

PEOPLE'S MARCH AGAINST

XENOPHOBIA is an emergency coalition convened to confront the horrors of xenophobia in South Africa, taking a stand to denounce the violence and embrace unity.

The coalition includes the following: the African Diaspora Forum, CoRMSA, faith-based organizations, major social movements such as Treatment Action Campaign, Equal Education, and Awethu!, seven trade unions – FAWU, NUMSA, SACCAWU, SAFCU, SASAWU, CWU, PAWUSA – with more to follow; as well as the organizations SECTION27, Corruption Watch and Doctors Without Borders/MSF.

The coalition welcomes any organisation and/or individual that shares its core values of respect for fundamental human rights and diversity and Ubuntu.

JOIN US. FOR MORE INFO:

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MARCH WITH US

Thursday 23 April at 13:00

Pieter Roos Park (Hillbrow)
to Mary Fitzgerald Square (Newtown)

The attacks against foreigners in KwaZulu Natal, Johannesburg and other parts of our country are shameful. **AND IF WE CLOSE OUR EYES, OR TURN AWAY, WE BRING SHAME ON OURSELVES.**

The attacks present South Africans to the world as a barbaric, violent and murderous nation. We are not. Our march will show another South Africa to ourselves and the world.

We are the country of **NELSON MANDELA**, **OLIVER TAMBO** and all people who gave their lives for freedom. In our freedom struggle, we had vital help from our sisters, brothers and comrades throughout Africa and the world. In 1994, we voted for peace, not war. We have the fairest Constitution in the world – that protects ALL who live here.

WE LINK ARMS with our sisters and brothers from other countries who live with us here in South Africa. We are proud of our extended family that transcends national borders, languages, cultures and religions – because we need each other, because we are one!

WE WILL MARCH to celebrate our solidarity with everyone from other countries living amongst us – particularly the poor, people seeking refuge, and political and economic migrants who have come to our country to try and survive.

WE WILL MARCH to show our deep concern and solidarity to all poor communities where chronic unemployment, inadequate housing, rising crime and bad schools have become the norm.

WE WILL MARCH to appeal to people who live in poor communities not to resort to violence, to not be distracted by blaming people from other countries who are also struggling. The poor and vulnerable of the world must unite!

WE WILL MARCH to expose employers who play one group of workers off against another in order to maximize their profit. They are part of the problem right across our Africa and the world. Workers, do not be fooled: recognize that it is only by uniting workers and communities within and across national borders, that a real challenge to poverty, pay and conditions can be fought and won.

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Likewise, we must build unity within and across our national boundaries. Our struggle against all forms of oppression and discrimination continues. Authorities must listen to our pleas, and improve and protect our communities and respond positively.

WE ARE ALL HUMAN BEINGS. We must treat one another with respect, and live our lives in **DIGNITY**.

It is time for all good people to come together. We are the majority. We reject division. It is time for real change!

DON'T TURN AWAY. Don't make excuses. Join us! Come from your school, workplace, union, your church, your university, your business, your community. Take three hours to march for life, dignity and equality.

Together, let us show the world and our countrymen and women that another South Africa exists – where solidarity defeats xenophobia!