+SECTION27 incorporating the AIDS Law Project
catalysts for social justice

Southern African Regional Dialogue on Strategies for Accelerating and Unifying Campaigns for the Right to Health:

Atlas Studios, Johannesburg, 25 & 26 March 2011

Welcome:

FIRST SESSION, 10.00am – 11.30am

1. Introduction: Why convene this meeting:
   Reflections of an AIDS activist: Is there a crisis of strategy and vision for the right to health? Is there an opportunity? – Mark Heywood, Executive Director SECTION27.

2. Challenges to Fulfilling the right to health: Perspectives of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health – Anand Grover

3. South Africa's constitutional right of access to health care services: what do we seek from the international community to help realise the right? Address by South African Deputy Health Minister, Dr Gwen Ramokgopa

SECOND SESSION, 11.30am – 13.00pm:

Discussion facilitated by Dr Rene Lowenson, TARSC/Equinet

Looking up from the struggle: where are we now?
Terrains, successes / reversals in and obstacles to realising the right to health at:

- **@ Local level**
- **@ National level**
- **@ International/global level**

Synergies, gaps and challenges across these levels

Summarized by Eric Friedman

LUNCH

THIRD SESSION, 14.00pm – 17.00pm:

Chairperson: Jonathan Berger

Panel Discussion: Changing the Equation? Identifying the catalytic campaigns that could unify a global right to health movement:

Campaigning for equitable and adequate Financing mechanisms for health

- Ten minute inputs by:
  - Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) – 'The GFATM'
  - Medico International - 'funding mechanisms for resource innovation'
  - AIDS and Rights Alliance of Southern Africa (ARASA) - 'the Financial Transactions Tax'
  - People's Health Movement (PHM) -

  Discussion

Summarized by Jonathan Berger

DINNER, 18.30pm

- Address by Precious Matsoso, Director General of the South African Department of Health

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DAY TWO:

26 March 2011, FOURTH SESSION

9:00am – 9:30am

The Importance of Global Solidarity in the Fight for the Right to Health – General Secretary of COSATU, Zwelinzima Vavi

9:30am – 11.30am

Debating the Idea of a Framework Convention on Global Health:

Arguments for: Adila Hassim & Larry Gostin

Arguments Against: Stephen Lewis & Gorik Ooms

Summarized by Jay Naidoo, Chairperson, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

12.00-14.00: Building a Consensus on Action, Advocacy and Research

Summarising the discussions: Where do we go from here? Facilitated by Adila Hassim & Anand Grover

14.00: LUNCH & DEPARTURE

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