



**NATIONAL  
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ZIMBABWE**

## **Knowledge Management Committee Meeting Report**

**Holiday Inn, Harare**

**29 October 2019**

### **Introduction**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 the Knowledge Management Committee had a meeting at Holiday Inn Harare. The meeting was attended by representatives from Africa University, Solusi University, Zimbabwe Peace Project, Catholic University, Media Monitors, University of Cape Town who joined the conversation via Skype, Centre for Peace Initiatives in Africa (CPIA) and the Secretariat of the National Transitional Justice Working Group.

The main objective of the meeting was to design an action plan for the implementation of the resolutions of the 2019 Stakeholders Conference. This was broken into specific objectives which were to:

- a. Elect an expert to represent the committee in the NTJWG;
- b. Review the NTJWG Strategy and explore the development of the Knowledge Management Strategy;
- c. Design an action plan for 2019 -2022 strategic period.

### **Summary of Proceedings**

The meeting began with a round of introductions then Mr Dzikamai Bere gave a presentation in which he unpacked the agenda and mandate of the Committee. He highlighted that the Committee would be responsible for heading one of the strategic priorities of the NTJWG which is knowledge. He highlighted that knowledge around transitional justice in Zimbabwe has thus far been in the reserve of very few people and the committee's mandate is essentially to change that status quo. He then explained that the thematic leader of the committee would be responsible for

- convening and chairing the committee's meetings once every quarter; and
- giving strategic direction in the implementation of the knowledge management strategy formulated by the committee in line with the NTJWG strategy.

After that explanation he invited participants to nominate members of the committee to take up the position of thematic leader of the Committee. and the following names were given:

- a. Father Mukonori from Center for Peace Initiatives in Africa;
- b. Mabel Sithole from the University of Cape Town; and

- c. Dr Manungo (in absentia) from Solusi University.

Farirai Sibanda then did a presentation on the NTJWG strategy and the African Union Transitional Justice Policy. In her presentation she highlighted the strategic priorities of the NTJWG in the period 2019 to 2022 and said that the most important one for the Knowledge Management Committee was knowledge. She highlighted that all the committee's work should be aimed at pursuing that priority. The participants expressed the sentiment that it was necessary to understand the cause and effect around issues of transitional justice so as to inform the strategy to be used in building knowledge. This presentation laid the foundation for the formulation of the action plan for the committee.

### **Outcomes of the Meeting**

The outcomes of the Knowledge Management Committee meeting were as follows:

- The members of the Knowledge Management Committee nominated people to take up the position of the thematic leader;
- The NTJWG Strategy was reviewed and opportunities for the Knowledge Management Committee to fulfill its mandate were identified; and
- An action plan was formulated for the committee to carry out its mandate.