



COMMISSIONERS' ACTIVITIES

SAHRC has revealed that there is a shortage of skills, training and resources when it comes to mental healthcare in the country

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi requested the commission to investigate the sector after the Life Esidimeni tragedy. JOHANNESBURG - The South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) says that its hearings on the status of mental healthcare in the country has revealed a shortage of skills, training, resources.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi requested the commission to investigate the sector after the Life Esidimeni tragedy.

The SAHRC says that it's received nationwide complaints about access to healthcare services. [Source: EWN](#) [Read more.](#)



Stakeholders from the health sector providing SAHRC with status on mental health in the country.

- Chairperson Bongani Maiola says hearings on the status of mental health care in the country has revealed a

shortage of skills, training and resources. (Source: EWN)

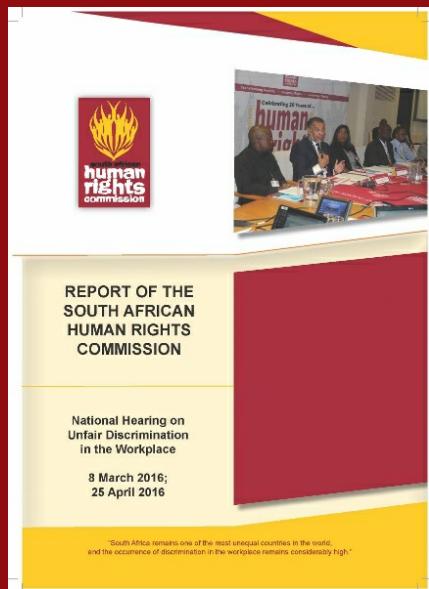
- [Commissioner Angie Makwetla says it's become apparent that many mentally ill patients are not heard \(Source: EWN\)](#)
- [SAHRC Spokesperson, Gail Smith on the national investigative hearings into the state of mental healthcare in the country Source: EWN](#)

SAHRC launches report on Discrimination in the Workplace

The launch follows the National Hearings that were held under the guidance of Commissioner Bokankatla Malatji to investigate human rights challenges of discrimination in the workplace.

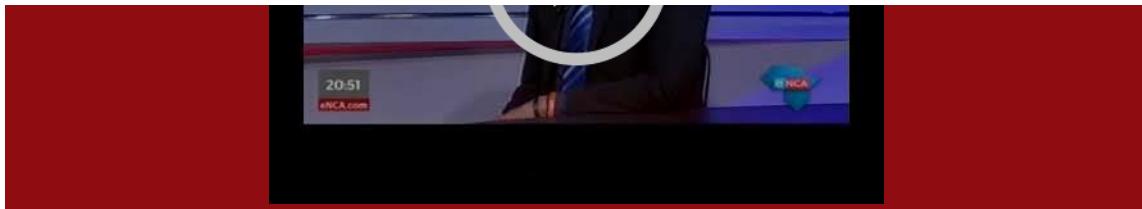
Despite South Africa being hailed as having one of the most progressive Constitutions in the world and having adopted a comprehensive legal framework which is aimed not only at prohibiting discrimination but at actively enhancing the attainment of equal opportunities, South Africa remains one of the most unequal countries in the world. The occurrence of discrimination in the workplace remains considerably high, emphasising that the enactment of legislation and policies alone is not enough to prevent and eliminate discrimination in practice. In considering the far reaching implications and the prevalence of substantial inequalities, the South African Human Rights Commission hosted a national hearing on unfair discrimination in the workplace between March and April 2016.

To access the report click on the image below



Communications Coordinator Gushwell Brooks on ENCA on the Launch of *Discrimination in the Workplace report*





ZHRC Leads Human Rights Monitoring Preparedness Ahead of 2018 Polls

A three-day dialogue session on human rights came to a close on 17 November 2017 with a call to protect and promote human rights as Zimbabwe prepares to hold the 2018 elections. Conducted by the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission, the highlight of the workshop was on the need to revisit with a perspective to review, reform and align Section 133H of the Electoral Act which creates Special Investigative Committee that mandates the ZHRC to collaborate with duty bearers such as the ZRP, Political parties who may be in some instances perpetrators of electoral violence. Consensus was noted that the above provisions compromise the independence of the ZHRC. Stakeholders also commenced the development an election strategy to ensure that the elections are conducted in an atmosphere that protects and promotes the human rights of all citizens.

Participants were drawn from different stakeholders such as Government departments, Zimbabwe Republic Police, Parliament, Civil Society Organisations, Independent Commissions ZEC and ZGC, as well as the South African Human Rights Commission, Malawi Human Rights Commission for the sharing of regional South-South experiences. (Source: UNDP) [Read more](#)

SAHRC attends Strategic Planning Session

Commissioners together with Senior Managers attended Strategic Planning Session from 30 October - 03 November 2017 to deliberate on organisational strategic path.



