

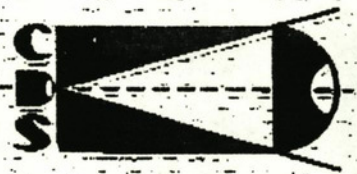
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Prof Kader Asmal
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Dear Prof Asmal

re: Invitation to attend conference on "South African Media in the Transition to Democracy"

The Centre for Development Studies (CDS) at the University of the Western Cape, in association with the Campaign for Open Media (COM) have pleasure in inviting you to nominate two members of the above working group to attend an important National Media Conference to be held in Cape Town from January 31st to 2nd February 1992. The conference will be held at the University of the Western Cape.

The conference is being convened by an Eminent Media Person's Group which includes:

- * Nadine Gordimer (Nobel Prize Winner for Literature)
- * Prof Njabulo Ndebele (formerly head of the department of African Literature at the University of the Witwatersrand and currently vice-rector designate of the University of the Western Cape)
- * Harvey Tyson (Former Editor-in-Chief of the Star newspaper and currently a member of the Board of the Argus Printing and Publishing Company)
- * Cyril Madlala (Managing Editor of the UmAfrika newspaper in Natal - one of the fastest growing independent or "alternative" newspapers in the country)
- * Jane Raphaely (Editor of Femina magazine)
- * Raymond Louw (chairperson of COM)
- * Mandla Tyala (Deputy editor of the Evening Post and Weekend Post newspapers in the Eastern Cape)
- * Clive Emdon (Former head of the Department of Journalism and Public Relations at the Natal Technikon and currently assistant director at the Technikon)

University of Stellenbosch and a former member of the board of the SABC)

We envisage that this will be a high profile conference which will formulate resolutions to be tabled with the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA) and other appropriate forums to ensure that the media, as a democratic tool, can play its role in helping to bring about free and fair elections. The conference will also consider steps to be taken to ensure that the media is able to facilitate the widest possible debate and free flow of information and opinion during the transitional period. The conference will further consider measures to promote high standards of journalistic ethics during the transitional phase.

The aim of the conference is to arrive at concrete and practical steps to be taken so that a free and unfettered media can provide fair and accurate coverage of the transitional process in the public interest.

We are enclosing a mission statement on the conference prepared by the chairperson of COM, Mr Raymond Louw. On a point of information, COM is an umbrella body which includes three media trade unions (the South African Union of Journalists, the Association of Democratic Journalists and the Media Workers Association of South Africa) as well as the Anti-Censorship Action Group, the Film and Allied Workers Organisation, the Congress of South African Writers and a few media individuals. In this form these organisations and individuals pool their efforts to strive for a free media in South Africa.

The objective and brief of the CDS is to facilitate the process of the development of policy options for a post-apartheid South Africa through research, workshops and conferences together with the democratic forces in South Africa and elsewhere. Its association with COM in this conference is thus part of this effort.

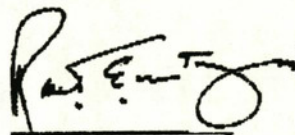
We are inviting representatives of all the main political parties and movements in South Africa. This includes the African National Congress, the Pan Africanist Congress, the Azanian People's Organisation, the National Party, the Democratic Party, the Conservative Party, the Labour Party, Solidarity, the South African Communist Party and the Transvaal and Natal Indian Congresses. Representatives of all the main media groupings (mainstream and alternative, broadcast and print, employer and union, media academics and lawyers) will also be invited. In addition representatives of civic society as well as religious groupings and the major national trade union federations will be invited.

Various foreign and international media organisations are also receiving invitations including the International Federation of Journalists, the Commonwealth Journalists Association, the International Press Institute, the International Organisation of Journalists, the Commonwealth Print Union and the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association. It is hoped that various media personalities from Namibia will also attend as well as the Swedish Press Ombudsman.

We apologise for this late invitation. South Africa's transition from apartheid to a non-racial democracy has already begun and we have had to act at short notice in order to address the role of the media during this historically significant phase.

Could you please confirm **BY NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 24** whether you will be able to accept this invitation. Please also indicate whether we need to arrange accommodation and/or flight bookings for you. Should flight bookings be required, also indicate the departure point. We expect delegates to arrive on the evening of 30th January.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randi Erentzen', written over a horizontal line.

Randi Erentzen
Acting-Director

FREE, FAIR and OPEN

South African Media in the Transition to Democracy

Friday January 31, 1992

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

09h00-09h45: Opening address by Professor Njabulo Ndebele
(conference convenor and vice-rector of UWC)

Keynote address by Mr Cushrow Irani (International Press Institute)

Explanation of conference aims and procedures by
Raymond Louw (conference convenor and chairperson of COM)

POLITICAL VIEWS OF THE MEDIA IN THE TRANSITION

09h45-11h00: *One speaker each of the:*
African National Congress
Inkatha Freedom Party
Democratic Party
National Party

11h00-11h15: Tea

11h15-11h45: Discussion

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR A FREE MEDIA IN THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

11h45-12h30: Gilbert Marcus (media lawyer)
Lauren Jacobson (media lawyer)

12h30-13h00: Presentation of discussion papers and proposed resolutions

13h00-14h00: Lunch

14h00-14h30: Questions and discussion

THE ROLE OF THE ELECTRONIC AND STATE MEDIA DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

14h30-15h30: Prof Sampie Terreblanche (conference convenor and former member of the Board of the SABC)
Akwe Amosu (BBC Africa Service)
Report of the Broadcast Working Group
SABC speaker to be announced
Nzhum Goreleck (Director-General of the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation)
David Dison (media lawyer)
Speaker of the Community Radio Working Group

15h30-15h45: Presentation of discussion papers and proposed resolutions

15h45-16h00: Tea

16h00-16h30: Questions and discussion

16h30-18h30: Commissions meet to formulate resolutions on legal and constitutional media matters

- 08h30-11h00: Commissions meet to formulate resolutions on the role of the electronic and state media
- 11h00-11h15: Tea
- 11h15-12h15: Rapporteurs from the Legal and Constitutional commissions report to the plenary Resolutions
- 12h15-13h30: Rapporteurs from the Electronic and State Media commissions report to the plenary Resolutions
- 13h30-14h30: Lunch

MEDIA ETHICS: MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THE FAIR AND FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION

- 14h30-15h45: Anthony Sampson (journalist and author from the United Kingdom)
Report from the Media Unions' Working Group
Max du Preez (editor of Vrye Weekblad and member of the Conference of Independent Newspaper Editors)
Harvey Tyson (conference convener — one view from the mainstream media)
Speaker from the Cosatu/Nactu delegation
Gwen Lister (editor of The Namibian)
- 15h45-16h00: Presentations of discussion papers and proposed resolutions
- 16h00-16h30: Questions and discussion
- 16h30-16h45: Tea
- 16h45-18h30: Commissions meet to formulate resolutions on media ethics

Sunday February 2, 1992

- 08h30-09h30: Rapporteurs of the media ethics commissions report to the plenary Resolutions
- 09h30-09h45: Tea

MONITORING OF THE MEDIA DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

- 09h45-10h45: Derek Ingram (Commonwealth Journalists' Association)
Report of the Independent Broadcast Monitoring Network
- 10h45-11h30: Questions and discussion
- 11h30-12h15: Resolutions
- 12h15-12h45: Declaration from the Conference
- 12h45-13h00: Closing remarks
- 13h00-14h00: Lunch
- 14h00: Delegates depart

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