Concept Note: Regional Training
Removing Legal Barriers to Prison Health and Human Rights:
Legal Training for African Lawyers

INTRODUCTION
The Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC) is a regional non-profit organisation that works to advance human rights and protect the rule of law in southern Africa. With funding though the Africa Regional Grant on HIV, SALC is hosting a regional training meeting: “Removing legal barriers to prison health and human rights.”

METHODOLOGY
• The 3-day programme will train lawyers on practice and strategic litigation to support prison health and human rights, particularly for persons who face heightened vulnerability to HIV and TB (key populations).
• Presentations on different experiences of practice and strategic litigations to support prison health and human rights for Key Populations. Speakers and presenters will include senior legal practitioners, academics, prison health officials, and advocacy experts from various countries in Africa.
• Cases submitted by participants and reviewed by the organizers will be workshopped.

The training will be conducted in English. Simultaneous translation will be made available for French and Portuguese speakers.

OBJECTIVES
The purpose of the training is to develop the capacities of legal practitioners in the region to successfully identify, strategize and litigate cases that advance the health and human rights of imprisoned and detained persons and to remove legal barriers to effective HIV, TB and responses in prison contexts. The training will expose participants to litigation knowledge and skills to promote and improve the rights of persons living with HIV and TB in prison.

DATE
13-15 March 2017

VENUE
TBC, Johannesburg, South Africa
PARTICIPANT PROFILE & APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Practicing lawyers (3+ years of experience) with an interest in prison health and human rights will be invited to apply to attend the course.

Applicants are invited to apply by submitting the following documents to applications@salc.org.za, with the subject line: “Regional Prisons Training Application”.

- Completed application form.
- Copy of valid passport.
- Participants are invited to submit cases to be workshopped at the training meeting.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- Short-term (learning) – Increased knowledge of HIV, TB, health and human rights concerns in prison contexts;
- Short-term (learning) - Enhanced capabilities of participants (lawyers) to identify and conduct strategic litigation aimed at improving access to prison health services and human rights;
- Short-term (learning) – Increased awareness of participants (lawyers) of litigation strategies and case law on access to prison health and human rights in comparative jurisdictions;
- Short-term (learning) – Increased awareness of participants (lawyers) of the challenges faced by key populations in accessing prison health services and their needs during litigation and consultation processes;
- Medium-term (action) – Lawyers who formed part of the training undertake health rights litigation;
- Medium-term (action) – Lawyers who formed part of the training are supported to identify and run health rights litigation in Malawi, Zambia and Botswana;
- Long-term (conditional) – Increased health rights litigation improve access to human-rights-based health services in prisons at domestic level, create precedents and increase jurisprudence on health and human rights in the region.

PLEASE NOTE: SALC provides for participants’ airfare, accommodation and meals during the training. There is no fee to attend the training. SALC will not be responsible for unauthorised cancellations, missed flights or changes to bookings.