

South African Conference Series, 2009

Mitigating Endemic Democratic Problems, MEDP.

2000 places for delegates are available; the deadline for abstract submission is May 1, 2009, with the deadline for article submission June 1, 2009. If you think you have a way to improve any aspect of South Africa, this conference is for you. Your paper -directed to a section, perhaps an South African ministry of government or other - (if accepted) will have its main points published in a book chapter. The goal of the conference is to provide the South African government and civil society with **practical (meaning realistic, immediately feasible) prescriptions** for their improvement. Lists of all sections are provided at the end of this document. After the conference is finished, each section's body of work will be distributed to the appropriate government ministry, public libraries, major media bodies, larger NGOs of South Africa, and larger university bodies. All sections will then be published into a volume(s) by a local university press and be available for purchase worldwide. This dispersion of practical and realizable information may improve South Africa.

July 1-4, 2009, will host MEDP's South African Conference Series to improve South African government and society. All South African government ministries will go under scrutiny (a list of them is available at the bottom of the page), as well as seven endemic problems with democracy which MEDP has identified, along with two auxiliary committees (chaired by technical school professors and exceptional post-graduate engineering students to make technical recommendations) and a specialist committee (chaired by specialists in South African government, society, and/or economy, to make in-depth specialist recommendations).

All university students, academic staff, professionals, or members of the general public with either (a) relevant work experience, (b) relevant university degrees, or (c) an excellent paper are welcome to submit abstracts or articles for our conferences. University, technical school, and high school students, as well as general population are eligible to participate as audience bodies.

University professors, doctorate holders, or senior professionals (at least 10 years of experience) vested in South African democracy, who specialize in South African government, society, and/or economy are asked to present abstracts for the **specialist committee**.

The benefits of participating in this conference series are:

- 1) Sparking discussion and awareness of practical improvements may increase the South African human condition.
- 2) You and your institution gain a conference proceedings publication, first class book chapter publication, and possibly a peer-reviewed journal article publication in MEDP's annual journal, *The International Abridgment of Democratic Improvement*.
- 3) Valuable discussion, networking, and the strengthening of civil society.

If you are aware of any persons (students, colleagues, friends, etc.) which may be interested in this interdisciplinary conference series, please forward this email. Below are the sections for the South African Conference Series currently accepting abstracts and/or papers.

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South African Ministries and Other Sections

[Parliament of South Africa](#)

[Department of Agriculture](#)

- [Agricultural Research Council \(ARC\)](#)

[Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology \(DACST\)](#)

[Department of Communications](#)

- [South African Broadcasting Corporation \(SABC\)](#)

[Department of Defence](#)

[Department of Education](#)

- [South African Qualifications Authority \(SAQA\)](#)

[Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism \(DEAT\)](#)

- [Chief Directorate Marine and Coastal Management](#)
- [Coastal Management Office](#)
- [South African Weather Bureau](#)
- [South African Tourism Board \(SATOUR\)](#)
- [National Botanical Institute \(NBI\)](#)
- [South African National Parks \(SANP\)](#)

[Department of Foreign Affairs](#)

[Department of Health \(DOH\)](#)

- [Medical Research Council of South Africa \(MRC\)](#)

[Department of Housing](#)

[Department of Justice and Constitutional Development](#)

[Department of Labour](#)

- [National Economic Development and Labour Council \(NEDLAC\)](#)
- [Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration \(CCMA\)](#)
- [Compensation Fund of South Africa](#)

[Department of Land Affairs](#)

- [Chief Directorate Surveys & Mapping](#)
- [Chief Surveyor-General](#)

[Department of Minerals and Energy \(DME\)](#)

- [Council for Geoscience](#)
- [National Electricity Regulator \(NER\)](#)
- [National Nuclear Regulator \(NNR\)](#)

[Department of National Treasury](#)

- [National State Tender Board \(NTSB\)](#)
- [South African Revenue Service \(SARS\)](#)

[Department of Provincial and Local Government](#)

- [Municipal Demarcation Board](#)

[Department of Public Enterprises](#)

[Department for Public Service and Administration](#)

[Department of Public Works](#)

[Department of Social Development](#)

- [National Population Unit \(NPU\)](#)

[Department of Sport and Recreation \(DSR\)](#)

- [Sports Information and Science Agency \(SISA\)](#)

[Department of Trade and Industry \(DTI\)](#)

- [Directorate Patents, Trade Marks, Copyright and Designs](#)

[Department of Transport](#)

- [National Roads Agency \(NRA\)](#)
- [South African Civil Aviation Authority \(CAA\)](#)

[Department of Water Affairs and Forestry \(DWAF\)](#)

- [Chief Directorate Forestry](#)
- Chief Directorate Water Use & Conservation
 - [Directorate Water Quality Management](#)
- Chief Directorate Scientific Services
 - [Directorate Hydrology](#)
 - [Directorate Geohydrology](#)
 - [Directorate Geomatics](#)
 - [Institute for Water Quality Studies \(IWQS\)](#)

[Secretariat for Safety and Security](#)

[South African Police Service \(SAPS\)](#)

[Statistics South Africa \(Stats SA\)](#)

[Government Communication and Information System \(GCIS\)](#)

[South African Bureau of Standards \(SABS\)](#)

[South African Telecommunications Regulatory Authority \(SATRA\)](#)

[Universal Service Agency \(USA\)](#)

[Independent Broadcasting Authority \(IBA\)](#)

[Financial Services Board \(FSB\)](#)

[Pan South African Language Board \(PANSALB\)](#)

[South African Reserve Bank](#)

[Development and Planning Commission for South Africa \(DPC\)](#)

[Financial and Fiscal Commission \(FFC\)](#)

[Water Research Commission \(WRC\)](#)

[Commission on Gender Equality \(CGE\)](#)

[Independent Electoral Commission \(IEC\)](#)

[Truth and Reconciliation Commission \(TRC\)](#)

[South African Human Rights Commission \(SAHRC\)](#)

[Public Protector](#)

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Transparency in South African Government?

Corruption in South African Government?

Accountability in South African Government?

Long-Term Goals, why don't South African citizens agree with the government on long term goals for South Africa?

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Representation, are there flaws in this system?

Campaigning Methods, are elections equal for all runners?

Constitution, does it reflect South Africa's pluralist society?

Auxiliary Committees - Are there areas of South African technology, technical economy, agriculture, etc., that need improvement? How?

Specialist Committee - What are the most immediate pressing matters for improvement in South Africa?

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