



RIGHT2KNOW

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Our Vision

We seek a country and a world where we all have the right to know – that is to be free to access and to share information. This right is fundamental to any democracy that is open, accountable, participatory and responsive; able to deliver the social, economic and environmental justice we need. On this foundation a society and an international community can be built in which we all live free from want, in equality and in dignity.

Our Mission

- To co-ordinate, unify, organise and activate those who share our principles to defend and advance the right to know.
- To struggle both for the widest possible recognition in law and policy of the right to know and for its implementation and practice in daily life.
- To root the struggle for the right to know in the struggles of communities demanding political, social, economic and environmental justice.
- To propagate our vision throughout society.
- To engage those with political and economic power where necessary.
- To act in concert and solidarity with like-minded people and organisations locally and internationally.

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1: INTRODUCTION

This reports reviews the work of the Campaign since our National Summit in Durban in February 2016¹, and serves as a basis for reflection and planning scheduled to occur during the 2017 Provincial and National Summits².

Through 2016 Right2Know remained a vibrant and democratic platform for activist-driven action. We organised over 93 protests and public meetings, 32 popular education workshops, and participated in over 63 events organised by fraternal organisations (See APPENDIX 1). Highlights of 2016 included:

- Our campaign for a SABC free of political influence – including the removal of COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng – gained great prominence;
- We played an important role in setting up a right to protest hotline as part of the Right to Protest project (R2P) hosted at the Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS) at Wits. The hotline launched in October and has already fielded 58 calls and run 2 workshops on protest rights.
- Our presentation to the UN Human Rights Committee resulted in a far-reaching and critical finding of various aspects of South Africa’s surveillance policies – the highest institutional condemnation of RICA on record;
- We continued our dogged engagement with Parliament's secretive intelligence committee over the appointment of the surveillance watchdog, the Inspector General of Intelligence, resulting in Parliament's final decision to appoint a candidate in December 2016, after more than 18 months without a watchdog in place;
- Solidarity and support for many struggles for access to information and participation at a local level.
- Our “2016 Freedom Week” saw 31 events around the country, many hosted by supporting organisations.

In 2016 we aimed to be more concrete in identifying how our national thematic issues affect ordinary people and their struggles for justice, and ensure that the substance of the campaign is relevant and accessible. We took greater care to see to it that all supporters we mobilise understand the issues at hand and support our position. We’ve intensified efforts to root the Campaign in struggles of local communities and to build closer linkages between the work of R2K provinces and thematic Focus Groups.

We could not have covered the ground we did without the commitment of the many individuals and organisations (See APPENDIX 2) that have given their time and talent freely to the Campaign. R2K and South African democracy is in their debt.

2: CAMPAIGN CONTEXT

Our campaigns unfolded against a backdrop of the deepening global economic crisis and the associated stagnation, exploitation, inequality and unemployment. The resulting social crisis is characterised by increasing political polarisation and conservatism as well as violence and intolerance, including misogyny, xenophobia and racism. Governments and corporations are resorting to increasingly draconian measures in response to the growing social and political conflict generated this crisis. In 2016 we witnessed increased militarisation, surveillance, police brutality, criminalisation of whistle blowers as well as attacks on civil society, the media and internet freedom – all aimed at undermining democratic accountability and suppresses public dissent.

We’ve also seen the dumbing down of public discourse as declining revenue has forced mainstream news institutions to recycle cheap and sensationalist content instead of investing in costly journalism that serves the public. The rise of fake news and self-referential social media bubbles pose new threats to the democratic exchange of information and ideas.

¹ See 2016 National Summit Report & Resolutions: <http://www.r2k.org.za/wp-content/uploads/R2K-2016-SummitReport-FINAL1.pdf>

² Details of 2017 Summits here: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/12/04/2017summits/>

Despite these dominant trends – and the sense of powerlessness they generate – there have been important exceptions that offer hope. We’ve seen a number of important citizen movements gaining momentum, as well as the rise of popular democratic ‘socialist’ blocks in major political parties in the UK and USA. There remain many examples of courageous journalism that have challenged powerful elites, such as the 2016 Panama Papers, a triumph of collaborative global investigative reporting.

These international trends are evident in South Africa where the economic crisis has further entrenched inequality and unemployment, driving a social crisis characterised by pervasive prejudice and violence, from police brutality to gendered violence and attacks on the LGBT community.

Government’s response included the increasing use of the intelligence services, a draconian response to protests, efforts to censor the internet, and attacks labelling civil society organisations enemies of the state. The failure of the ruling party to manage the crisis was evident in the increase of internal factional battles and their significant loss of support in the Local Government Elections.

