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Speakers: Ms Elinor Sisulu and Dr Annie Devenish

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Ms Elinor Sisulu

Ms Elinor Sisulu was born in Harare, Zimbabwe. She studied history, English literature, development studies and feminist theory. Ms Elinor is a political analyst, an author, human rights activist and political analyst. She completed her first two degrees at the University of Zimbabwe. As an academic researcher in the Department of Research and Development she published studies of women's work and development assistance in Zimbabwe.

Ms Elinor Sisulu worked as a freelance writer and editor, she was assistant editor for SPEAK, a black feminist publication. In 1994 she wrote an award winning children's book about the first democratic elections in South Africa entitled 'The day gogo went to vote'.

In 1993 she received a fellowship at the prestigious Bunting Institute at Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, which enabled her to research and write the biography of Walter and Albertina Sisulu.

In April 2003 Ms Elinor was commissioned by the Independent Electoral Authority of South Africa to write the report on the Africa Conference on Elections, Democracy and Governance in Africa. In August 2003, in her capacity as a resource person to Themba Lesizwe, the South African Network of Trauma Service Providers, she helped plan and organise a symposium on Civil Society and Justice in Zimbabwe which was held in Johannesburg from 11-13 August 2003. From May to June 2004 she carried out the first phase of a study for the World Food Programme on how to introduce advocacy on HIV/AIDS, nutrition and education at World Food Programme food distribution sites in Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia and Angola.

Ms Elinor Sisulu is a member of the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa (OSISA) Board, the National Arts Festival Board, the Independent Media Trust of Zimbabwe, and the Anthony Sampson Board. She is also a trustee of the Heal Zimbabwe Trust, a South African-based trust that facilitates humanitarian assistance for Zimbabwean refugees in South Africa.



Dr Annie Devenish

Dr Annie Devenish is an historian and researcher with an interest in gender, activism and identity in the global South, and how practices of history can and be harnessed to transform society. She has published on feminism and development in India and South Africa, labour activism and the informal economy, as well as traditional health practitioners. She is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the School of Law at UKZN, and works part time as a researcher at the African Ombudsman Research Centre