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**Ethics in Public Life:
2010 National Conference**

Townhouse Hotel, 60 Corporation St, Cape Town
21 & 22 October 2010

*Programme director: Ms Phelele Tengeni, Deputy Chairperson of the
Public Service Commission*

Day 1: Thursday, 21 October 2010

08:30 **Registration**

09:00 **Welcome & introductions:**
Public Service Commission
Isaack Otieno, Corruption & Governance Programme, Institute for Security Studies
Open Society Foundation

09:15 **Panel 1: Restoring integrity in public life**

CHAIR: Jody Kollapen, Acting Judge

- *What should we expect from public officials?*
- *What are the major challenges?*
- *How can we entrench a culture of accountability?*
- *What is the impact on citizens' trust?*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Zwelinzima Vavi, COSATU Secretary-General: *Corruption and governance challenges
in South Africa (to be confirmed)*

William Gumede, Academic and co-author of 'The Poverty of Ideas': *Morality and
ethics in public life*

DISCUSSION

10:30 **Refreshments**

11:00 **Panel 2: How effective are conflicts of interest regulations?**

CHAIR: Collette Schulz Herzenberg, Senior Researcher, ISS

- *Are existing regulations effective for controlling conflicting interests in public life?*
(Declarations of interest, recusal, prohibitions, exclusion from decision-making)
- *What, if any, improvements can be made?*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Commissioner Mawasha, Ethics, Integrity and Anti-corruption Specialist Team, Public Service Commission: *Financial disclosure laws and codes of conduct for public sector officials*

Ms Fazela Mahomed: Registrar of Members Interests, National Parliament: *Financial disclosure laws and codes of conduct for elected officials*

DISCUSSION

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Panel 3.1: Exploring unregulated conflicts of interest areas

1. Public Tendering and Procurement

CHAIR: Jacques Marnewicke, Business Unity South Africa (BUSA)/ Head: Group Compliance, Sanlam Limited

- *What are the currently unregulated areas of public life that generate COI?*
- *Why do they present ethical and governance dilemmas for democracy?*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

South African Communist Party representative: *'Tenderpreneurs'*
(to be confirmed)

Judith February, Head of PIMS, Idasa: *The Revolving door*

DISCUSSION

14:30 Refreshments

15:00 Panel 3.2: Exploring unregulated conflicts of interest areas

2. Perceptions of conflicts of interest in public life

CHAIR: Andile Sokomani, Senior Researcher, ISS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Anthony Butler, *University of Witwatersrand: Party funding in South Africa*

Ms Geraldene Chaplog-Louw, **Manager Financial Management Independent Electoral Commission**, *Why a regulatory environment is important for South Africa*

Hennie van Vuuren, ISS Cape Town Director: *Linkages between party owned corporations and party funding*

DISCUSSION

16:30 **End of day one: Closing remarks:** Programme director: Ms Phelele Tengeni, Deputy Chairperson of the Public Service Commission.

Day 2: Friday, 22 October 2010

9:00

Panel 4: Civil society and media perspectives

CHAIR: Marianne Camerer, Co-founder and International Director, Global Integrity

- *Are access to information and whistle blowing laws ensuring a transparent environment that make detection of conflicts of interest possible?*
- *Does media communication raise general awareness and hold officials accountable in a responsible manner?*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Alison Tilley, Executive Director of the Open Democracy Advice Centre (ODAC): *Access to information and whistle blowing as tools for detecting conflicts of interests*

Ferial Haffajee, Editor of City Press: *Conflicts of interest and responsible reporting*

DISCUSSION

11:15

Refreshments

11:30

Panel 5: Institutional reform

CHAIR: Gavin Woods, Public Service Commissioner

- *With multiple sources for conflicts of interests what can be done to improve integrity in public life?*
- *Do recent policy recommendations have any merit?*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Kader Asmal, Law Faculty, University of Western Cape: *Role of an Integrity Commissioner*

Vanessa Phala, Acting Chief Director at the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA): *New anticorruption initiatives*

Commissioner Nkosi, Public Service Commission: *The management of gifts*

DISCUSSION

13:00

End of day two: Closing remarks:

- *Programme director: Ms Phelele Tengen, Deputy Chairperson of the Public Service Commission.*
- *ISS: Collette Schulz Herzenberg / Hennie van Vuuren*

13:15

Lunch
