

Advancing the National Strategy for

UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME AND RECOGNITION OF THE CARE ECONOMY

as the first step to building a Feminist Economy

DATE: 16 JULY 2021 | TIME: 10:00 - 12:00 SAST
PLATFORM: ZOOM

Please RSVP for the strategic meeting via the following [link](#) and indicate which of the three breakaway sessions interests you via email: communications@wlce.co.za | mpho@spii.org.za

The Women's Legal Centre (WLC), Studies in Poverty and Inequality Institute (SPII), Black Sash, and #paythegrants invite you to a meeting to discuss a national strategy for Universal Basic Income.

The South African Constitution guarantees all the inalienable rights to equality before the law, dignity and life, while the Bill of Rights also guarantees rights of access to a variety of justiciable socio-economic rights, including the rights to sufficient food and social assistance.

The Social Assistance Act of 2004 does not make any provision for able-bodied working-age adults, however poor they may be. This flies in the face of the constitutional right of access to social assistance to all unable to provide for themselves and their dependents.

The objective of this meeting would be to establish a broad social justice coalition that would own and forge a successful trio of strategies to kickstart this change. From this meeting, we would like to see three strategy task teams emerging: Campaigns, Litigation and Lobbying.

PRESENTATION:

SPII will give a plenary presentation of where we are in terms of poverty and unemployment and inequality and the emerging thumbprint of Covid-19 on social and economic shaping, and why we need BIG to address this immediate need and longer structural reforms. The presentation will also summarize the steps taken through advocacy and lobbying that have brought no relief to civil societies' many calls in recent months for the introduction of a redistributive universal BIG.

BREAKAWAY SESSIONS:

There will be three sessions to work on parameters for campaign strategy (mobilising, media, research and messaging, political education), litigation strategy (identify approach and sequencing, research and other needs) and stakeholder analysis and lobbying strategy.

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