Day 1 – Tuesday 14 September 2010 – first day of conferencing, Hyatt Hotel Rosebank
Facilitated by Tshepo Madlingozi, National Advocacy Coordinator, Khulumani Support Group

09:00-09:10 Brief welcome (Alice Brown, Representative of the Ford Foundation, Office for Southern Africa) and introduction to the objectives of the meeting by Ford Foundation (Maya Harris, Ford Foundation Vice President: Democracy, Rights and Justice)

09:10-09:20 Overview of housing in the global context (Ben Bradlow, Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI))

09:20-10:30 First set of brief introductions by participants (5 minutes each to introduce yourself, your organisation and the work you do in relation to housing)

10:30-11:00 Tea break

11:00-12.00 Second set of brief introductions by participants

12.00-13:00 Conference facilitator (Tshepo Madlingozi) to provide an overview of the agenda and an introduction to the country-led strategic discussions (5-7 minutes)

Country-led discussion: one representative per country/region to provide a 7 minute overview of the housing-related work in their country using the following lens:

- Nigeria: working with government (Felix Morka, SERAC or Akpobari Celestine, Social Development Integrated Center)
- India: policy advocacy (Indu Singh, IGSSS)
- Southern Africa: strategic litigation (Stuart Wilson, SERI)
- Egypt: social movement building (Rabab Saleh, Egyptian Center for Economic and Social Rights)
- Global: using the regional system (Esther Kodhek, COHRE, on the ACHPR)
- U.S.: using the international system (Cathy, NESRI, 4 minutes on the Special Rapporteur’s visit; Eric Tars, NLCHP, 3 minutes on UPR)

Presentations to include: an example of how this work is being done; why it’s important to do in the context of the country; opportunities and challenges to doing it effectively; what more we need to do or know in order to be more effective. Each presentation will be followed by a brief opportunity for other participants from the same country to supplement the picture (5 minutes); and then 25 minutes of open discussion allowing other countries to comment, question, debate etc.

13:00-14:00 Lunch at Hyatt Hotel

14:00-15:15 Country discussion continued

15:15-15:30 Tea break

15:30-17:00 Country discussion continued

17:00-17:30 Facilitator (Tshepo Madlingozi) to review key themes that have emerged in the discussion, Jackie Dugard (SERI) to discuss site visits

18:30-20:00 Reception dinner at Hyatt with former South African Chief Justice, Pius Langa, as guest speaker (welcome by Martin Abregú, Ford Foundation, Director: Global Human Rights; and introduction of Justice Langa by Alice Brown, Ford Foundation Representative, Southern Africa)
Day 2 – Wednesday 15 September - site visits in and around Johannesburg

Visits to relevant sites show-casing South African housing rights work by Ford Foundation grantees. SERI will coordinate with Ford Foundation partners who work in Johannesburg to provide a representative set of visits, providing insights into South African housing-related research, advocacy and litigation. Discussion of links to social movements will be facilitated.

Tentative itinerary:

09:00   Assemble in Hyatt Hotel lobby; bus departs at 09:30
10:00-11:30  Main Street, CBD (LRC case)
11:30-13:00  MBV/Old Perm, CBD (CALS case)
13:00-14:00  Bus journey to Soweto, with packed lunch
14:00-15:30  Kliptown informal settlement, Soweto (SERI case)
15:30-16:30  Return to hotel

Evening, including dinner, free

Day 3 – Thursday 16 September – second day of conferencing, Hyatt Hotel

Facilitated by Tshepo Madlingozi, National Advocacy Coordinator, Khulumani Support Group

0900-10:30  Housing-specific budget analysis workshop hosted by Ann Blyberg (Institute of International Education)
10:30-11:00  Tea break
11:00-13:00  Continuation of budget analysis workshop
13:00-14:00  Lunch at Hyatt
14:00-15:30  Looking Forward: A discussion of common goals and objectives that unite right to housing work across different regions and common challenges and opportunities. How can we best work together to advance this right and how will we know that we are making progress? (Martin Abregú, Ford Foundation, Director: Global Human Rights and Nikki Naylor, Ford Foundation Program Officer, Southern Africa)
15:30-15:45  Tea break
15:45-16:45  Wrap up with Martin Abregú (Ford Foundation Director: Global Human Rights) and Nikki Naylor (Ford Foundation Program Officer, Southern Africa)
19:00  Farewell dinner at Moyo restaurant, Zoo Lake with closing comments from Alice Brown (Ford Foundation Representative, Southern Africa)

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