

8 September 2021**RE: HATE CRIMES AND HATE SPEECH BILL WORKSHOP**

Dear Stakeholder

It's been a few years since we last met to discuss the Draft Prevention and Combatting of Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Bill. The good news is that the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development heard the concerns we all raised and then held off with the updated draft until the Constitutional Court handed down judgment on the Jon Qwelane Matter. (See these three really useful pieces: [Ben Winks](#), [Dario Milo & Lavanya Pillay](#) and [MMA](#) on the ruling implications.)

We now have a [new draft Bil](#) (copy of it attached) and while there is much improvement it is really important that we gather again to discuss and hear what the concerns are and also where there is consensus. As usual we are inviting key stakeholders to join us to share their views. Submissions on the current draft are due on the 1st of October.

We would like to invite you to join us for a closed, Chatham House rules workshop to discuss the latest draft Prevention of Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Bill.

Date: 23 September**Time: 09:00am - 13:00pm**[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

We would have loved to have done it as a face to face meeting but we will have to stick to zoom.

For those who haven't been to one of our workshops recently we share an agenda closer to the time, but the general format will allow for an expert take on the Bill highlighting key issues and areas. We will then engage in discussions about the key issues, so we have a lot of time for input and discussion. Following the workshop we will produce a brief summary report for the participants that we would encourage you to use in your own submissions.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with William directly if you have any questions. We look forward to a great honest and direct conversation.

Kind Regards
William Bird