Back Row: Commissioner Andre Gaum; Commissioner Mohamed Ameermia; Chairperson Bongani Majola; Commissioner Jonas Ben Sibanyoni.

Front Row: Deputy Chairperson Priscilla Jana, Commissioner Bokankatla Malatji and Commissioner Angie

Makwetla.

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Angie Makwetla, Commissioner of the South African Human Rights Commission (@SAHRCCommission) responsible for Children's Rights is weighing in on issues that are affecting children and how she as commissioner can help change this in business. #AfricaReimagined



World Cities Day to address challenges of urbanisation

By Commissioner Mohamed Ameermia

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and is intended to prepare young men for manhood.(Source: Mail & Guardian) [Read more](#)

SAHRC IN THE MEDIA

Lawsuit starts over 2014 pit-toilet drowning in Limpopo school

The civil lawsuit against the State over the death of a six year-old Limpopo boy who drowned in a pit latrine got underway at the High Court in Polokwane on Monday.

The parents of Michael Komape, a Grade R pupil from Chebeng Village, filed a R3-million lawsuit against Minister of Basic Education Angie Motshekga, after their son was killed on 20 January 2014.

In recent years, Michael's death has drawn attention to the plight of pupils in rural schools subjected to poor sanitation standards. The South African Human Rights Commission also dedicated its 2014 report on "The Right to Access Sufficient Water and Decent Sanitation in South Africa" to Michael.(Source: SowetanLive) [Read more](#)

To access the SAHRC Report on the Right to Access Sufficient Water and Decent Sanitation in South Africa click on the image below.

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We are all responsible for children

Like the rest of the nation, the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) is shocked by recent reports of sexual violence directed against children in schools across South Africa.

We are all responsible for children

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SAHRC looks into Emfuleni mayor's sexual assault claims

The South African Human Rights Commission is instituting its own investigation into Emfuleni Mayor, Simon Mofokeng.

He's accused of sexually grooming a 14-year-old girl.

The politician's relationship with the girl became public after he'd apparently accidentally shared semi-nude photos of her on a WhatsApp group. (Source: ENCA) [Read more](#)

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File: The South African Human Rights Commission is instituting its own investigation into Emfuleni Mayor, Simon Mofokeng, who's accused of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old. Photo:

Catholic Bishops decry dysfunctional mobile clinics

The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) has asked the SA Human Rights Commission to investigate the breakdown of mobile clinic systems in KwaZulu-Natal, North West and Limpopo. SACBC chairman Bishop Abel Gabuza said in a statement on Tuesday that the health department had done a good job introducing mobile health services in remote rural areas.

"However, in some rural areas, the mobile service system is dysfunctional and ineffective in addressing health needs of rural communities," he said. (Source: Times Live) Read more

SAHRC Eastern Cape Office has been inundated with complaints relating to a whole range of issues affecting the delivery of quality basic education in the province

The South African Human Rights Commission's [SAHRC] Eastern Cape Provincial Office has been inundated with complaints relating to a whole range of issues affecting the delivery of quality basic education in the province. To this end, the Eastern Cape Commission's office will be hosting a Provincial Indaba on Education with a particular focus on School Infrastructure. Advocacy and Research Officer, Aubrey Mdzana spoke to Umhlobo Wenene. Source: Umhlobo Wenene. Click here to access the audio

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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

SAHRC ON TWITTER @SAHRCCommission





Backchat @backchat895 · Nov 30
@Bushradio we speaking to Julian T Masimila from @SAHRCOMMISSION WC
about the launch of its child friendly campaign.



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SAHRC KZN Office hosts a media engagement as part of stakeholder relations.
@Ayanda_Nene28



NANHRI: In-country meeting on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) - 29 & 30 November 2017



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SAHRC Deputy Chairperson Adv. Priscilla Jana opening the SAHRC In-Country Meeting on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGGIE)



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SAHRC Head of Legal Service Mr Pandelis Gregoriou on SOGIE- based discrimination in South Africa and complaints received by SAHRC based on SOGIE #SOGIERights





