

Access to Justice for Clients?
2017 International Legal Aid Group Conference

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 14 June

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel conference room

- 12.30 – 1pm **Registration**
- 1 – 1.30pm **INTRODUCTION**
Welcome from Legal Aid South Africa
Judge President Dunstan Mlambo – Chairperson, Legal Aid South Africa
Deputy Minister John Jeffery – Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development in the Government of RSA
- Welcome from International Legal Aid Group***
Professor Alan Paterson – Chair, International Legal Aid Group
- 1.30 – 2.30pm **NATIONAL REPORTS**
Han Xiutao – *China*
Fatmata Claire Carlton-Hanciles – *Sierra Leone*
Bryre Patchell – *New Zealand*
Avrom Sherr – *Summary*

SESSION ONE

Making Access to Justice in SDG Goal 16.3 a Reality

Chair: Alan Paterson

- 2.30 – 3.30pm **Anika Holterhof – *Ensuring Equal Access to Justice for All: Effective Legal Aid in Criminal Cases***
David McQuoid-Mason – *Challenges when drafting legal aid legislation to ensure access to justice in developing countries with small numbers of lawyers: Thinking outside the box*
- 3.30 – 3.45pm **Tea**
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SESSION TWO
Recent Developments in South Africa: What Lessons for the Wider World?

Chair: Caroline Amondi

- 3.45 – 5.15pm **Vidhu Vedalankar** – *Overcoming challenges to increasing access to justice for the poor and vulnerable*
Brian Nair – *Legal Aid South Africa - contributing to making the justice value chain work more efficiently to increase access to justice*
Jerry Makokoane – *Good governance and financial management*
Patrick Hundermark – *The impact of strategic litigation*
- 5.30pm **Buses leave hotel for tour of Constitutional Court and prisons with finger buffet dinner at the former prison for women**

Thursday 15 June

Venue: Bowmans Auditorium, Sandton

- 8.10am **Buses leave hotel for Bowmans, Sandton**

SESSION THREE
Exploring Gaps in Provision for Vulnerable People

Chair: Thembile Mtati

- 9 – 10.45am **Ab Currie** – *Legal Health check up project in Canada*
Annette Oleson – *Unmet needs for legal aid after prison in Denmark*
Pascoe Pleasence – *Legal Needs Surveys in a Global Context*
Kathleen Denley - *Holistic Support for vulnerable people experiencing family violence.*
- 10.45 – 11am **Tea/Coffee**

SESSION FOUR
The Role of Treaties and Statutory Procedures in Relation to Legal Aid

Chair: Merja Muilu

- 11.15am – 1pm **Cleber Alves and Andre Castro** – *Using class actions in Brazil to protect the homeless*
Patrick Hundermark – *Developing Global Indicators to Monitor and*

Review Implementation of Global Goal 16.3 on Access to Justice
Zaza Namoradze – *Adoption of the Legal Aid Directive in the EU:
Step Forward to end class Justice?*

1 – 2.15pm **Lunch**

SESSION FIVE
Making Technology Work

Chair: Lindsay Montgomery

2.15 – 4pm **Peter van den Biggelaar** – *What stops technology from breaking through?*
Roger Smith – *Legal Aid, Technology and Access to Justice 2017*
Mark Benton – *New Frontiers from the New Frontier*

4 – 4.15pm **Tea/Coffee**

SESSION SIX
Self-Help for the Unrepresented

Chair: Vela Mdaka

4.15 – 6pm **Bonnie Hough** – *Expanding Self-Help Services through the use of Technology*
Jeff Giddings – *Community Legal Education for People Seeking to 'Buy Themselves a Job'*
Vicky Kemp – *Self Help - Digital Legal Rights for Suspects*

6.05pm **Buses leave Bowmans for hotel**

7pm **Dinner in Banqueting Suite, Crowne Plaza Hotel**

Friday 16 June
Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel conference room

SESSION SEVEN
Quality

Chair: Jeanne Charn

- 9 – 10.45am **Alan Paterson and Avrom Sherr** – *Peer review and Cultural change?*
Suzie Forell – *Evaluation of legal service delivery: challenges, opportunities and a framework for service providers*
Anna Barlow – *Oversight of legal aid decisions: alternative approaches in the Nordic countries, the UK and the Republic of Ireland*
- 10.45 – 11.15am **Tea/Coffee**
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SESSION EIGHT
Innovative Approaches to Questions of Cost and Affordability

Chair: Andrews Kananga

- 11.15am – 1pm **Colin Lancaster** – *The Challenges of Innovation*
Upkaar Mungar and Hanoneshea Hendricks – *Innovative utilisation of technology in delivering legal services*
Ole Hammerslev and Olaf Rønning – *Outsourcing legal aid in the Nordic Welfare States*
- 1 – 2pm **Lunch**
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SESSION NINE
Revisioning Legal Aid Programmes for the Future

Chair: to be determined

- 2 – 3.45pm **Herman Schilperoort** – *Legal Aid through the Lens of Developments in the Netherlands*
Denise Swanson – *An Independent Legal Aid Review for Scotland*
Rebecca Sandefur – *Making the Case for Civil Legal Assistance in*

the United States

Discussant: Earl Johnson

3.45 – 4pm

CLOSURE: Alan Paterson – *Where Next?*

4 – 4.30pm

Tea/Coffee
