

TRAINING

Organizing trainings and workshops for regional lawyers, judges, magistrates and civil society organizations on the use of the law in advocating for specific HIV/AIDS policies and practices.

In particular, trainings and workshops will provide concrete legal tools necessary for spearheading strategic litigation.

FACILITATING NETWORKS

Facilitating networks among lawyers in the region and between lawyers, civil society organizations, and community-based organizations.

Check out our HIV/AIDS case law database which brings together relevant judicial decisions from around the world. The database can be found at our website.

Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC)

Launched in 2005, SALC aims to promote human rights in southern Africa by supporting local and regional lawyers and organizations in litigating human rights and rule of law cases in the region.

Based in Johannesburg, SALC operates in the following southern African countries: Angola, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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HIV/AIDS PROGRAMME

SOUTHERN AFRICA
LITIGATION CENTRE

The HIV/AIDS Programme at SALC

Launched in October 2007, the HIV/AIDS Programme works closely with and supports public and private lawyers, civil society organizations, and community-based organizations in using the law to achieve concrete policy and legal outcomes, which advance and solidify the rights of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in southern Africa.

The HIV/AIDS Programme works in the following ways.

SUPPORTING LITIGATION

- **Providing strategic input on litigation** to private lawyers, civil society organizations, and relevant advocacy organizations.
- **Providing legal research support** to local organizations.
- **Drafting of legal documents** in particular legal cases.



- **Providing monetary support** in particular legal cases to private lawyers and civil society organizations employing a human rights-based approach.
- **Identifying, documenting, and drafting supporting factual evidence for legal claims.**
- **Amicus intervention:** In appropriate cases and after consultation with the legal team, the HIV/AIDS programme may itself intervene as an amicus in a particular case.

****These various interventions and support are subject to the court rules in each particular jurisdiction.****

Guidelines for monetary support

Monetary support can be provided in specific cases where there is a need; funds are available; and where SALC is already providing technical assistance.

Monetary support can be provided for the following:

- Costs incurred in conducting the litigation, such as filing fees and travel costs for lawyers and experts
- Costs incurred in conducting advocacy regarding the issues raised in the litigation
- Costs incurred to ensure the meaningful participation by the clients in litigation

In each case, we will work with the relevant organization(s) and individual(s) to agree on the specific costs which will be covered as well as the expected range of the expenses.

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