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## Media Statement

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### South Africa gears up to host the continent's first information conference (ICIC)

The South African Information Regulator, in partnership with the Centre for Human Rights (University of Pretoria) supported by the secretariat of the International Conference of Information Commissioners (ICIC) will be hosting the 11th International Conference of Information Commissioners from 10 - 13 March 2019, at the Vodacom Commercial Park in Midrand, Johannesburg.

The Conference, to be held under the theme ***“International cooperation to strengthen public access to information”***, will be hosted for the first time in the continent, following the 10<sup>th</sup> ICIC which was organised in Manchester, England in 2017.

It is expected to provide a platform for diverse global voices to address current issues that impact on access to information, including transparency and accountability, competing interests, the rights of vulnerable societies and the divisive role of technology.

Some of the anticipated highlights of the conference include the keynote speech by Mr. Guy Berger, Director for Freedom of Expression and Media Development UNESCO as well as the engagements with Mr. Lawrence Murugu Mute, African Union Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information, who will be participating in discussions on *National, regional and international trends in public access to information*.

The conference is also expected to deal exhaustively with the subject of *ensuring the establishment of independent, credible and effective Access to Information (ATI) and Freedom of Information (FOI) oversight bodies*.

The Chairperson for the Information Regulator, Advocate Pansy Tlakula, has assured that preparations are at an advanced stage to deliver a successful conference, this as the country prepares to welcome a great number of global and local dignitaries as well as key players in the information sector.

“We’re especially proud that South Africa has been afforded the opportunity to host the 11<sup>th</sup> ICIC, it is a momentous milestone which we will celebrate by putting on an impressive conference that will hopefully yield impactful outcomes in order to assist us as information commissioners and other members in the sector to serve our people better”, said advocate Tlakula.

Over 400 delegates will converge at the 2019 ICIC, enabling local, regional and international Information Commissioners, Non-Governmental Organisations and promoters of access to information to share experiences and insights on how to strengthen public access to information through international cooperation.

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# **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS**

**10- 13 MARCH 2019,**

**JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**

**Co-hosted by**

**the Information Regulator (South Africa) and the Centre for Human Rights (University of Pretoria)**

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## **International cooperation to strengthen public access to information**

<b>PRE-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND WELCOME: 10 MARCH 2019</b>	
<b>12h00-14h00</b>	Meeting of the Planning Committee; the Logistics Committee and the Government Working Group and the hosts

	Finger lunch to be provided
<b>14h00-17h00</b>	Registration
<b>15h00-17h00</b>	Networking Meetings
<b>19h00-21h00</b>	<b>Welcome Cocktail</b> <b>Chairperson: Collen Weapond</b> Member: Information Regulator <b>South Africa</b>
19h00-19h10	Welcome Address <b>Dignitary</b>
19h10-19h30	Speech by <b>Sponsor</b>

<b>DAY 1: 11 MARCH 2019</b>	
<b>07h00-08h30</b>	Continuation of Registration
<b>09h00-10h10</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION A: OFFICIAL OPENING</b> <b>Chairperson: Lebogang Stroom-Nzama</b> Member: Information Regulator <b>South Africa</b>
09h00-09h05	Welcome address by <b>Adv. Pansy Tlakula</b> : Chairperson: Information Regulator <b>South Africa</b>
09h05-09h10	Welcome address by <b>Elizabeth Denham</b> : Chairperson of the Working Group of the ICIC
09h10-09h15	Welcome address by <b>Vodacom CEO</b>
09h15-09h45	Official Opening of the Conference by a South African <b>Dignitary</b>
09h45-09h50	Vote of thanks to <b>Dignitary</b>
09h50-10h10	Photo Session: <b>Dignitary</b> with <b>Commissioners, Ombudsmen</b> and <b>Keynote Speaker</b>
<b>10h00-10h30</b> <b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>	

10h30-11h00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION B: KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairperson: Thomas Hughes</b>, Executive Director of Article 19</p>
10h30-10h50	<p><b>Keynote Speaker: Guy Berger</b> Director for Freedom of Expression and Media Development UNESCO</p> <p><i>Monitoring and Reporting on SDGs: current situation and future of SDG 16.10.2</i></p>
10h50-11h00	<p><b>Closing remarks by Chairperson</b></p>
11h00-12h45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION C: PLENARY PANEL I</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>National, regional and international trends in public access to information</i></p>
11h00-11h45	<p><b>Moderator: Dr Ibrahim Seagha Shaw</b> Chairman/Information Commissioner: Right to Access Information Commission (RAIC) <b>Sierra Leone</b></p> <p><b>PANELLISTS:</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Bongani Christopher Majola</b> Chairperson: South African Human Rights Commission, <b>South Africa</b></p> <p><b>Lawrence Murugu Mute</b> African Union Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information</p> <p><b>Paul Maasden Civil Society Coordinator</b> Officer Open Government Partnership</p>

