

MOVING BEYOND OUR PAST TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE MEANINGFUL FUTURE

Date: 15-16 December 2022 • Venue: Robben Island

15 December 2022: Cleansing Ceremony

Venue: Robben Island Museum (RIM)

Programme Director: Khoebaha Melvin Arendse (National Chairperson, Kei !Korana Transfrontier)

- (1) Cleansing of the soil
- (2) Appeasing the grief and trauma of the ancestors and nominating the spear bearer
- (3) Prayers and petitions to release the ancestors' spirits still in bondage on the Island.
- (4) Burning of incense, calling prisoners by their names who passed on the Island.
- (5) Memorial fires burning for duration of the night and during the programme the next day.
- (6) Ceremony of washing of spears and banishing colonial and foreign claim over the Island.
- (7) Whole night wake.

16 December 2022: Petitions, prayers and dialogues

Venue: RIM - Prison hall

Programme Director: Professor Saths Cooper, Chairperson RIM Council

09h15-09h30: Opening Remarks by Programme Director.

09h30-09h45: Welcome Remarks by Ms Abigail Thulare, CEO RIM

09h45-10h00: Remarks by Mr. Pieter-Simon Basson
- FW De Klerk Foundation

10h00-10h15: Remarks by Mr. Mangaliso Tsepo Sobukwe
- Sobukwe Foundation

10h15-10h30: Remarks by Mr Sello Hatang - Nelson Mandela Foundation

10h30-10h45: Prayers and petitions by Marc Tourok
- Founder member of Jewish Justice League and patron of the UDF

10h45-11h00: Remarks by Professor Lesley London
- Social Justice activist and UCT faculty of Social Science,
Chair of Observatory Civic Association

11h00-11h15: Remarks by Mr Tauriq Jenkins:
High Commissioner Goringhaicona Khoena Traditional Authority

Tea 11h15-11h30

11h30-11h45: Prayers and petitions: Mr Khalid Sayed
Member Provincial Parliament in the Western Cape
Legislation; Paramount Chief Phillip Rose;
Mrs Marthina Piyoos.

11h45-11h55: Opening the intergenerational dialogue:
Mr Tshimangadzo Nemaheni, CHO RIM

11h55-12h55: Intergenerational dialogue between
Ex-Political Prisoners,
Military Veterans, and Youth:
Facilitated by Dr Latasha Storm;
Theme: "Looking back moving forward"

12h55-13h10: Closing remarks by RIM Council member:
Mr Dawood Coovadia

13h10-13h50: Lunch

