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SATIS NATIONAL CONFERENCE



POLITICAL REPRESSION IN SOUTH AFRICA & NAMIBIA



SATURDAY DECEMBER 13

10.00am-5.00pm
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON UNION
MALET STREET, LONDON WC1

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PROGRAMME

- 10.00 Coffee and Registration
- 10.30 Opening Session

Political repression under apartheid in South Africa and Namibia
The morning plenary session will involve a number of key speakers
outlining the areas and context of repression in South Africa and
Namibia; including political trials, apartheid executions, detentions and
torture, the repression of children, the apartheid regime's use of
vigilantes and the legal framework of apartheid.

- 11.45 Questions to panel of keynote speakers and contribution from conference floor
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.35 **SATIS Emergency Campaign**Introduction to campaigning workshops
- 2.00 Workshops
 Campaigning against apartheid political repression in organisations
 1 Trade unions; 2 Religious Groups; 3 -Women's Groups; 4 Students/Youth; 5 Black/Anti-Racist Groups; 6 Local authorities; 7 Local AA Groups; 8 Lawyers: 9 Other
- 3.30 Break for tea
- 4.00 Plenary session
- 5.00 Conclusion

Speakers in the plenary and workshop sessions include Shapua Kaukungua — SWAPO Chief Representative, a representative of the African National Congress, Geoffrey Bindman, Chair of SATIS, Mike Worsnip, former General Secretary of the Christian Council of Lesotho and representatives from trade unions, women's groups, lawyers, church groups and community organisations.

A series of Conference papers will be available to all delegates which include upto-date information on the different areas and a set of concise campaign documents.

Registration for the Conference is £3.00 for individuals and £6 for organisations (£1 unwaged) which includes the conference papers. The Conference is open to all individuals and organisations who support the aims of SATIS.

Conference briefing papers are available separately, price £2 per set from SATIS.

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In 1986 SATIS (Southern Africa — the Imprisoned Society) launched an Emergency Campaign to help focus public attention in Britain on the fast rising level of political repression in South Africa and Namibia. In order to maintain the widespread support this campaign has generated and provide a forum to discuss campaigning action, SATIS is convening a National Conference on Saturday 13 December in London.

The last two years have seen an unprecedented increase in the resistance of the people of South Africa and Namibia to apartheid and the full force of the apartheid state is being mobilised in an attempt to maintain minority rule.

In Namibia, South African troops, continuing their illegal occupation, are using increasingly violent methods to suppress the growing mass support for SWAPO; the conspiracy of silence about the atrocities committed in Namibia must be lifted — the country has been under an effective State of Emergency since the late 1970s.

In South Africa more than 12,000 people are currently in detention and many hundreds have been killed by the security forces in recent months. The whole country is under a State of Emergency and the growing numbers of political trials and executions bear witness to the lengths to which the 'legal' apparatus of apartheid as well as the military one is being increasingly used.

The crisis in Southern Africa has been reflected internationally by renewed initiatives and solidarity activity. This Conference has two main aims:

- 1. To provide up-to-date information on the scale and types of repression being systematically practised by the apartheid regime.
- 2. To discuss campaigning action against these forms of repression involving a wide range of organisations who are concerned to take action against apartheid.

The main themes of the Conference will be:

- The State of Emergency in South Africa and Namibia, including the use of the apartheid courts and political trials.
- Campaigning for the release of detainees and political prisoners, and against apartheid executions.
- Mounting campaigns in different organisations, including trade unions, religious, community, educational and women's groups.

The grave situation facing victims of political repression in Southern Africa means there is an urgent need to step up our campaigning. The SATIS Emergency Campaign and this national conference provides the opportunity for people to participate in this campaigning effort and hear contributions from South African and Namibian speakers. There will also be representatives of the different constituencies involved and a comprehensive Briefing Pack containing both information and campaigning papers.

SATIS (Southern Africa — The Imprisoned Society) co-ordinates and initiates campaigns against repression in South Africa and Namibia. It draws together representatives from the Alliance of Radical Methodists, Anti-Apartheid Movement, British Defence and Aid Fund, COSAWR, Haldane Society, International Defence and Aid Fund, Liberation, National League of Young Liberals, National Union of Students, Namibian Support Committee, Pax Christi, Society of Black Lawyers, TASS, UNA Youth Council.