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Attention: News Editors**

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Reflections by Judge Albie Sachs on Luthuli, Tambo and the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa

On the 21 March 2017, at 11:00am, the Luthuli Museum will celebrate Human Rights Day with former Constitutional Court Judge Albie Sachs who will give a reflective talk on Chief Albert Luthuli and Mr Oliver Reginald Tambo, two of South Africa's champions for human rights; peace and social justice. According to former Judge Albie Sachs, "it will be 50 years since the Chief's death and a centenary of Oliver Tambo's birth....they were indeed very close, and their legacy is the Constitution..."

OR', as he is affectionately known took the baton from Chief Albert Luthuli who died on 21 July 1967 under questionable circumstances. His death will be remembered during the month of July 2017 with a series of programmes planned by the Luthuli Museum and various other stakeholders with interest in the legacy of this Nobel Peace Laureate. Chief Albert Luthuli remained resolute in the resolution of conflict by nonviolent means and who "personally believe that here in South Africa, with all our diversities of colour and race; we will show the world a new pattern of democracy.... And so develop a true South African culture, built up of the best of all our cultures".

Judge Sachs will also officially open at the Luthuli Museum the Amnesty International (SA) '*Images of Human Rights*' exhibition of lino prints in a limited edition of 50 portfolios based on the 27 clauses of South Africa's Bill of Rights enshrined in our Constitution. The exhibition will serve as an important education resource for learners visiting the Luthuli Museum and will run till the 31 December 2017.

Attendees to the event will have an opportunity to engage with Judge Sachs, not only on the life of the two celebrated leaders of the struggle, but also the future of South Africa's constitutional democracy.

For further inquiries or if you are interested to attend the 21 March event at the Luthuli Museum, please contact the Museum's Public Relations Officer Zinhle Nyembe on (032) 559 6822 or email profficer@luthulimuseum.org.za or visit our website www.luthulimuseum.org.za or Facebook page. Booking is essential due to limited seating.

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Notes to Editors

Albie Sachs is an activist and a former judge on the Constitutional Court of South Africa (1994 – 2009). He began practising as an advocate at the Cape Bar at the age of 21, defending people charged under the racial statutes and security laws of apartheid.

After being arrested and placed in solitary confinement for over five months, Sachs went into exile in England, where he completed a PhD from Sussex University. In 1988, he lost his right arm and his sight in one eye when a bomb was placed in his car in Maputo, Mozambique. After the bombing, he devoted himself to the preparations for a new democratic constitution for South Africa. When he returned home from exile, he served as a member of the Constitutional Committee and the National Executive of the African National Congress. He is the author of several books, including *The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs*, *Soft Vengeance of a Freedom Fighter* and *The Strange Alchemy of Life and Law*. His latest book, published with Wits University Press is *We, the People: Insights of an activist judge*.

Sachs has travelled to many countries sharing his experiences in order to help heal divided societies.

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