



WE NEED TO TALK...

about the role of the private sector in combating gender based violence

We invite you to join Tshwaranang Legal Advocacy Centre to End Violence Against Women (TLAC) in a conversation about the role that can be played by the private sector in combating gender based violence (GBV) in South Africa.

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One of the most enduring challenges facing modern South African society is gender based violence (GBV). Despite the existence of a strong legal framework for responding to the threat and incidence of gender based violence, the South African society is characterised by high levels of GBV, a problem that is unacknowledged, normalised and underreported because of its sensitivity and associated stigma including the sensitive and stigmatised nature of the crime and the systemic failures of the criminal justice system to provide outcomes for survivors. (Machisa et al (2011))

GBV crosses all levels of society including political, economic and social structures. It is recognized that the causes of GBV are complex and not associated with one single factor but attributed to an interaction between individual, relationship, social, cultural and environmental factors (WHO 2012). The complexity of GBV highlights the need for an integrated intervention involving all levels of government, civil society and the private sector to address it.

In addition to the human cost, the South African economy is negatively impacted by GBV to the amount of R42.4 billion a year conservatively according to a 2014 KPMG report, this adds a fiscal layer to the human imperative of the work of TLAC and all who share our vision. Measuring the costs of GBV demonstrates how GBV drains resources from multiple groups, not just the perpetrators and victims, but also presents significant costs to the private sector, all levels of government, and civil society. (KPMG Human & Social Services, 2014)

We would like to specifically focus on the role the private sector can play in working towards achieving a South Africa where people are able to live their lives free from the fear or experience of gender-based violence (GBV) and to discuss the following questions:

What role can the private sector play in addressing GBV?

How does GBV manifest itself in the workplace?

What is the private sector already doing and is this enough to help combat GBV?

The conversation will bring together a diverse panel of speakers who have extensive experience and knowledge about the causes and consequences of GBV, together with a cross sectional audience of the private sector, civil society and individuals interested in engaging in the discussion.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Thursday 8th December 2016

Venue: MTN Innovation Centre, Auditorium, Phase Two Building, No 261,14 Avenue, Fairlands

Time: Breakfast will be served between 07:30 – 8:00am

Discussion will commence at 8am – 9.30am

RSVP: To confirm your attendance please e-mail tshwaranang@tlac.org.za or RSVP by calling (011) 403- 4267

RSVP's to reach us by no later than Tuesday, 6th December 2016