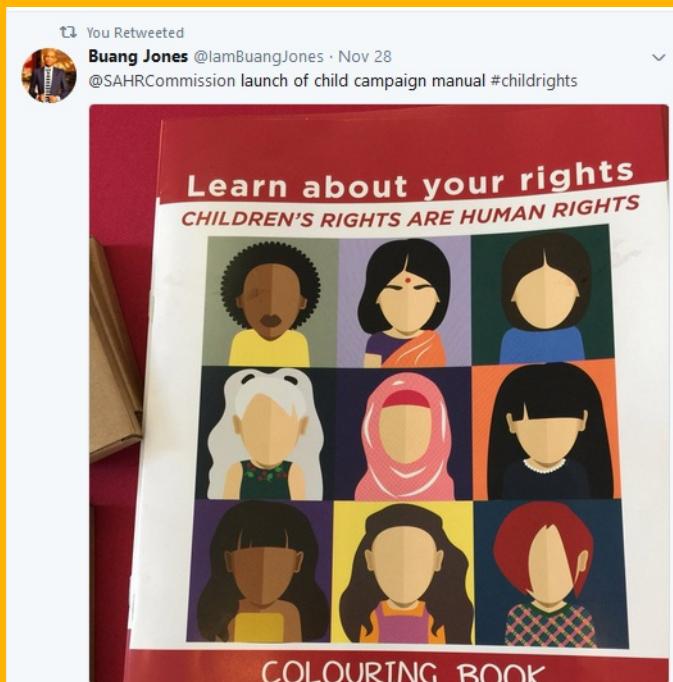
Next to present on regional strategies to tackle SOGIE-based violence and discrimination is Wendy Isaac from the Human Rights Watch #SOGIERights



Launch of Child Friendly Campaign Materials

The South African Human Rights Commission's provincial offices launched its Child Friendly Campaign Materials.

The Child Friendly Campaign Materials is aimed at raising awareness amongst children about their rights and responsibilities; empowering children with information that will enable them to identify human right violations and to popularize the SAHRC Child Friendly Complaints Handling Procedures.



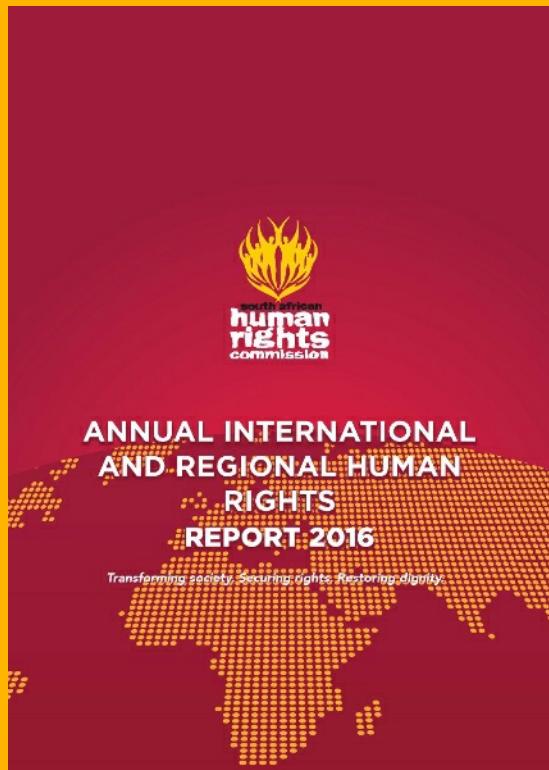


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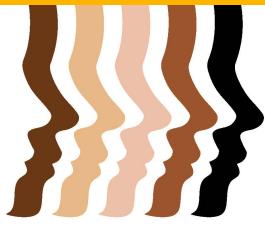
SAHRC International and Regional Report 2016.

As an institution established to support constitutional democracy and an internationally recognised national human rights institution (NHRI), the South African Human Rights Commission's (SAHRC) 2016 Annual International and Regional Human Rights Report (report) complements the institution's constitutional, statutory and international mandate. The report seeks to provide a snapshot of key human rights developments at the international and regional level during 2016, and to connect these with developments at a domestic level. In doing so, the report highlights the inextricable link between South Africa's international human rights obligations and their application domestically.

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Research Brief on Race and Equality in South Africa



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HUMAN RIGHTS DAYS

World Braille Day, 04 January

World Braille Day is celebrated yearly on 4 January around the world to commemorate the birthday of Louis Braille. Louis Braille is credited with inventing the Braille language which helps blind people to read as well as write.

BIRTHDAYS

Dineo Pushuli (HO) & Abongile Sipondo (EC) - 01st

Pamella Pango (HO) - 03rd

Sonto Mndebele (HO) - 05th

Thabang Kheswa (EC) & Thandeka Magwenyane (KZN) - 07th

Penny Carelse (WC) & Tatenda Muranda (HO) - 10th

Dr Shanell Van Der Berg (HO) - 11th

Nokuthula Ntantiso (GP) - 21st

Nomakaziwe Dephane (EC) - 22nd

Hlamalani Ngobeni (HO) - 23rd

Ntombenhlle Ngwane (HO) - 24th

Ayanda Nene (KZN) - 25th

Xolisa Mjekula (NC), Joyce Tlou (HO), Nomvuyiseko Mapasa (WC) & Alexandra Fitzgerald (HO) - 26th

Bahia Sterris (WC) - 27th

Siphele Mbeki (HO) & Seokoang Seane (EC) - 29th

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