

10 Year Anniversary of the Socio-Economic Rights Project, Community Law Centre (UWC)
AND
The Launch of Socio-Economic Rights in South Africa: A Resource Book, 2nd Edition (2007)

12 April 2007

On 12 April 2007 the Socio-Economic Rights Project at the Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape will celebrate 10 years of its existence.

The Socio-Economic Rights Project (Project) was founded by Professor Sandra Liebenberg in 1997 with the aim of translating the socio-economic rights in the South African Constitution into tangible realities for the people of South Africa, especially those living in poverty. It has since then established a national and international reputation for its work on the implementation of these rights as protected both in domestic and international instruments.

The Project has been at the centre of initiatives to advance socio-economic rights in the country through generating in-depth research and advocacy campaigns and information and training initiatives around the implementation, monitoring and enforcement of these rights. It has worked with a range of civil society organisations and public institutions such as the Constitutional Assembly, South African Human Rights Commission, as well as various parliamentary portfolio committees and government departments.

One of the most outstanding achievements of the Project is the production of the *ESR Review*, a publication which brings socio-economic rights debate from the margins to mainstream in a more accessible manner. We have compiled all the volumes of the *ESR Review* into a book covering the period 1998 - 2006

Another great achievement is the production of two editions of the resource book titled *Socio-Economic Rights in South Africa*. At the 10 Year Anniversary, we will also launch the second edition of this book, which is an updated version of the first edition that was produced in 2000.

A special session of the 10 Year Anniversary will be a panel discussion focusing on the theme *Socio-Economic Rights After 10 Years: Are they fulfilling their transformative potential?* This discussion will feature a critical debate on the challenges and obstacles faced in realising socio-economic rights especially through judicial enforcement, as well as through monitoring.

The panellists will include renowned academics and prominent legal practitioners working in the field of socio-economic rights and distinguished members of the judiciary who have delivered important judgments on these rights.

The programme of this event will be posted soon on this website.

If you are interested in attending this event, contact Sibonile Khoza at 021 959 3704; email: skhoza@uwc.ac.za or the Socio-Economic Rights Project at 021 959 3708; email: serp@uwc.ac.za