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**CRL RIGHTS COMMISSION MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**FROM : THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O ADV.PS. MOREROA**

**TO : NEWS EDITORS / PR WIRES**

**DATE : 02 JUNE 2011**

**SUBJECT : Celebrating South African Youth Month 2011 'Youth Action for Economic Freedom in Our Lifetime'**

We are in the 35<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Soweto uprisings that mark the Youth Day, 16 June 1976. The importance of remembering this important day that contributed largely to the political complexion of the country nationally and internationally is that young people defined their future and destiny politically, culturally, religiously and linguistically.

The CRL Rights Commission endorses the Youth Month under the theme "Youth Action for Economic Freedom in Our Lifetime." and take this moment to encourage all cultural, religious and language youth formations to reclaim their identity, spirituality and language in this globalization period we are living in and to promote diversity during this month and beyond.

The post apartheid challenges involving young people today inter'alia is the preservation of cultural, religious and linguistic values and diversity that the 1976 young generation displayed to the extent of shedding their blood and losing their lives.

Even though colonialism and apartheid markedly and evidently distorted the cultural, religious and language currencies of Black people particularly Africans, the post 1994 generation were supposed to harness the constitutional gains as enshrined in the Bill of Rights which protect and promote the civil liberties, socio-economic and cultural rights.

As the youth of South Africa celebrate this month of June, particular attention should be given to the need for authorities to allow the utmost expression of these rights. In recent and specifically during the Human rights month this year, the Commission for

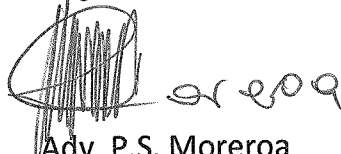
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These complaints relate to the admission and exclusion of learners on the basis of the religious affiliations and practices. To be particular, we have witnessed the exclusion of Rastafarian learners from schools simply because of their hair dreadlocks (a feature which is important and central to the Rastafarian and African Traditional Healers).

It is against this prevailing background that the CRL Rights Commission is calling on all authorities that have a bearing on the wellbeing of young people particularly learning institutions to observe and promote the diverse cultural, religious and linguistic identities of young people during their policy and legislative reviews, consistently with constitutional provisions, specifically the Bill of Rights.

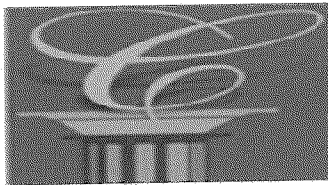
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Regards



Adv. P.S. Moreroa  
Chief Executive Officer  
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**FROM : OFFICE OF THE CEO. ADV. P.S. MOREROA**

**TO : NEWS EDITORS / PR WIRES**

**DATE : 09 JUNE 2011**

**SUBJECT : SEMINAR: REPORT ON PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MALE  
INITIATION SCHOOL IN SOUTH AFRICA**

As a prelude to the official launch, the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (CRL Rights Commission) is hosting a Seminar on the *Report on Public Hearings on Male Initiation Schools in South Africa, 2010*.

Aside from the CRL Rights Commission's attempt to fulfill its mandate-through this report, the report itself is a valuable and comprehensive document that confers, highlights the major challenges facing the initiation practice in South Africa, and thus uncovers significant recommendations that could bring about viable solutions to the problem. More importantly, the report is, among others, intended to instigate a national debate in relation to South Africa's vision for the future in dealing with the initiation problem.

The Seminar is scheduled to take place in Rosebank, CRL Boardroom, and is strategically taking place during the Youth month. As this is an issue of national interest, your support in covering this newsworthy item will add much more value to our society.

**Explicit details are as follows:**

**Date: 14 June, 2011 (Tuesday)**

**Time: 9:00**

**Venue: CRL Boardroom, Rosebank**

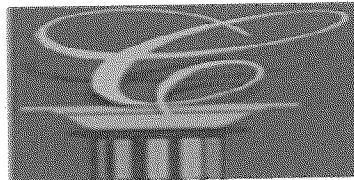
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Yours sincerely;

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**TO : NEWS EDITORS / PR WIRES**

**DATE : 10 JUNE 2011**

**SUBJECT:**

**CRL RIGHTS COMMISSION MEDIATION HEARINGS ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> AND 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011 REGARDING VIOLATION OF BURIAL GROUNDS AND GRAVES IN ALI WAL NORTH – DUKATHOLE TOWNSHIP AND PORT ELIZABETH- ZWIDE TOWNSHIP, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious, and Linguistic Communities ('CRL Rights Commission' or 'the Commission') is an institution established in terms of Section 181 (c), and mandated by Section 185 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa of 1996 to support constitutional democracy; promote and develop peace, friendship, humanity, tolerance and promote unity in diversity.

