

## **DEMOCRACY TRAINING CENTRE**

### **Back to school for principals**

The Training Centre for Democracy will hold a workshop for high school principals, from September 18-20, to develop organisation and consultation skills.

The programme will include an overview of the state of education in South Africa, discussion on the democratisation of schools and training workshops on democratic leadership, conflict resolution and facilitating meetings.

### **Democracy goes on tour**



The training centre will also be taking its "Introduction to Democracy" seminar to all the country's major centres during October and November. The course will be offered at least twice in each centre, once for members of the business community and once for civic organisations.

The one-day programme will enable participants to explore the meaning of democracy, its procedures and expression in South Africa, both in the workplace and in the broader society.

Seminars will be held on the following dates:

East London 2-3 October  
Port Elizabeth 4-5 October  
Durban 9-10 October  
Cape Town 16-17 October  
Bloemfontein 23-24 October  
Pietersburg 1-2 November  
Pretoria 14 November.

For further information phone Lufuno, Vino or Marie at (011) 484 3694/7

## **PORT ELIZABETH**

### **Democracy on the curriculum**

Teachers can explore how to introduce and foster democratic practices in the school environment at a "Democracy in the School" workshop, to be held from September 28-30.

The workshop will give teachers an opportunity to tackle the many practical problems which arise in forging a new democratic educational environment.

### **Mbeki on speaking tour**

ANC Director of International Affairs Thabo Mbeki, as a guest of Idasa, will address public meetings in Port Alfred and Port Elizabeth on October 7.

He will also hold a private meeting with some of Port Alfred's civic and business leaders.

## **WESTERN CAPE**

### **"City Futures" series comes to an end**

In September, Idasa will hold the last in its City Futures seminar series on the role and place of local government administration in transition.

For date, time and venue, phone David or Sazi at (021) 462 3635/6.

### **Fresh debate on democracy symbols**

Symbols for a Democratic Cape Town is the subject of a seminar, provisionally billed for October 1, to be held jointly with the University of the Western Cape's Mayibuye Centre.

Phone David or Sazi at (021) 462 3635/6 for confirmation and details.

## **DURBAN**

### **And on the menu...debate to get your teeth into**

A breakfast forum on September 15 will feature Democratic Party MP Dene Smuts. At R40 a head, the meeting will be held at Durban's Royal Hotel from 7.30 to 9.00.

And if 7.30 sounds too early, Idasa will be holding a Futures Forum luncheon a week later, on September 22, also at the Royal. Cost is R60 a head. Guest speaker will be Conservative Party breakaway leader Andries Beyers.

## **PRETORIA**

### **Policing - past mistakes and future possibilities**

The forthcoming focus of Idasa's Pretoria office will be the South African police force - past mistakes and future options.

From October 5-8, a "Policing the 1990s - Towards an Assessment" conference will be held at the Riverside Holiday Inn in Vanderbijlpark. Speakers include Van Zyl Slabbert, Alex Boraine, Peter Waddington, Chris Hani and the SAP's Ray Harrauld. The conference will look at prospects for police reform and accountability.

That will be followed by an Idasa-organised tour to Denmark - to investigate alternative models of police/community relations - by members of Idasa, the SAP, the legal profession and community organisations.

## **EAST LONDON**

### **Women, health in September line-up**

Idasa will hold three workshops in East London in

September: on the 19th the focus at All Saints in Bisho will be on women's ministries, with the ANC's Frene Ginwala on the platform; also that day, Barry Jackson of the Development Bank will join Abner Jack of the Duncan Village Residents' Association in addressing a morning discussion, at the Holiday Inn, on water provision and sanitation; and on September 26 a range of speakers, including University of the Western Cape's Ebrahim Rasool, Chimera Dan and Barbara Klugman of Wits University and Boet Schoeman of the Department of National Health and Population Development, will hold a day-long conference on population growth.

### **Hopes for post-apartheid city**

The highlight of a week-long focus on the city of East London will be a conference on "Building the Post-Apartheid City" on October 15. City planners and policy experts will speak on their visions for the city's future. The week will also include a cultural day, featuring groups from East London and Mdantsane.

## **BLOEMFONTEIN**

### **Tshwete to score on speaker circuit**

The ANC's Steve Tshwete will meet business and sport personalities and will address Vista University students on "Prospects for Peace and Democracy in South Africa" on September 17. Democracy will come up again for debate two days later at a seminar involving the region's key role-players, and on September 20 Idasa in Bloemfontein will get together with Free State organisations and individuals to plan its activities for next year.

# Violence: church sends observers

**O**BSERVATION, documentation, conciliation, investigation, protection, interpretation. The word "monitoring" has many meanings and many facets.

In South Africa, non-partisan monitoring organisations engage in all of these activities. All of them have one aim: the creation of a climate of peace within which mediation and the creation of structured peace processes can be established.

Approximately 70 organisations and branches of organisations are engaged in indepen-

dent local monitoring in South Africa. These organisations are presently engaged in a process of consultation to decide on the best way in which they can empower one another and strengthen the monitoring activity which is needed to stop the violence in South Africa.

Idasa, which was reported in a previous issue of *Democracy in Action* to have been requested to facilitate this process, is now doing this.

In addition to creating a network of independent local monitors, the consultation process -

led by a representative technical group from all regions where there is violence - includes discussions with the structures of the National Peace Accord and with international organisations offering monitoring of the South African transition.

In related developments, the ecumenical church led by the South African Council of Churches has established a programme to bring observers from the international church to South Africa on a regular basis to watch the transition to democracy, aspects of political

violence and negotiation activities.

The UN mission to South Africa led by Mr Cyrus Vance has recommended to the UN that an observer force be sent to South Africa to bolster the peace structures and oversee the transition process.

The government has welcomed the report and it is likely that UN observers will shortly be back in South Africa after a brief visit by a small group to monitor the August stayaway.

Paul Graham  
Programme Director

## Policing in the 1990s

assessing the legacy of apartheid policing ♦ prospects for police reform ♦ negotiating new forms of control ♦ the policing of violence ♦ monitoring from within ♦ deracialising the police force ♦ prevention of crime ♦ police accountability ♦ building new partnerships ♦ power relations in police/community forums

IDASA will be holding a three-day conference on:

### ASSESSMENTS – OPTIONS – SOLUTIONS

October 5 to 8

Speakers include Frank Chikane (SACC) ♦ Van Zyl Slabbert (IDASA) ♦ Jan van Eck (ANC) ♦ Jayendra Naidoo (Cosatu) ♦ Lloyd Vogelmann (Wits) ♦ Alex Boraine (IDASA) ♦ Mike Brogden (Liverpool Polytechnic) ♦ Molly Weatheritt (UK Police Foundation) ♦ Gert Myburgh (Dep Minister of Police)

**Where:** Riverside Holiday Inn, Vanderbijlpark

**Registration fee:** Daily attendance R50 per day,  
Full attendance (incl overnight accommodation) R300  
Limited bursaries are available

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ would like to attend Policing the 1990s

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(tick where applicable)

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