

Mass Meeting: Work with Deputy President Mlambo-Ngcuka - AIDS Law Project

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- **Mass Meeting: Work with Deputy-President Mlambo-Ngcuka to Implement the HIV/AIDS Plan**
- Date: 10 September 2007, 10am-2pm
- Venue: Meet at Triangle Square, corner Leyds & Church Street, Pretoria
 - This event will take place outside a South African National AIDS Council meeting that has the opportunity to take important policy decisions that will help implement the *HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections National Strategic Plan 2007-2011*.

- **On 5 September 2007, Jonathan Berger of the AIDS Law Project (ALP) made a submission on behalf of TAC and the ALP to the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services on the Correctional Services Amendment Bill [B 32=972007].** The submission deals with the role of the *Inspecting Judge of Prisons*. [Click here to download the full submission](#).

A few problematic issues raised in our submission have been addressed. = ; For example, the position remains that of an inspecting judge, whether in active service or retired (and not a legally trained inspector-general). Further, a few of the judge's powers regardin= g staffing have been retained. But the principled concern - that being that the staff of the office is largely to be comprised of public servants seconded from the Department of Correctional Services or other government departments - remains unaddressed. In short, an independen= t body cannot be staffed by public servants who account to their principals in the public service. This point appears to have been wel= l received by the chairperson of the committee.

A further concern is that the Minister of Correctional Services has not yet released a report on the investigation into the death of the prisoner known as MM at Westville Correctional Centre (one of the Applicants in the [Westville Prison](#) case, who died of AIDS during this litigation). This episode shows that the Judicial Inspectorate needs to be strengthened, not undermined.

- **Khayelitsha Dismissed Workers Case:** The TAC website now has a page on this case. It contains a link to the full judgment by Justice Desai (newly added) as well as articles about this case. [Click here to go to it](#).

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