



*ENGAGING NEPAD:
GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER*

*A workshop to be co-hosted by the **Southern African Regional Poverty Network (SARPN)** and the **Centre for Civil Society** at the University of Natal, Durban Campus on the 4th July 2002*

Programme

8h30 – 9h00 Tea/Coffee and Registration

09h15 **Welcome Note**, Andrew Kaniki Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs, University of Natal

9h20 **Panel One: Contending Views on NEPAD**

Chair: Prof. Roger Southall, Human Sciences Research Council

- **Why is NEPAD Critical to Africa's Development?**
Prof. Ben Turok, Member of Parliament, South Africa
- **Can Nepad Address Africa's Development Challenges?**
Tanya van Meelis, Trade and Industry Policy Co-ordinator, Cosatu

10h00 Discussion

10h30 Tea/Coffee

11h00 **Panel Two: Trade, Poverty Reduction Strategies and Gender Perspectives within NEPAD**

Chair: Prof. Bill Freund, Dept of Economic History, UND

- **Regional Economic Commissions and Trade within NEPAD: The Case of Comesa**
Richard Randriamandrato, Chief Strategic Planning and Research Officer, Comesa Secretariat

- **How NEPAD can engage with Poverty Reduction Strategies: Developing An Appropriate Framework?**
Charles Mutasa, Research Co-ordinator, Afrodad,
- **Gender Assessment of NEPAD**
Sara Longwe, Chairperson, African Women's Development and Communications Network (Femnet)

11h40 Discussion

12h10 **Panel Three: Assessing the Peer Review Mechanism**
Chair: Prof Hoosen Solomon, Africa Institute of South Africa

- **The Value of the Peer Review Mechanism for Building Peace in Africa**
Mr. Vasu Gounden, Founder and Executive Director, The African Centre for Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)
- **Is the Peer Review Mechanism an Appropriate Model for Good Governance: Examining the Case of Zimbabwe**
Brian Kagoro, Co-ordinator Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition

13h00 Discussion

13h30 **Reflections and Closure**
Prof. Adam Habib, Director Centre for Civil Society

13h45 Snack Lunch
