

MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROJECT

Services for All?

Conference and Festival

May 16-19, 2002

University of the Witwatersand
Johannesburg, South Africa

Programme of Events

THURSDAY, MAY 16	
<p>5PM (WITS P&DM AUDITORIUM)</p> <p>BRIEFING: <i>THE STATE OF SOUTH AFRICAN STRUGGLES FOR STATE SERVICES</i></p>	<p>Welcome: Greg Ruiters (Wits MSP) and David McDonald (Queens MSP) Chairperson: Virginia Setshedi (AIDC)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Fatima Meer (Concerned Citizens of Chatsworth): Post-Apartheid Social and Economic Justice 2) Mark Heywood (Treatment Action Campaign): Teaching the State its Responsibilities 3) MP Giyosi (Jubilee South Africa): Struggle for Debt Cancellation 4) Commentator: Nicola Bullard (Focus on the Global South, Bangkok)
<p>7-10:30PM (P&DM AUDITORIUM, FIRST FLOOR AND TENT OUTSIDE THE E.OPPENHEIMER HOUSE)</p>	<p>DINNER, CONTINUATION OF <i>NEW SOCIAL MOVEMENTS FILM FESTIVAL</i>, HIGHLIGHTING SA GRASSROOTS LABOUR AND ENVIRONMENT DOCCIES</p>
FRIDAY, MAY 17	
<p>9-11AM (P&DM AUDITORIUM)</p> <p>PLENARY: <i>AGAINST GLOBAL NEOLIBERALISM</i></p>	<p>Announcements and Welcome to Delegates: Patrick Bond (Wits MSP) and Trevor Ngwane (SECC) Chairperson: Dinga Sikwebu (National Union of Metalworkers of SA)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Maude Barlow (Council of Canadians): The Blue Planet Project versus Gats/WTO 2) Oscar Olivera (Coordination in Defense of Water and Life, Cochabamba): The Water is Ours, Damn It! 3) Patrick Apoya (Citizens Against Privatisation, Ghana): Resisting World Bank-driven Privatisation 4) Colin Leys (Socialist Register): Transcending State Impotence
<p>11-11:30AM</p>	<p>Tea break</p>
<p>11:30-1PM (P&DM, FIRST FLOOR)</p>	<p>FIRST WORKSHOPS: <i>NEO-APARTHEID SERVICES?</i></p>
<p>WORKSHOP 1A: WATER PROFITEERS COME TO SA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Greg Ruiters (Wits MSP): Suez's Pilots in the E.Cape 2) Amanda Gillett (Wits MSP): Biwater in Nelspruit 3) David Hemson (HSRC MSP): Saur and Dolphin Coast 4) Commentator: Anna Weekes (Samwu) 	<p>WORKSHOP 1C: COST RECOVERY FETISHES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) David McDonald (Queens MSP): Cost Recovery Overview 2) Hameda Deedat (Irrig MSP): Cost Recovery in the Northern Cape 3) Ismael Peterson (Tafelsig Anti-Evictions Campaign): Resistance in Tafelsig 4) Commentator: Kate Bayliss (Public Services Int'l Research Unit)
<p>WORKSHOP 1B: CORPORATISED MUNICIPAL WASTE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Franco Barchiesi (Wits MSP): Johannesburg Waste Outsourcing 2) Mthetho Xali (Irrig MSP): Billy Hattingh in Khayelitsha 3) Andre Adams (Samwu): Corporatising CT's Waste 4) Commentator: David Barkin (Zapatista advisor and waste expert, Metropolitan Autonomous University of Mexico) 	<p>WORKSHOP 1D: WATER PRIVATISATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Rekopantswe Mate (University of Zimbabwe MSP): Harare 2) Horacio Zandamela (Wits MSP): Maputo 3) Karen Cocq (MSP independent researcher): Lusaka 4) Thenjiwe Shimbira (University of Swaziland MSP): Mbabane 5) Commentator: Donna Andrews (Southern African People's Solidarity Network)
<p>1-2PM (E.O.HOUSE TENT)</p>	<p>Lunch</p>