The CRL Rights Commission is deeply concerned on the conduct of the local municipalities, alleged mining and construction companies in destroying the graves of the various African communities without their consent. The conduct by these above mentioned institutions and companies is improper and unjust to the point that the African cultural and spiritual rituals are overlooked and disrespected.

It is based on these background that the Investigation and Conflict Resolution Unit of the CRL Rights Commission will be undertaking a follow up mediation hearings and discussing its findings regarding the allegation of violation of cemeteries rights, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2011 at Aliwal North Concentration Camp, Burial Grounds, situated at Dukathole Township and the allegation of the building of RDP Houses on top of the graves on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2011 at Veeplaas Community Cemetery, situated in Port Elizabeth, Zwide township, Eastern Cape Province.

The Commission is in co-operation with the affected families as complainants, Maletswai Local Municipality, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, Department of Sports, Recreation and Arts and Culture, and other Cultural institutions as respondents.

Details are as follows:

1. Venue: **Maletswai Local Municipality Offices**  
**Barkley and Somerset Street, Aliwal North**

Date: 13 June 2011

Time: 10h00- 12h00

2. Venue: **Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality**  
**KwaNtu Towers, 3rd floor, Vuyisile Mini Square at Govan Mbeki Avenue**

Date: 14 June 2011

Time: 9h00- 13h00

As this is an issue of national interest, your support in covering this newsworthy item will add much more value to our South African Communities.

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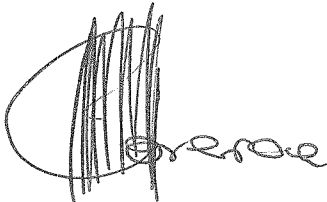
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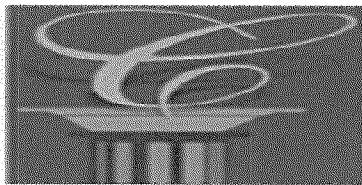
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**TO : NEWS EDITORS / PR WIRES**

**DATE : 15 JUNE 2011**

**SUBJECT : Celebration Youth Day**

The mandate of the CRL Rights Commission is to protect and promote Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities. It is against this mandate that the CRL Commission acknowledges and recognises all the languages that are recognized by the Constitution of the country that warrants protection and promotion of human dignity.

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In South Africa, Afrikaans was known to have been "the language of the oppressor". Youth Day commemorates a march by school pupils in Soweto on June 16, 1976 in protest over Afrikaans as a medium of instruction at their schools. This propelled student around South Africa to protest against the then Apartheid system which was endorsed and imposed the use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in the education fraternity. Since the inception of democratic dispensation, Afrikaans is now treated equally with other languages in South Africa.

The current democratic dispensation that respects human rights culture and the rule of law must be conceptualised as installing a sense of self-worth to our youth which starts at home and must be allowed in learning institutions; lest we shall be undermining the blood that the 1976 youth had shed, so as to benefit the youth of generations to come.

As the youth of South Africa celebrate this month, particularly attention should be given to the need for authorities to allow the utmost expression of these rights. In recent and specifically during the Human rights month this year, the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (CRL Rights Commission) has registered a number of complaints affecting young people in learning institutions.

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The CRL Rights Commission has issued a statement supporting the minister of higher education in calling for South African indigenous languages not to be taught only in the institutions of higher learning, but also at a lower level.

It is against this prevailing background that the CRL Rights Commission is calling on all authorities that have a bearing on the wellbeing of young people particularly learning institutions to observe the diverse cultural, religious and linguistic identities of young people during their policy reviews, consistently with constitutional provisions of the Bill of Rights.

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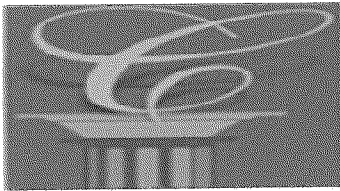
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**FROM : OFFICE OF THE CEO. ADV. P.S. MOREROA**

**TO : NEWS EDITORS / PR WIRES**

**DATE : 20 JUNE 2011**

**SUBJECT : STATEMENT ON XENOPHOBIA ATTACKS IN LIMPOPO**

The Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities (CRL Rights Commission) is concerned by the ongoing violent victimisation of African refugees across the country particularly in Limpopo province where the victim was killed by the members of the community, which included an alleged ward councillor.

This unbearable and unprecedented conduct comes in direct contrast with the commemoration of the World Refugee Day on which human rights of refugees are globally observed.

