

NATIONAL CHURCH LEADERS' CONSULTATION (NCLC)

PROGRAMME

NCLC and IF20 Colloquium: Thursday, 12 & Friday 13 June 2025

Bishops court, Head-office of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa,
20 Bishops court Drive, Bishops court, Claremont, Cape Town

General Themes:

- Strengthening Democracy and Human Dignity – GNU challenges, partnerships between faith communities and other sectors
- Ending hunger and poverty: South African priorities for G20 lead
- International Geopolitical and economic policy changes – redirection of development aid [impact on civil society, pandemics and Sustainable Development Goals]

Archbishop Dr Thabo Makgoba
Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town

and

Bishop Sithembele Sipuka
President of the South African Council of Churches (SACC)
Catholic Bishop of Mthatha; Chairperson: NCLC and CDDC Trust



Venue and Programme outline

*Venue: 20 Bishops court Drive, Bishops court, Claremont
Head-office of Archbishop Dr Thabo Makgoba
Board Room*

Thursday 12 June:

11h00-14h00 Arrival of guests flying to Cape Town, proceed directly to Bishops court

14h30-17h30

Welcome: Archbishop Dr Thabo Makgoba & Bishop Dr Sitembele Sipuka

Panel inputs [20 minutes]

- *Mr Moeletsi Mbeki – Democracy in SA: GNU challenges in the light of global geopolitical changes.[Deputy chairman of the South African Institute of International Affairs]*
- *Bishop Dr Sipuka – Dialogue and cooperation with Government - a new partnership model? [President of SACC, Bishop of Mthatha]*
- *Prof Heinrich Bedford-Strohm – a global ecumenical perspective (Moderator, WCC)*
- *Bishop Ivan Abrahams – faith and food security [Former President, World Methodist Council]*
- *Prof Katherine Marshall, Vice President of G20 Interfaith Association: the food security challenge in Africa, globally – focus to G20 Agenda for South Africa; Georgetown University, Washington*
- *Dr Marlene Mahokoto -Gamagara Cares, cooperation between Sishen Iron Ore/Kumba and faith communities in the Northern Cape,*
- *Rev Udo Hahn – Protestant Academy of Tutzing, a German church academy perspective*
- *Dr Gustav Claassen – a Reformed Perspective*
- *18h00- 19h30 Joint Dinner –at Bishops court:*

Friday 13 June:

08h30 – start in Chapel - service

09h00 –Continued discussion – what are the main challenges the G20 process and the National Dialogue are facing in South Africa?

11h00 Tea break and snacks

12h30 - Present a short draft statement [draft summary of meeting] to be shared with wider circle of church, faith and political leaders: Strengthening Democracy and Human Dignity

12h30 Departure

Logistics and accommodation: Guests stay in the Southern Sun Newlands Hotel, 7 Main Rd, Newlands, Cape Town, 7700. Shuttle service will take guests to hotel for night of 12 June

Additional material:

Institute for Race Relations reports; Dr Braam Hanekom town dialogues; NCLC statements [selected]