11h45-12h45	<p><b>GENERAL DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>Closing remarks by Moderator</b></p>
<p><b>12h45-14h00</b></p> <p><b>LUNCH</b></p>	
14h00-15h30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION D: PLENARY PANEL II</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Right of access to information and the impact on vulnerable groups</i></p>
14h00-14h30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Moderator: Attila Péterfalvi</b>, President of the National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information <b>Hungary</b></p> <p><b>PANELLISTS:</b></p> <p><b>Laura Neuman</b>, Director of the Global Access to Information Program <b>Carter Centre</b></p> <p><b>Fatou Jagne Senghor</b> Director, Article 19, West Africa</p>
14h30-15h30	<p><b>GENERAL DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>Closing remarks by Moderator</b></p>

	<b>15h30-16h00 REFRESHMENT BREAK</b>
<b>16h00-17h45</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION E: PLENARY PANEL III</b> <i>ATI/FOI as a tool to enhance accountability and transparency</i> <b>Moderator: Toby Mendel</b> , Centre for Law and Democracy
16h00-16h45	<b>PANELLISTS:</b> <b>Prof. Mike Larsen</b> President: BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association <b>tbc</b> <b>Daren Fitzhenry</b> Information Commissioner <b>Scotland</b> <b>Mukelani Dimba</b> Envoy for the Open Government Partnership
16h45-17h45	<b>GENERAL DISCUSSION</b> <b>Closing remarks by Moderator</b>
<b>DAY 2: 12 MARCH 2019</b>	
<b>9h00-9h30</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION F: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CONCURRENT PANELS</b>



	<b>Mosala Mosalanyane</b> Acting CEO Information Regulator <b>South Africa</b>		
<b>09h30-12h00</b>	<b>CONCURRENT DISCUSSION PANELS 1 – 3</b>		
09h30-10h30	<b>CONCURRENT PANEL 1</b>  <i>Ensuring the establishment of independent, credible and effective ATI/FOI oversight bodies</i>	<b>CONCURRENT PANEL 2</b>  <i>ATI/FOI and data protection in Elections – where does the balance lie?</i>	<b>CONCURRENT PANEL 3</b>  <i>Information management, technology and the future of democratic accountability</i>
	<b>Moderator:</b> <b>Alexander Kashumov</b> , Steering Committee Member Freedom of Information Advocates Network  <b>Rapporteur:</b> <b>Peter Chisi</b> Director of Civil and Political Rights Malawi Human Rights Commission <b>Malawi</b>	<b>Moderator:</b> <b>Gabriella Razzano</b> Open Democracy Advice Centre (ODAC)  <b>Rapporteur:</b> <b>Klaus Gronenberg</b> Head: Freedom of Information Division The Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information in Germany <b>Germany</b>	<b>Moderator to be confirmed</b>  <b>Rapporteur:</b> <b>Chantal Kisoan</b> Chief Operations Officer South African Human Rights Commission <b>South Africa</b>
	<b>Concurrent Discussion Panellists for Panel 1</b>  <b>Blanca Lilia Ibarra Cadena</b> <b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Concurrent Discussion Panellists for Panel 2</b>  <b>Adv. Pansy Tlakula</b> Chair: Information Regulator	<b>Concurrent Discussion Panellists for Panel 3</b>  <b>Gabriel Delpiazso</b> Chairperson

	<p>National Institute for Transparency, Access to Public Information and Personal Data Protection (INAI) <b>Mexico</b></p> <p><b>Kishali Pinto-Jayawardena</b> Commissioner, Right to Information Commission of Sri Lanka <b>Sri Lanka</b></p> <p><b>Caroline Maynard</b> Information and Privacy Commissioner <b>Canada tbc</b></p>	<p><b>South Africa</b></p> <p><b>Elizabeth Denham</b> Information Commissioner <b>United Kingdom</b></p>	<p>Access to Public Information Unit of Uruguay <b>Uruguay tbc</b></p> <p><b>Marco Delmastro</b> Director Communications Authority (AGCOM) <b>Italy</b></p>
<p><b>10h30-11h00</b> <b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b></p>			
<p><b>11h00-12h00</b></p>	<p><b>CONTINUATION OF CONCURRENT DISCUSSION PANELS 1 – 3</b></p>		
<p><b>12h00-13h00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION G: REPORT BACK BY RAPPORTEURS OF CONCURRENT DISCUSSION PANELS 1 - 3</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson: Lucy Ndung'u</b> Information Commissioner: Commission on Administrative Justice of Kenya, <b>Kenya</b></p>		