The continued humiliation of African working refugees further runs contrary to the values and spirit of ubuntu as enshrined in our Constitution of 1996, particularly the freedom of movement and residence, and freedom and security of the person; and article 2 of the Charter on African Commission for Human and Peoples Rights which provides that 'every individual shall be entitled to the enjoyment of the rights and freedoms recognised and guaranteed in the present Charter without distinction of any kind such as race, national and social origin, birth, or other status'.

We urge the community leadership and CRL Community councils to assist in deepening peace, friendship, tolerance, respect for human dignity, and communal cohesion among all the people they lead in pursuit of social justice and equality, irrespective of an individual's birthplace.

The CRL Rights Commission advances the Constitution's preamble and its founding values that 'South Africa belongs to all who live in it, united in our diversity and non racialism and non sexism'

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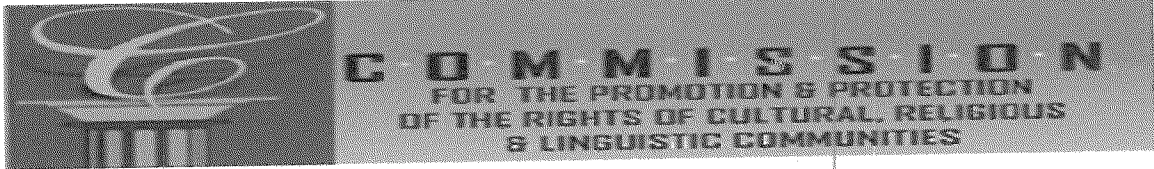
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**CRL RIGHTS COMMISSION CONDOLENCES FOR THE PASSING ON OF PROF  
KADER ASMAL**

FAO: News Editors/PR Wire Services

From: Adv PS Moreroa

Date: Thursday 23 June 2011

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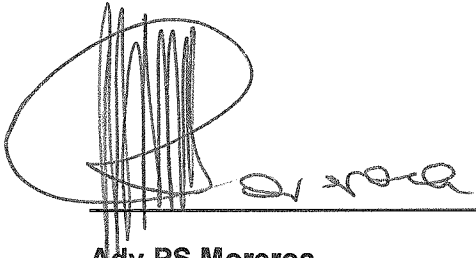
It is with great sadness that the Republic of South Africa mourns the death of a prominent freedom fighter and advocate for human rights. The Commission for the Promotion and the Protection of the rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities is disturbed by the passing on of Professor Kader Asmal. South Africa has lost one of the most vigilant custodian of our freedom, constitutional order and a human rights defender.

Kader Asmal remains in the memory of his people, all those who knew him closely as a true patriot who devoted his life to the struggle for freedom and independence of South Africans. As a prominent state and political figure, wise and respected leader he made an invaluable contribution to the formation of an independent South Africa, securing its development and prosperity.

Through his contribution South Africa's independence gained international recognition as a country with the most liberal constitution entrenched in the promotion and protection of human rights.

On behalf of cultural, religious and linguistic communities in South Africa, the CRL Rights Commission expresses deepest condolences to the Asmal family, relatives and friends during this difficult time of this irretrievable loss.

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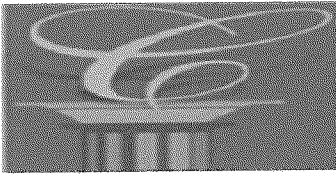
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**FROM : THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O ADV.PS. MOREROA**  
**TO : NEWS EDITORS / PR WIRES**  
**DATE : 30 JUNE 2011**

**SUBJECT : Celebrating Mandela Monday's and International Mandela Day 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011 'Working together to build a caring society'**

The CRL Rights commission endorses the Mandela Monday's day that was initiated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2011 as part of encouraging a caring nation and committing five (5) minutes of our daily work in caring for the poor, needy and vulnerable.

We therefore call upon our Cultural, Religious and Language Communities to dedicate their five minutes every Monday until the 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2011 and later commit their 67 minutes on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2011 by caring and respecting the vulnerable, youth and elderly people.

The CRL Rights Commission endorses the International Mandela day under the theme "**Working Together to Build a Caring Society**" and recalls one of the famous words of then former president Nelson Mandela in his early days that 'let us build one another' (Masakhane).

As we celebrate this Mandela Monday's the CRL Rights Commission and its affiliated communities would like to remind South Africans that, let us care and share his words for five minutes and boldly implement his words that '**Masakhane is about people taking responsibility for their own upliftment and participating in the governing of their own lives, it is about empowering ourselves by creating good working relations between government and communities, for the benefit of everybody**'.

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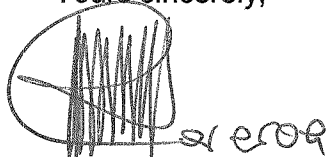
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