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PRESS STATEMENT

A major conference on LAND, PROPERTY RIGHTS AND THE NEW CONSTITUTION will take place on 21-23 May at Sanbonani, Sabie in the Eastern Transvaal.

The conference has been organised by the Community Law Centre and the ANC Constitutional Committee.

The purpose of the conference is to begin the process of formulating land and property rights which has been identified as an important priority for the democratic movement.

While it is the view of the liberation movement that these issues should be discussed and agreed by the Constituent Assembly, current constitutional talks have resulted in a demand for a property rights clause to be agreed to immediately.

The challenge is to reach an equitable balance between the demand by the have's for the protection of their property and the have not's for redistribution. A formulation needs to be found, therefore, which will not entrench the status quo but enable a future democratic government to address the present inequalities.

The conference will open at 2pm on Friday 21st May with a keynote address by Dr Govan Mbeki on "Land as a Birthright".

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