

**EQUINET, SATUCC, SADC CNGO AND BENCHMARKS
PROGRAMME FOR SIDE SESSION: Advancing public health rights,
claims and standards in mining
Tuesday 6 February 2018 1830-20.00**

The objectives of this side session are to raise and discuss the key public health challenges facing workers and communities in the extractive sector / mining in east and southern Africa, the strategies for responding to them, including proposals for harmonised regional health standards, and the proposals made by civil society to advance them.

TIME	SESSION	ROLES
18.25	Admin, registration of participants, refreshments	
18:30-18:50	Introduction on health and wellbeing in the extractive sector: Risks and benefits, current protections and laws, and steps taken to advance regional health standards and protections	Dr Rene Loewenson TARSC/ EQUINET
18.50-19.00	Health issues and experiences of communities living on and around mines	Joseph Magobe, Chairperson, Bua Mining Communities
19.00-19.10	Proposals made at the 13 th Southern African civil Society Forum to advance public health rights and protections in mining	Gadzani Mhotsha, Secretary Gen, BFTU past president SATUCC, with SADC CNGO
19:10-19:40	<p>Moderated round tables Facilitator led moderated round tables on the three areas below</p> <p>1: What public health standards should apply across east and southern Africa? What advocacy to ensure they are formalised at regional and national level?</p> <p>2: How should we organise and profile the evidence from workers and communities on their public health conditions and experience? How should we strengthen their voice in their health rights in mining?</p> <p>3: What steps to advance the advocacy strategies and campaign on harmonized public health rights and standards set by civil society in the 13th Southern African civil Society Forum</p>	<p>Moderator: R Loewenson EQUINET</p> <p>Moderator: Brown Motsau, Bench Marks Foundation</p> <p>Moderator: Gadzani Mhotsha, SATUCC, with Ranga Machemedze, EQUINET and SADC CNGO</p>
19.40-19.55	<p>Plenary review Presentation and plenary discussion of the round table recommendations.</p>	EQUINET
19.55-20.00	Summary of recommendations, acknowledgements and closing	
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