2-3:30PM (P&DM, FIRST FLOOR)	SECOND WORKSHOPS: <i>SERVICES, AT WHAT COST?</i>
<p>WORKSHOP 2A: GAUTENG WATER WARS</p> <p>1) Rob Rees (Samwu): Privatisation Trends in Gauteng 2) Becky Himlin and Mzwanele Mayekiso (Wits MSP): Ekurhuleni Water 3) Peter McGinnes (Wits MSP): Tshwane Water 4) Commentator: Tony Clarke (Polaris Institute, Ottawa)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 2C: PUBLIC SERVICES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE LAW</p> <p>1) Theunis Roux (Wits Law): Legal Constraints and Strategies 2) Glenn Farred (Community Legal Centres): Defending against State Repression 3) Heinrich Boehmke (Concerned Citizens): The Durban Experience 4) Commentator: Sara Grusky (Public Citizen, Washington)</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 2B: INTERNATIONAL ANTI-COMMODIFICATION CAMPAIGNS</p> <p>1) Anis Daraghama (Palestine and UCT): Water in a WarZone 2) Alex Loftus (Oxford University): The Rise and Fall of Privatisation in Buenos Aires 3) Rhada D'Souza (University of Waikato): Conflicts over Water Commodification in India 4) Karen Bakker (Oxford University): Fighting Back in England and Wales 5) Commentator: Nicola Bullard (Focus on the Global South, Bangkok)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 2D: WATER EQUITY VERSUS COST RECOVERY</p> <p>1) John Pape (Irrig MSP): Hedonistic Consumption in Constantia 2) Grace Khunou (Wits MSP): Experiences from Diepkloof, Soweto 3) Mthetho Xali (Irrig MSP): Water Cut-offs in Khayelitsha 4) Commentator: Maude Barlow (Council of Canadians)</p>
3:30-3:45PM	Tea break
3:45-5:15PM (P&DM, FIRST FLOOR)	THIRD WORKSHOPS: <i>STRUGGLES FOR SERVICES</i>
<p>WORKSHOP 3A: UNIONS V. PRIVATISATION</p> <p>1) Victor Mhlongo (Samwu): The Samwu Strategy 2) John Appolis (Cosatu/Gauteng): Organising Lessons 3) Jane Stinson (Canadian Union of Public Employees): Canadian Experiences 4) Commentator: Oscar Olivera (Defence of Water and Life)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 3C: ENGENDERING SERVICE DELIVERY</p> <p>1) Melanie Samson (Samwu): Overview of Issues and Struggles 2) Virginia Setshedi (AIDC): Women in Community Struggles 3) David Hemson (HSRC): Women and Rural Water 4) Commentator: Karen Bakker (Oxford University)</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 3B: COMMUNITIES V. DISCONNECTIONS</p> <p>1) Speakers from Limpopo Province, Katorus, Mpumalanga, Tembisa, Alexandra, Ikageng and/or the Vaal: Status of the Local Struggles 2) Commentator: Medha Patkar (National Alliance of People's Movements)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 3D: HEALTH EQUITY AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES</p> <p>1) Thumida Maistry (Equinet): The Equinet-MSP Agenda 2) Mandisa Mbali (UND Centre for Civil Society): KwaZulu-Natal Experiences 3) Eddie Cottle (RDSN), Water Neoliberalism and Cholera 4) Mike Davies (Combined Harare Residents Association): Services and Health in Harare 5) Commentator: Patrick Apoya (CAP, Ghana)</p>
5:30-9PM (P&DM AUDITORIUM, FIRST FLOOR AND E.O.HOUSE)	RECEPTION, DINNER, CONTINUATION OF <i>NEW SOCIAL MOVEMENTS FILM FESTIVAL</i> , HIGHLIGHTING INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE DOCCIES
SATURDAY, MAY 18	
<p>9-10:30AM (P&DM AUDITORIUM)</p> <p>PLENARY: <i>ALTERNATIVES FOR SA AND THE WSSD: LABOUR-COMMUNITY-WOMEN-ENVIRONMENT</i></p>	<p>Chairperson: Dennis Brutus (Jubilee South Africa) 1) Medha Patkar (National Alliance of People's Movements, India): Linking the Issues and Campaigns, Locally and Globally 2) Daniel Chavez (TransNational Institute, Amsterdam): Porto Alegre 3) Njoki Njehu (50 Years is Enough): Struggles Against World Bank-Catalysed Services Commodification 4) Commentator: John Pape (Irrig MSP)</p>
10:30-10:45AM	Tea break
10:45-12:15PM (P&DM AUDITORIUM)	FOURTH WORKSHOPS: <i>NEXT STRATEGIES/TACTICS</i>
<p>WORKSHOP 4A: RECLAIMING OUR STATE SERVICES</p> <p>1) Kate Bayliss (Public Services Int'l Research Unit): International Experiences 2) Lance Veotte (Samwu): South African Debates 3) David Hemson (HSRC): Municipal Collectivism 4) Commentator: Marina Carmen (Australia Democratic Socialist Party)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 4C: RESURRECTING PROGRESSIVE LOCAL PLANNING</p> <p>1) Anne-Marie Debbane (York U.) and Hamed Deedad (Irrig MSP): Is Hermans a Model for Water Services? 2) David Barkin (Autonomous University of Mexico): Mexico's Grassroots Success Stories in Environmental-Economic Planning 3) Patrick Bond (Wits MSP): Local Economic Development Debates 4) Commentator: Shiney Varghese (Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy)</p>
<p>WORKSHOP 4B: SERVICES FOR ALL IN SA</p> <p>1) George Dor (AIDC): Local-Global Connections 2) Andre Adams (Samwu): Labour-Community Alliances 3) Bongani Lubisi (SECC/APF): Johannesburg as a Site of Struggle 4) Commentator: Jane Stinson (CUPE)</p>	<p>WORKSHOP 4D: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND THE WSSD</p> <p>1) Tony Clarke (Polaris Institute): Alternatives to Market Environmentalism 2) Tandeka Nkiwane (Smith College): Nepad and the WSSD 3) Debi Barker (Int'l Forum on Globalization): An Alternative WSSD? 4) Commentator: David McDonald (Queens MSP)</p>
<p>12:30-12:45PM (P&DM AUDITORIUM)</p> <p>PLENARY: <i>CONFERENCE WRAP-UP</i></p>	Announcements, Thanks David McDonald (Queens MSP), Trevor Ngwane (SECC)
12:45-2PM (E.O.HOUSE TENT)	Light lunch and travel to Soweto

2-5PM (DIEPKLOOF, SOWETO)	FESTIVAL, STREET THEATRE, DISPLAYS, MUSIC
<p>SUNDAY, MAY 19</p> <p>9AM-3PM</p> <p><i>OPEN SEMINAR ON THE WSSD</i></p> <p>P&DM Auditorium</p>	<p>Join us for critical seminar-style discussions about the WSSD, exclusively addressed by international experts and activists. The event will not focus on strategy but rather analysis, and will be chaired by Yash Tandon (Southern and East Africa Trade, Information and Negotiations Initiative, Harare), Nicola Bullard (Focus on the Global South, Bangkok), and Debi Barker (International Forum on Globalization, SF).</p> <p>The presenters will address both form and content, give historical context, discuss the rise of the movements for global justice, and provide information about events being planned around the world to press for social and environmental change.</p> <p>To attend this free seminar, please reserve a place through Jenny at (011) 646-1181.</p>