

Africa Day Conference

The Challenges and Opportunities brought about by International Migration

PROGRAMME

The Challenges and Opportunities of International Migration
22-23 May 2008

DAY ONE 22 MAY 2008

08:30 – 08:45 Official Opening and Welcome: Ms. Virginia Petersen
(Western Cape Director-General)

08:45 – 09:15 Key Note Address: Premier Ebrahim Rasool
(Premier of the Western Cape)

09:15-09:30 Introductions and Expectations of the conference:
Mr. Sifiso Mbuyisa
(Department of the Premier, Western Cape)

09:30 – 10:00 Tea / Coffee

10:00 – 12:30 Panel Discussion: Contextualising the Challenges and Opportunities of International Migration in South Africa

- Premier Ebrahim Rasool (Premier of the Western Cape)
- Mr. Abel Jeru Mbilinyi (Country Representative : United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)
- Commissioner Mzwandile Petros
(Western Cape Provincial Commissioner : SAPS)
- Mr. G. Burton Joseph (Director: Immigration Policy and Directives, Home Affairs Department)
- Mr. Mlungisi Hlongwane (President: South African National Civic Organisation)
- Ms. Nomhle Nkumbi-Ndopu (Deputy President : Black Management Forum)

12h30-13h00 Questions and Answers in Plenary

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Panel Discussion: Understanding the Root Causes of Conflict amongst South Africans and People of Foreign Nationalities

- Dr. Eddie Maloka (Advisor for Governance and Public Administration, NEPAD)
- Dr. Zonke Majodina (Deputy Chairperson : Human Rights Commission)
- Prof. Kader Asmal (Professor Extraordinary : UWC)
- Mr. Tony Ehrenreich (Provincial Secretary : COSATU, Western Cape)

15:30 – 16:00 Tea / Coffee

16:00-17:00 Summary of the Day
Structural and Institutional Causes of Conflict

- Dr. Andries Odendaal (Conflict Transformation Practitioner)
17:00-17:30 Assessment of Day One

DAY TWO 23 MAY 2008

08:30 – 09:00 Open Window

09:00 – 12:00 Breakaway into Working Commissions:

- Individual Causes (for example, Ignorance amongst South Africans on International Migration and its related causes)

Proposed Solutions

- Structural Causes (for example, Socio-Economic issues or Service Delivery Challenges)

Proposed Solutions

- Institutional Causes (for example Failure of Government Institutions and other Public/Private bodies to render services)

Proposed Solutions

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:30 Groups Report Back to Plenary

14:30 - 15:00 Closing Remarks:

MEC L. Ramatlakane (Western Cape Minister of Community Safety)

15:00 - 16:00 Evaluation and Way Forward