



The Southern Africa Campaign



WELCOMES YOU TO

The First Session of the Permanent
People's Tribunal on Transnational
Corporations in Southern Africa

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS



A Bit about Swaziland

We know many of you have not been to Swaziland before, so we thought we'd share some information that might be useful for you:

Weather:

Swaziland's weather is notoriously unpredictable, but according to weather reports, for the duration of the Tribunal and Summit, predictions say it will be mild, between 22 and 25 degrees in the daytime, and between 8 and 12 degrees at night.

Money:

The local currency, Emalangeni is one-to-one with the South African Rand and there is no need to exchange money, as Rands are accepted everywhere.

Language:

The most commonly spoken language is Swazi, which can be perfectly understood by Zulu speakers, and vice versa

Political situation:

Swaziland is one of the world's last remaining absolute monarchies. The king rules by decree, clamps down on any government opponents and imposes major restrictions on the media. Although there has been more vocal protest lately by the public demanding political reform, those who speak out run the risk of arrest and even imprisonment, and

Social and economic situation:

Although Swaziland is beautiful, it is poor

- According to UNICEF, it has the highest rate of HIV in the world. It is estimated that 26% of the total population of 1.2 million are living with HIV.
- One in four of Swaziland's children suffer from stunted growth as a result of malnutrition.
- 63 percent of Swazis live below the poverty line, leaving much of the population with severe food insecurity

We hope that helps just a little. See you there!



JURORS

Thulani Maseko (Swaziland)

Thulani Maseko is a Swazi human rights lawyer. He is known in Swaziland for standing up to the monarchy. He was arrested in 2009 charged with Seditious and Subversive activities while representing Mario Masuku, head of the banned People's United Democratic Movement (PUDEMO). He was jailed in 2014 for contempt of court after he criticized the Swazi judicial system.

Hellen Grace Akwii –Wangusa (Uganda)

Ms Akwii is the former Anglican Observer to the UN, and coordinator of the African Women's Economic Policy Network. She was the Africa Coordinator for the Millennium

Mireille Fanon-Mendes France (France)

Ms Fanon-Mendes France is President of the Frantz Fanon Foundation, chairperson of the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent; has been involved with the solidarity and struggle of Palestine; and has served as juror on a number of PPT Sessions.

Gianni Tognoni (Italy)

Gianni Tognoni has been the Secretary General of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal (PPT) since it was founded in 1979. Physician and Doctor of Philosophy, Gianni Tognoni is one of the world's leading experts in health policy and pharmaceutical epidemiology. He is the director of the Institute of Pharmacological Research Mario Negri Sud, which conducts independent research in key areas of medicine and drug policy. He is also an advisor to the World Health Organisation

Lucy Edwards Jauch (Namibia)

Dr Lucy Edwards-Jauch is a senior lecturer in the Department of Sociology at the University of Namibia. Her focus is on the intersection between gender, HIV and social inequality



PROGRAMME FOR TRIBUNAL SESSIONS

(This may be subject to amendments)

Day 1	16-Aug-16
	Official inauguration of the PPT Hearing & presentation of Jurors - Gianni Tognoni, Secretary General of the PPT
09:30-10:30	Petition of the Reference Group Southern Africa Context
10:30-11:15	Case 1: Amalgamated Trade Unions of Swaziland – Chancellor House Maloma Collieries (SWA)
11:20-12:05	Case 2: Amadiba Crisis Committee MRC Ltd/Xolobeni (SA)
12:05-12:15	Break
12:15-13:30	Case 3 & 4: WoMin: Anthracite mines at Somkhele and Fuleni (SA)
13:30-14:30	LUNCH
14:30-14:45	Marikana Commemoration
14:45-15:30	Expert Testimony: Dick Forslund (AIDC) - Lonmin, Marikana and the Bermuda Connection (SA)
15:35-16:20	Case 5: Centre for Trade Policy & Development - Glencore Mopani Mines (ZA)
16:20-16:30	Break
16:30-17:15	Case 6: Rural Women's Assembly – Parmalat and small scale dairy farmers (ZAM)
17:15-18:00	Expert Testimony: Women, agriculture and land sovereignty
18:00-18:15	Day 2 Schedule and Close

Day 2		17-Aug-16
09:00-11:00	Grand Opening of the People's Summit	
11:15-11:30	Welcome and outline for the day	
11:30-12:45	Case 7 & 8: Justicia Ambiental (JA!) - Vale and Jindal Coal (MOZ)	
12:45-13:30	Expert Testimony: Riaz Tayob - Role of Trade and Investment Agreements in creating the architecture of impunity	
13:30-14:30	LUNCH	
14:30-15:15	Case 9: Zimbabwe Environmental Law Association - Marange Diamond Fields (ZIM)	
15:20-16:05	Case 10: Mining Communities United in Action - Glencore Coal (SA)	
16:05-16:15	BREAK	
16:15-17:00	Expert Testimony: Tom Lebret (War on Want) - Illicit Capital Flows	
17:05-17:45	Case 11: Centre for Natural Resource and Governance - DTZ Penhalonga Mine (ZIM)	
17:45-18:15	Jurors' thoughts and comments	
18:15-18:30	Next steps and close	



- **Location:**
The Tribunal will take place at the Bosco Skills Centre,
Manzini
- **Meals:**
Lunch will be provided for Tribunal participants
- **There will be a registration process at the beginning of each day**



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MANZINI!**