

CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Prof Kader Asmal

It gives me pleasure to introduce the third published annual report which covers the period from April 2006 to March 2007.

The year was marked by two significant anniversaries. Ten years ago, Harold Wolpe died and the Trust was inaugurated in memory of Harold's work and his life. These anniversaries were appropriately marked by the Trust. We also continued with our regular dialogue activities in Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and sites around the Eastern Cape.

A significant contribution to the anniversary celebrations, was the holding of a two-day colloquium in September 2006. The colloquium enabled participants to explore complex issues in greater depth than the usual seminar format allows. It was attended by both national and international participants and proved to be a great success.

During the year, the Trust put plans into place for an extensive independent evaluation which was completed by the middle of 2007. The evaluation will provide the Trust with the opportunity to scrutinise and critically assess past performance and its strategies and methodologies. It is also anticipated that the evaluation will provide insights and recommendations for the future strategic direction of the Trust, which will be based on wide consultation with Trust members, donors and stakeholders. With the benefit of this insight, we hope to take the Trust forward into another decade of contributing to critical engagement and debate around issues of democracy, state and society in South Africa.

My thanks to all those who continue to contribute to the goals of the Trust and to the members of the public who participate in our events.



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