

SOUTHERN AFRICA LITIGATION CENTRE

Concept Note: Regional Training

Removing legal barriers to treatment: Legal training on health and human rights

INTRODUCTION

The Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC) is a regional non-profit organisation that works to advance human rights and the rule of law in southern Africa. With funding through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as a principle recipient in a regional grant of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, SALC is hosting a regional training meeting: "*Removing legal barriers to treatment: Legal training on health and human rights.*"

The 3-day programme will train lawyers on practice and strategic litigation to support health and human rights, particularly for persons who face heightened vulnerability to HIV and TB (key populations). Speakers will include senior legal practitioners, academics, and advocacy experts from various countries in Africa.

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 health rights and remove legal barriers to effective HIV, TB and public health responses.

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Practicing lawyers (3+ years of experience) with an interest in human rights and health will be invited to apply to attend the course. Applicants from any country in Africa employing common law and/or judicial review will be considered. The training will be conducted in English.

Applicants are invited to apply by submitting the following documents:

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

DATES

27-29 June 2016

VENUE

Southern Sun O.R. Tambo International, Johannesburg, South Africa

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EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- Short-term (learning) - Enhanced capabilities of participants (lawyers) from common law jurisdictions to identify and conduct strategic litigation aimed at improving access to health services;
- Short-term (learning) – Increased awareness of participants (lawyers) of litigation strategies and case law on access to health services in comparative jurisdictions;
- Short-term (learning) – increased awareness of participants (lawyers) of the challenges faced by key populations in accessing 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 health services at domestic level, create precedents and increase jurisprudence on health rights in the region.

PLEASE NOTE: SALC provide for participants' airfare, accommodation and meals during the training. There is no fee to attend the training.