13h00-14h00

LUNCH

14h00-15h00	<p><b>CONCURRENT PANEL 4</b></p> <p><i>Enforcement, monitoring and supervision of ATI/FOI laws: International and regional experiences regarding cooperation</i></p>	<p><b>CONCURRENT PANEL 5</b></p> <p><i>Mechanisms to implement ATI/FOI in public and private sphere in the absence of enabling legislation</i></p>	<p><b>CONCURRENT PANEL 6</b></p> <p><i>Increasing importance of the interrelationship between ATI/FOI and data protection, including open data</i></p>	<p><b>CONCURRENT PANEL 7</b></p> <p><i>Sustainable Development Goals 16.10.2 UNESCO</i></p>
	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dian Kuswandini</b>, Associate Programme Specialist. UNESCO</p> <p><b>Rapporteur:</b> <b>Maxwell Kadiri</b> Open Society Initiative</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> To be confirmed</p> <p><b>Rapporteur:</b> <b>Mustapha M. Braima</b> Executive: Secretary: Right to Access Information Commission <b>Sierra Leone</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Sizwe ka Mtuze Snail</b> Member Information Regulator <b>South Africa</b></p> <p><b>Rapporteur:</b> <b>Dr. Julia Sziklay</b> Head: Freedom of Information Department National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information <b>Hungary</b></p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Adv. Tseliso Thipanyane</b> Chief Executive Officer South African Human Rights Commission <b>South Africa</b></p>
	<p><b>Concurrent Discussion Panellists for Panel 4</b></p>	<p><b>Concurrent Discussion Panellists for Panel 5</b></p>	<p><b>Concurrent Discussion Panellists for Panel 6</b></p>	<p><b>Concurrent Discussion Panellist for Panel 7</b></p>
	<p><b>Ms. Mariana Gatti,</b></p>	<p><b>Nana Akwasi Awuah</b></p>	<p><b>Dr Lola Shyllon</b></p>	<p><b>Guy Berger</b></p>

	<p>Transparency and Access to Public Information Network (RTA) <b>tbc</b></p> <p><b>Gilbert Sendugwa</b> Executive Director: Africa Freedom of Information Centre <b>Uganda</b></p> <p><b>Borja Díaz Rivillas.</b> Senior Project Manager in Democratic Governance, Eurosocial Programme</p>	<p>Lawyer/Activist, CitizenGhana Movement</p> <p><b>Atty. Kristian R. Ablan</b> Director: Freedom of Information Project Management Office Assistant Secretary of the Office for Policy and Special Concerns of the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) <b>Republic of the Philippines</b></p> <p><b>Sayed Ikram Afzali</b> Chairman: Oversight Commission on Access to Information (OCAI) <b>Afghanistan tbc</b></p>	<p>Advisor: Democracy, Transparency and Digital Rights Unit Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria <b>South Africa</b></p> <p><b>Eduardo Bertoni</b> Director Agencia de Acceso a la Información Pública <b>Argentina</b></p> <p><b>Nevena Ruzic</b> Office of the Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Protection of Personal Data <b>Serbia</b></p> <p><b>Angelene Falk</b> Australian Information and Privacy Commissioner Sydney New South Wales <b>Australia</b></p>	<p>Director for Freedom of Expression and Media Development UNESCO</p> <p><b>Andrew Ecclestone</b> Consultant Formerly Senior Investigator, New Zealand Ombudsman's Office</p>
<p><b>15h00-15h30</b> <b>REFRESHMENT BREAK</b></p>				

15h30-16h30	<b>CONTINUATION OF CONCURRENT DISCUSSION PANELS 4-7</b>
16h30-17h15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION H: REPORT BACK BY RAPPORTEURS OF CONCURRENT PANELS 4-7</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson: Nichodemus Ajak Bior</b> Chairperson: Information Commission <b>South Sudan</b></p>
17h15-17h00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION I: ADOPTION OF THE JOHANNESBURG DECLARATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairperson: Tana Pistorius</b> Member: Information Regulator <b>South Africa</b></p> <p>Presenter of Declaration: <b>Gill Bull</b> Director of Freedom of Information Complaints and Compliance Information Commissioner's Office <b>United Kingdom</b></p>
18h00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION I: CLOSURE AND VOTE OF THANKS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Frans Viljoen</b> Director: Centre for Human Rights Professor of International Human Rights Law, University of Pretoria, <b>South Africa</b> and <b>Pansy Tlakula</b> Chairperson: Information Regulator <b>South Africa</b></p>
<p><b>GALA DINNER</b></p> <p><b>19h30-22h00</b></p>	

<b>DAY 3: 13 MARCH 2019</b>
<b>CLOSED WORKSHOP</b>
<b>DAY 4: 14 March 2019</b>
<b>EXCURSION</b>