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Section 33 of the South African Constitution contains a right to administrative action that is 'lawful, reasonable and procedurally fair'. This right, together with the right of access to information in s 32, is essential for good governance. The Promotion of Administrative Justice Act (AJA) and the Promotion of Access to Information Act (AIA) give effect to these constitutional rights.

After the enactment of the AJA and the AIA in 2000 the South African Justice College, in cooperation with GTZ (German Agency for Technical Cooperation), introduced a series of two-week training programmes to equip magistrates to hear applications in terms of both Acts. Over 100 South African magistrates attended conferences and courses on the AJA and the AIA as part of this training.

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