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**Reconciliation Award
2012**

The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation

proudly presents the

Reconciliation Award Ceremony

featuring a dialogue on economic justice and reconciliation

6 Spin Street, Cape Town

Wednesday, 27 November 2013

The IJR Reconciliation Award for 2012 is presented to

The Socio-Economic Rights Institute



*for keeping the Marikana victims
and their families on the national agenda*

Cover image: Victims' families and members of the media gathered at a "koppie"
in Marikana, in commemoration of the 16 August 2012 tragedy. Image © SERI



About the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR)

The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation was launched in 2000 in the aftermath of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The aim was to ensure that lessons learnt from South Africa's transition from apartheid to democracy were taken into account as the nation moved ahead. Today, the Institute helps to build fair, democratic and inclusive societies in Africa through carefully selected engagements and interventions.

IJR Reconciliation Award

The Institute affords an annual Reconciliation Award to an individual, community or organisation in South Africa that has contributed towards reconciliation. Through this award the Institute would like to acknowledge and showcase the recipient's approaches and strategies to enabling reconciliation, whether these efforts originate in the spheres of politics, media, business, culture, sport, academia or community service.

Reconciliation is a broad term which the IJR defines as follows for the context of the award:

"Reconciliation strives to go beyond the normal, recognising that a failure to set in motion programmes to address sources of conflict which include the demand for retribution, acknowledgement, reparations, poverty relief and access to land will result in little more than delayed violence. It therefore involves taking the first steps to achieving the higher goal of sustainable peace. Reconciliation requires restraint, generosity of spirit, empathy and perseverance. This difficult task is sustained and energised by concrete goals, and a shared vision of what can and might yet be accomplished."

*Reconciliation is the art of turning the possible into the real
and is driven by a desire to stretch the limits of what seems possible at a given time.*

(From the IJR publication *Pieces of the Puzzle*)

2012 RECONCILIATION AWARD RECIPIENT

The Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa

The Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI) is a section 21 not-for-profit organisation that provides professional, dedicated and expert socio-economic rights assistance to individuals, communities and social movements in the form of rigorous applied research, engagement with government, policy/legal advocacy and reform, civil society coordination/mobilisation and public interest litigation. The organisation's thematic areas are: housing and evictions; access to basic services (water, sanitation, electricity); and political space.

SERI strives to promote the fulfilment of socio-economic rights and an adequate standard of living for vulnerable groups in South Africa through providing dedicated, expert socio-economic rights assistance to poor communities, social movements and women's and migrant groups. It works to advance public governance through empowering local communities to understand their rights, government processes and to effectively engage in such processes, thereby holding government accountable particularly at the local level, where delivery and local democracy are affected.

SERI also contributes to the networking and coordination of rights-based civil society initiatives and campaigns in relation to access to housing, water, electricity and sanitation, with a particular focus between 2012 and 2014 on advancing activism around regularising housing and basic services in informal settlements.



March to the Union Buildings to demand funding for the injured and arrested miners at the Marikana Commission

Marikana Commission of Inquiry

SERI represents before the Marikana Commission of Inquiry 36 families of striking miners who were killed by the police in August 2012. SERI also represents the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union (AMCU) at the Marikana Commission.



Widows and family members of the victims of Marikana, at the Commemoration event



SERI visits the Eastern Cape to consult with families of the victims of the Marikana tragedy

The Commission was appointed by President Jacob Zuma, and is chaired by Judge Ian Gordon Farlam. The Commission's mandate is "to investigate matters of public, national and international concern arising out of the tragic incidents at the Lonmin Mine in Marikana, in the North West Province, which took place between 11 and 16 August 2012 and led to the deaths of approximately 44 people, more than 70 persons being injured and approximately 250 people being arrested".

PARTICIPANTS ON PANEL OF ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION DIALOGUE



Zubeida Jaffer

Award-winning journalist and author

Zubeida started her career at the Cape Times in 1980 and also spent a short stint at the Rand Daily Mail in Johannesburg in the same year. Her work has earned her numerous local and international awards. These include the Muslim Views Achiever Award as well as the Honor Medal for Distinguished Service to Journalism from the University of Missouri in the USA. She is also the first woman in Africa to have won the coveted Foreign Journalist Award from the National Association of Black Journalists in the USA.

Zubeida is a graduate of both the University of Cape Town and Rhodes University. She also holds a Masters degree from Columbia University in New York, where she earned the award for best foreign student. She has joined the University of the Free State as writer-in-residence.



