

Dear [Media Contact's Name],

As revelations continue to surface about the difficulties faced by investigators in accessing the Zondo Commission's critical evidence database, the State Capture and Beyond Campaign invites you to join us for a pivotal multi-stakeholder meeting in Cape Town. This event will delve into the pressing issue of "Lack of Accountability" in South Africa, particularly in light of the ongoing challenges related to state capture, public procurement, and the troubling reports about evidence access.

### Event Details:

- **Date:** 29 August 2024
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Venue:** SunSquare City Bowl, Strand Room, 23 Buitengracht Street, Cape Town

### Event Theme: "How do we foster a thriving culture of accountability in South Africa in the face of ongoing corruption?"

This discussion gains heightened relevance as recent reports suggest that investigators from the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) and its Investigating Directorate (ID) have been hindered in their efforts to access critical evidence collected by the Zondo Commission. Allegations that investigators are being actively blocked from accessing this database, compounded by technical issues, underscore the urgent need for transparency and accountability at every level of governance.

### Confirmed Panellists:

- **Qiqqa Nkomo, Lawyer, Open Secrets**
- **Michael Marchant, Head of Investigations, Open Secrets**
- **Katlego Ramantsima, Land Researcher, Land and Accountability Research Centre (LARC), UCT**
- **Rehad Desai, Chairperson, HRMT**

## Facilitator:

- **Claire Rankin, Candidate Attorney, Legal Resources Centre**

This event is a critical opportunity to engage with experts and activists who are at the forefront of the fight for accountability in South Africa. We will explore how civil society, grassroots movements, and the media can work together to ensure that state actors fulfill their constitutional obligations and that the lessons from the Zondo Commission lead to tangible change.

## Media Opportunities:

- **Interviews:** Engage directly with influential speakers and participants.
- **Event Coverage:** Report on the discussions and pivotal moments of the meeting.
- **Feature Stories:** Develop compelling narratives about the ongoing challenges in state accountability and the impact of the Zondo Commission's findings.

**RSVP:** Please confirm your attendance by contacting: **Pashkar Moodliar**

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Your presence and coverage will be instrumental in shedding light on these critical issues and ensuring that the quest for justice and accountability remains at the forefront of public discourse.

Best regards,  
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This invitation ties the event into the ongoing challenges related to the Zondo Commission's evidence database, emphasizing the importance of the media's role in covering these crucial developments and fostering accountability.