



## SOUTHERN AFRICAN CHIEF JUSTICES FORUM

MEETING OF CHIEF JUSTICES FROM SOUTHERN AND EAST AFRICA  
HELD IN WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA, ON 11 - 13 AUGUST 2005

### PROGRAMME

#### DAY 1: THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2005

**ALL DAY** Arrival of guests; check in and registration at the Windhoek  
Country Club and Resort

**17h30 – 20h00** Cocktail reception at the Wine Bar, Garten Street, Windhoek

#### DAY 2: FRIDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2005

**08h30 – 10h30** OPENING CEREMONY (SEE PROGRAMME OF OPENING)

**10h35** CHIEF JUSTICES GATHER IN ORYX ROOM NO 5

**10h40 – 10h50** 1. Opening Remarks by Chairperson of the SAJC, Chief  
Justice PN Langa of South Africa

2. Remarks by Secretary of the Venice Commission, Mr  
Gianni

Buquicchio

**10h50 – SESSION ONE: THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY**

**11h25**

**The independence of the judiciary:**

**(a) relations with the executive**

**(b) the media**

**(c) the rest of society**

**Chairperson: The Hon. Chief Justice J.M. Nganunu**

**Presentation by: The Hon. Chief Justice L.E. Unyolo**

**11h25 – SESSION TWO: PLENARY DISCUSSION**

**12h00**

**(1) Discussion of the presentation including**

**(2) How to deal with “trial by media”**

**12h00 – SESSION THREE: THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE JUDICIARY**

**12h30**

**The concept of and mechanisms for judicial accountability**

**Chairperson: The Hon. Chief Justice G.G. Chidyausiku**

**Presentation by: The Hon. Chief Justice E.L. Sakala**

**12h30 – LUNCH**

**13h30**

**13h45 – SESSION FOUR: PLENARY DISCUSSION**

**14h45**

**Discussion**

**14h45 – HEALTH BREAK**

**15h00**

**15h50 – VISIT TO PLACES OF INTEREST AROUND WINDHOEK**

**17h30**

**19h30 – DINNER AT HEJA LODGE**

**21h30**

**DAY 3: SATURDAY, 13 AUGUST 2005**

**09H00 – SESSION FIVE: THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**11h30**

- (1) Minutes**
- (2) Matters Arising**
- (3) Report on the Commission's activities since inception  
by Chairperson**
- (4) Report on activities from perspective of Venice  
Commission by Mr Buquicchio**
- (5) Report on the workshop on the status of the region's  
judicial training institutions held in June 2005, in  
South Africa : Ms Ruth Makhambeni (Co-ordinator)**
- (6) Discussion of future projects**
- (7) Financial statements**
- (8) ELECTION of new Management Committee**
- (9) Resolution(s)**
- (10) General**
- (11) Closing Remarks by The Honourable the Chief Justice of  
the Republic of Tanzania – Justice Samatta**

**19h30 – FORMAL DINNER AT THE SUPREME COURT OF NAMIBIA**

**21h30**

**(Special Guests: Justice Arthur Chaskalson and Dr.  
LorraineChaskalson)**

**DAY 4: SUNDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2005**

**ALL Departure of guests.**

**DAY**