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Upcoming actions, human rights events, and support for Idle No More...

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Justice Zac Yacoob

February 15th join us for a conversation with Justice Zac Yacoob from South Africa, who authored the Constitutional Courts' decision in the world-renowned right to housing case, *Grootboom*. Registration details below.

Support a National Housing Strategy

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Act Now to Support a National Housing Strategy

If you believe that in this rich country no one should be homeless, living on the streets or in shelters, then take action to support Bill C-400. Bill C-400 is a private member's bill currently before Parliament that addresses the crisis of homelessness and inadequate housing in Canada. It calls for federal leadership on the development of a national housing strategy using a human rights framework and bringing together many stakeholders. The Bill is currently at second reading in the House of Commons and will be referred to Committee - the crucial next step in the legislative process - if a majority vote is received. The Bill has the support of all opposition parties.

Now is the time to put your values into action! Debate is scheduled for February 13, 2013 followed by a vote scheduled for February 27, 2013.

See the *Dignity for All* website for resources, templates and more information on how to take action.

Standing Shoulder-to-Shoulder with Idle No More

This week **Canada Without Poverty released a statement in support of the Idle No More movement** in a co-authored Op-Ed posted in the Toronto Star. CWP Executive Director Leilani Farha, along with 4 other organizations concerned with poverty in Canada,

Aboriginal peoples across the country **"as a result of historic and current policies marked by paternalism, the dispossession of aboriginal peoples' lands and resources, and the denial of their self-determination and sovereignty"**. Noting that Aboriginal peoples disproportionately experience poverty, inadequate housing and homelessness, hunger and ill health, the article remarked, **"It is deeply disturbing that anyone is treated this unequally in a country such as Canada."**

To read the full article click here.

Join Us for a Conversation on Socioeconomic Rights with Justice Zac Yacoob of the Constitutional Court of South Africa!

Canada Without Poverty, the Social Rights Advocacy Centre and the Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation invite you to a conversation with **Justice Zac Yacoob of the Constitutional Court of South Africa**, who authored the Constitutional Court's decision in the world-renowned right to housing case, *Grootboom*. The conversation will focus on what social rights advocates in Canada can learn from the South African experience.The discussion will be moderated by **Leilani Farha** (Canada Without Poverty), **Ruth Goba** (Commissioner, Ontario Human Rights Commission), **Bruce Porter** (Social Rights Advocacy Centre) and **Member of Parliament, Craig Scott** (Toronto-Danforth)

Details: "Social Rights in South Africa and Canada: A Conversation with Justice Zac Yacoob of the Constitutional Court of South Africa"
Friday 15 February, 10AM-12PM at The Wellesley Institute, 10 Alcorn Ave. (Just south of Summerhill Ave. and West off of Yonge St). Subway: Summerhill

Seating is limited. RSVP by February 13 to: Maureen Hainsworth **(**maureen@cwp-csp.ca**). Please put Social Rights Convo in subject header of RSVP email**

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

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