André Roux

Co-Head of Fixed Income & Currency, Investec

André is the co-head of Fixed Income & Currency and an economist with Investec Asset Management's Fixed Income & Currency team in South Africa. Prior to joining the firm in 1999, André was the deputy director general of the Department of Finance, where he took responsibility for macroeconomic, fiscal and tax policy, and intergovernmental fiscal relations. Prior to that, André spent two years at the Development Bank of Southern Africa. This followed a distinguished academic career during which he published widely on fiscal and development issues. André holds a Master of Philosophy (Economics) degree from Cambridge University and a Master of Science (Mathematics) degree from Oxford University. In addition, he holds a Bachelor of Science (honours) (Mathematics) degree and a Bachelor of Social Science (Mathematics and Sociology) degree from the University of Cape Town.



Teboho Mosikili

Director of Litigation, SERI

Teboho has practised as an attorney for five years. He completed his articles of clerkship at the Legal Resources Centre (LRC) and previously worked at the Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS) based at the University of the Witwatersrand. Teboho has extensive litigation experience in the judicial enforcement of the right to protection from arbitrary evictions and unlawful water and electricity cut-offs, among other issues affecting vulnerable and marginalised people in South Africa. He has been involved in a number of important socio-economic rights cases in the Constitutional Court, including Olivia Road, Joe Slovo, Abahlali, Joseph, Mazibuko, Gundwana and Sebola.

Teboho is currently involved in the Marikana Commission of Inquiry, where he is focused on vindicating the deceased miners and ensuring that the perpetrators are brought to justice. He has also launched a civil claim on behalf of the families of the deceased who are suing the National Police Commissioner for compensation for the loss of their loved ones and sole breadwinners.



Carlo Bernardo

Assistant Content Producer, Lead SA

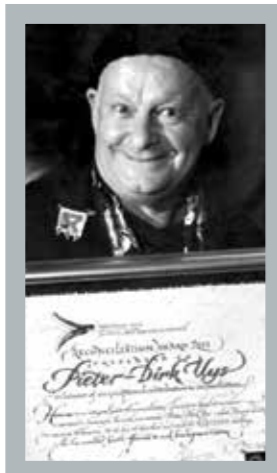
Carla graduated from the University of Cape Town in December 2012 with a degree in Film and Media and Political Studies. She began her career as a junior audio content producer for Primedia Broadcasting, Cape Town. In September 2013, Carla joined the Lead SA team as assistant content producer. She recently participated in the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation's five-day youth camp, and is now a proud IJR youth ambassador.



PREVIOUS RECONCILIATION AWARD RECIPIENTS



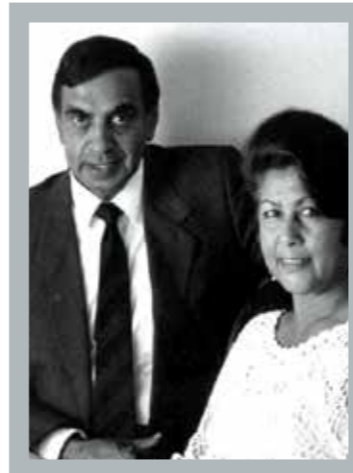
2000 Tim Modise
for getting the nation
talking



2001 Pieter-Dirk Uys
for enabling us to laugh
at ourselves



2002 PJ Powers and Sibongile Khumalo
for singing one another's songs



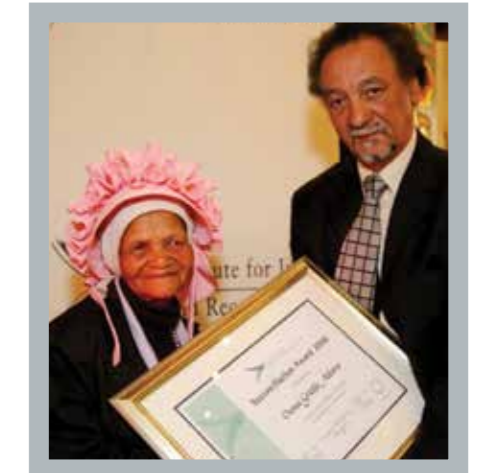
2003 Dullah and Farieda Omar
for their contribution
to the TRC process



2004 Mary Burton
for her work in the Black Sash
and elsewhere



2005 Brigalia Bam
for her role in enabling peaceful
democratic elections



2006 Ouma Grietjie Adams
for holding the community together
in mourning, conflict and celebration



2007 The community of Masiphumelele
for setting an example in promoting tolerance towards foreign nationals
and in striving to ensure dignity and justice for all in their community



2008 Shine Centre
for helping, through volunteerism,
foundation-phase learners with literacy



2009 Judge Albie Sachs
for realising reconciliation through his life and work



2011 Olga Macingwane
for her continued commitment to community reconciliation

A HEARTFELT *THANK YOU* FROM IJR!

To everyone who participated in the nomination process for the 2012 Reconciliation Award, thank you for highlighting the outstanding work of so many individuals and organisations who are working towards justice and reconciliation in South Africa.

To the 2012 Reconciliation Award selection and discussion panellists, thank you for giving of your time and insight to ensuring an informed and stimulating initiative.

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