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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

LUNCHTIME MEETING:

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL HALL  
MONDAY, 8 MARCH  
1.00 - 2.00 pm

PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES DRAFT BILL  
ABOLITION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN DRAFT BILL  
PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DRAFT BILL

SPEAKERS:

- BRIGITTE MABANDLA - Senior Researcher at the Community Law Centre, University of Western Cape
- DESIREE HANSSON - Director, Institute of Criminology, University of Cape Town
- SPEAKER - Member, Women's National Coalition Steering Committee, Western Cape Region.

Hosted jointly by the Gender Desk of The National Association of Democratic Lawyers, the Gender Desk of Lawyers for Human Rights and the Black Lawyers Association.

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### **PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DRAFT BILL**

- both Magistrate and Supreme Court competent to order interdicts
- allows conditional warrants of arrest to be issued
- makes a husband liable for conviction of rape of his wife where the parties live apart
- allows the seizure of a firearm to be ordered by a Magistrate to prevent domestic violence
- allows the Minister of Justice to make special rules relating to procedure under this Act

### **PROMOTION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES DRAFT BILL**

- prohibits discrimination solely on the grounds of sex, marital status or pregnancy, except where gender is an occupational requirement
- discrimination will NOT be a criminal offence
- discrimination to be phased out in "orderly fashion"
- establishes Equal Opportunities Commission appointed by State President
- permits discrimination on the basis of biological function
- allows bona fide discrimination against women within religious associations
- appoints assistant-ombudsman (sic) to investigate discrimination by the state

### **ABOLITION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN DRAFT BILL**

- abolishes marital power
- shares guardianship and custody of a child between parents, unless Court orders otherwise
- grants full legal and contractual capacity to all women
- changes age of retirement for women to 55 years
- disallows automatic dismissal for marriage or pregnancy
- grants freedom to women to box and wrestle in tournaments