

ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION:

ADVOCACY, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

<p>09:00-09:15</p>	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>These opening remarks will lay the foundation for the discussion by giving a snapshot of the impacts, challenges and opportunities in the context of immigration detention and alternatives to detention. Covid-19 responses in the region, and globally, have further impacted the rights of those in and at risk of immigration detention but have also opened up opportunities to increase collaboration and advocacy efforts for rights- and community-based alternatives to detention (ATD).</p> <p>Wayne Ncube: <i>Strategic Litigation Programme Manager & Acting Deputy Director, Lawyers for Human Rights</i></p> <p>Silvia Gómez: <i>Global Advocacy Coordinator, International Detention Coalition</i></p>
<p>09:15-10:05</p> <p>Panel 1</p>	<p>Reflecting on Immigration Detention Trends and Strategies in South Africa</p> <p>This discussion details the recent concerning trends in immigration detention in South Africa and reflects on the improvement and potential development of commonly used monitoring strategies. It further includes discussion on the importance of CSOs' engagement with the National Preventative Mechanism (NPM) in the context of monitoring immigration detention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charné Tracey: <i>Legal Counsellor, Strategic Litigation Programme at Lawyers for Human Rights</i> • Sally Gandar: <i>Head of Advocacy & Legal Advisor at Scalabrini Centre, Cape Town</i> • Chris McConnachie: <i>Advocate at Thulamela Chambers</i> • Jo Vearey: <i>Associate Professor & Director at African Centre for Migration & Society</i>
<p>10:05-10:15</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>10:15-11:05</p> <p>Panel 2</p>	<p>Overcrowding in Prisons in light of Covid-19: A Regional Survey</p> <p>The panelists here will speak to the various various opportunities and efforts made to minimize prison overcrowding in light of Covid-19. The discussion is centred on various African countries' attempts to contain the virus and limit its spread through advocating for the decongestion of prisons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kayan Leung: <i>Legal Advocacy & Litigation Manager, Policy Development & Advocacy Unit at Sonke Gender Justice</i> • Wesley Mwafulirwa: <i>Attorney & Managing Partner at Kawelo Lawyers (Malawi)</i> • Henry Kabwe: <i>Journalist and Executive Director, Media Network on Child Rights and Development (Zambia)</i>
<p>11:05-11:00</p>	<p>Open discussion</p>
	<p>Brief Closing and Summary</p> <p>Wayne Ncube</p>