

SOUTHERN REFUGEE LEGAL AID NETWORK

First Annual Meeting of the Southern Refugee Legal Aid Network

You are invited to attend the first annual meeting of the Southern Refugee Legal Aid Network .

When: Saturday 29 September
At: 09.00 to 12.00pm
Where: Salle I - Ecumenical Centre
World Council of Churches

In January 2007 an ambitious program was established for refugee legal advocates at the inaugural conference for these groups in Nairobi, Kenya. The outcomes included the establishment of a network of Southern Refugee Legal Aid advocates, with a Code of Conduct and a Charter to guide the work. We are also establishing a programme to promote communication between members, a working executive committee, infrastructure to identify and respond to training needs, effective methods of information sharing and joint advocacy. This meeting will examine the progress made since the January meeting. We will share and evaluate actions taken to date and establish a work plan for the next 12 months, to ensure that the Code is more than rhetoric and that the program is funded and continues to be implemented. The UNHCR RSD Unit will be invited so that they can participate in the discussions of reforms in RSD thus far and what is still required. Members of the Network and others interested in the topic are cordially invited to attend.

