00 - 09h10	Welcome, introductions and outline of the workshop background and objectives <b>Lilian Chenwi</b> , <i>Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape</i>
09h10 - 09h25	OPENING STATEMENT The Older Persons Act: Reflections on the process <b>Judith Cohen</b> , <i>South African Human Rights Commission</i>
<b>Session one Facilitator:</b>	<b>Legal and policy framework and standards: International and national</b> <b>Anthea van der Burg</b> , <i>South African Human Rights Commission</i>
09h25 – 09h55	Law and policy impacting the socio-economic rights of older persons in South Africa: An international, regional and national overview <b>Jill Adkins</b> , <i>Age Rights International</i>
09h55 - 10h10	The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Older persons <b>Lilian Chenwi</b> , <i>Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape</i>
10h10 - 10h25	The Millennium Development Goals and older persons <b>Watson Hamunakwadi</b> , <i>Global Call to Action against Poverty / National Welfare Forum</i> (with contributions from <b>Phelisa Nkomo</b> , <i>Black Sash</i> )
10h25 - 10h40	A policy framework to support older persons affected by HIV/AIDS in South Africa <b>George Petros</b> , <i>Institute of Ageing in Africa, University of Cape Town</i>
10h40 - 11h00	<b>Open discussion and sharing of experiences</b>
<b>11h00 - 11h20</b>	<b>TEA BREAK</b>

<b>Session two</b>	<b>Realisation of the socio-economic rights of older persons</b>
<b>Facilitator:</b>	<b>Elvis Fokala</b> , <i>Independent Human Rights Researcher</i>
11h20 - 11h35	The status of older persons in relation to the implementation of policies and legislation; and challenges surrounding social security as it applies to older persons <b>Roedolf Kay</b> , <i>South African Older Person's Forum</i>
11h35 - 11h50	The socio-economic context of older persons in South Africa: The Eastern Cape example <b>Monde Makiwane</b> , <i>Human Sciences Research Council</i>
11h50 - 12h05	Older women and their socio-economic rights <b>Yvette Abrahams</b> , <i>Commission on Gender Equality</i>
12h05 - 12h20	Quality of health care for older persons in South Africa <b>Sebastiana Kalula</b> , <i>Institute of Ageing in Africa, University of Cape Town</i>
12h20 - 12h40	<b>Open discussion and sharing of experiences</b>
<b>12h40 - 13h40</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>Session three</b>	<b>Realisation of the socio-economic rights of older persons – Part 2</b>
<b>Facilitator:</b>	<b>Femada Shamam</b> , <i>The Association for the Aged</i>
13h40 - 13h55	Nutritional and health status of the elderly in the context of caring for children <b>Annamarie Kruger</b> , <i>AUTHeR (Afrika-Eenheid vir Transdissiplinêre Gesondheidsnavorsing), North West University</i>
13h55 - 14h10	Health laws and policies relating to older persons: Implementation and Challenges <b>Unita van Vuuren</b> , <i>Western Cape Department of Health</i>
14h10 - 14h25	Relevant housing laws and policies: Implementation and challenges <b>Paul Whelman</b> , <i>Western Cape Department of Human Settlements</i>
14h25 – 14h40	<b>Open discussion and sharing of experiences</b>
<b>Session four</b>	<b>Brief inputs on additional practical challenges faced by older persons in the enjoyment of their socio-economic rights</b>
<b>Facilitator:</b>	<b>Leonie Aggenbach</b> , <i>ACVV National Counsel</i>
14h40 – 14h55	The responses by two NGOs to the housing needs of social pensioners <b>Gavin Weir</b> , <i>Neighbourhood Old Age Homes</i> <b>Zoe Paul</b> , <i>Abbeyfield South Africa</i>
14h55 - 15h05	Person centre social and health care assessments as part of care planning for older persons <b>Elsette Strachan</b> , <i>NOBUNTU People Centred Development</i>
15h05 - 15h15	The socio-economic needs of older persons in relation to social and food security <b>Christelle Cornelius</b> , <i>Ikamva Labantu</i>
15h15 – 15h25	Dementia: the stigma and challenges <b>Karen Borochowitz</b> , <i>Dementia SA</i>
15h25 – 15h40	<b>Open discussion and sharing of experiences</b>

15h40 - 15h50

**BRIEF REFRESHMENT BREAK**

<b>Session five</b> <b>Facilitator:</b>	Working together towards promoting the socio-economic rights of older persons <b>Tumelo Kgosimeme</b> , <i>Community Law Centre</i>
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15h50 - 16h30

Reflections on:

- The identified challenges older persons face
- Opportunities to promote and improve the socio-economic rights of older persons
- Parliamentary interactions and opportunities
- Links and synergies with other actions
- Strengthening networks on older persons

Way forward and closure



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