

## Invite

The University of Pretoria Department of Anthropology and Archaeology and the Centre for the Study of Governance Innovation invite you to attend a webinar on:

### **Legalising cannabis in South Africa. Where are we at and where are we going?**

The first draft Bill in South Africa to legalise certain production and use of cannabis has been approved by Cabinet and is currently open for public submissions (deadline 30<sup>th</sup> November) before it is considered by Parliament. Various court process have led to this legislation being considered. This is a good time to discuss the Bill and open up a wider discussion on the issue of cannabis use and legalisation in South Africa.

This webinar will focus on how the draft Cannabis for Private Purposes Bill came to be, what it contains, and what this mean for the future of the cannabis sector. You are welcome to join the discussion.

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Time: 12noon to 13:30

Where: Online, [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hZBat1HfSLqgVKnPePy8pw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hZBat1HfSLqgVKnPePy8pw)

### **Speakers:**

Myrtle Clarke is Managing Director of Fields of Green for ALL, South Africa's first Cannabis legalisation non-profit company. Since her arrest on Cannabis charges in 2010, Myrtle, together with her late partner Julian Stobbs, has been passionate about creating awareness of the vital role Cannabis Culture can play in South African society and promoting a smooth transition to a legal Cannabis industry.



Paul-Michael Keichel is a partner at Schindlers Attorneys, specialising in commercial and general litigation. He assisted the so-called 'Dagga Couple' through their Pretoria trial and all the way up the Constitutional Court, which Court handed down its Judgment in September 2018. He now heads-up Schindlers' Medicinal and Recreational Cannabis Law Department.

Philasande Cele is a multi-talented innovator in the urban agriculture and cannabis space and also an MSc student and researcher at Wits University. The "Chilli of Soweto" he developed and grows has been added to the international Ark of Taste catalogue of heritage foods. He is the founder and director at Siyazenzela Plant Biotech and Agricultural Consultants, co-founder of Izindaba Zokudla (a small farmers platform), and Director of propagation, cultivation and processing at AfroCannabist (Pty) LTD.





Dr Tracy Muwanga is a trans-disciplinary post-doctoral fellow for the faculties of law and natural and agricultural sciences at University of Pretoria (UP). She completed her Doctorate in Public Law in 2018 at UP. Her thesis focuses on international human rights and medical law. She also lectures and supervises legal students.

Suresh Patel is Stakeholder Manager for Fields of Green for ALL, connecting with various stakeholders across the Cannabis industry. Suresh comes from an entrepreneurial background, having started several businesses. He believes real economic opportunities lie in creating laws and policies that allow as many entrepreneurs - especially from among the neediest in our society - to enter the space as possible.



**Moderator:**



Dr. Marc Wegerif lectures in Development Studies at UP and carries out research on agrarian transformation and food systems. He has over 30 years of development sector work experience from project to national and international policy levels. His Doctorate was obtained with the Rural Sociology Group at Wageningen University.