With limited opportunity for economic growth or redistribution, corporate/government corruption (and associated secrecy) reached audacious levels introducing ‘state capture’ into the popular discourse.

With social cohesion faltering, 2016 saw a re-emergence of racist violence, racist comments on social media, and government seizing the opportunity to propose new Hate Speech laws that – if passed – could criminalise freedom of expression. 2016 also saw an alarming number of physical attacks on journalists and media owners censoring, firing and retrenching journalists.

The mass media still lacks diversity in ownership and content. The crisis of governance and editorial independence at the public broadcaster (SABC) continued and deepened. Community and small independent media continued to battle for survival in an increasingly hostile environment. The democratizing potential of the internet remains elusive to most in South Africa with the limited roll-out of broadband and continued profiteering off mobile networks.

While 2016 did not see the rejuvenation of progressive forces, with community organisations remaining constrained, the new Labour Federation failing to launch, and the United Front faltering, there are a number of counter trends worth noting.

The #Feesmustfall movement continued to organise under increasingly repressive conditions. While widespread community protests continue to provide evidence of popular discontent they have yet to translate into a new wave of sustained local organizing. 2016 also saw the continued growth of independent media platforms like GroundUp and amaBhungane Centre for Investigative Journalism, however these remain inaccessible to many without affordable internet access.

The decline of the ANC’s hegemony has resulted in a more robust Parliament with a greater appetite to hold the Executive to account. Factional battles within the state (like that between the Presidency and Treasury) have resulted in greater access to information and exposed contradictions that require citizen action. 2016 also saw the judiciary has maintain its’ independence with the Constitutional Court ruling that President Zuma has violated his oath of office.

3: CAMPAIGN REVIEW

Our campaigning work takes place on complex terrains involving many actors. As such it is almost impossible to ascribe direct causality between the work of the Campaign and the outcome of any process. That said, this section of the report highlights areas where we have made a significant contribution to advancing the right to know.

3.1. Secrecy & Surveillance

In 2016, the state security structures became increasingly visible and influential in our politics and public life, providing many opportunities for work against secrecy and surveillance. This was typified by the increasing prominence of State Security Minister, David Mahlobo, who has become a key political ally of President Jacob Zuma in the past three years and who has warned repeatedly of the threat of a “regime change” agenda, which he claims involves unnamed NGOs – accusing them of being funded by foreign forces etc. R2K has challenged these allegations, specifically through public writing³, PAIA requests⁴ and numerous statements and public engagements⁵.

3.1.1 Secrecy Laws & Regulation

R2K’s focus in this area has been fairly reactive in 2016, concentrating mainly on two major policy developments and the Secrecy Bill. More energy has been channelled to the conduct of the security structures (section 1.1.2), focusing on practice rather than policies.

Draft Critical Infrastructure Bill

We made submissions on the police's draft bill to replace the apartheid-era National Key Points Act. This draft Bill contains similar issues that we faced with the National Key Points Act around the lack of independent oversight and transparency – thus leading to our rejection of the draft Bill. We also collaborated with and supported several member organisations and allied organisations to make their own submissions (Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office, GroundWork, SDCEA, Equal Education Law Centre).

Draft Cybercrimes Bill

After R2K published a submission and petition opposing to the initial draft Cybercrimes and Cybersecurity Bill⁶ in late 2015, 2016 delivered unexpected fruits. The deputy Minister of Justice approached a delegation from R2K with a commitment to tighten the Bill significantly and try address as many of the concerns as possible. To achieve this, R2K proposed Alison Tilley, in her capacity as a human rights law specialist, to join the Department of Justice's advisory panel on re-drafting the draft Bill. In late 2016, Cabinet approved a significantly revised version of the Bill. While the revisions have addressed some of the key draconian penalties in the Bill, especially those that replicated the secrecy clauses from the Secrecy Bill, the Cybercrimes Bill still essentially takes the keys of the internet and hands it to the state security structures. R2K must be ready to continue work to oppose this Bill when Parliament deals with it in 2017.

Secrecy Bill

By the end of 2016, a full three years had passed since the Secrecy Bill had been sent to the President. To date, it remains unsigned – an extraordinary delay which continues to be a symbol of Right2Know's successful work to challenge the Bill and the securocratic climate in which it had been drafted. There are some efforts from within the ANC to further amend the Bill before it becomes a law. R2K participated in a public dialogue with the ANC’s legal sub-committee to further reiterate our opposition to the Bill and outline the the kind of information ‘regime’ that would be consistent with the constitutional right of access to state information and democratic openness. In 2017, R2K will continue to monitor this legislation and be ready to challenge it if it is signed into law.

³ See <http://africasacountry.com/2016/02/jacob-zumas-party> and <http://www.groundup.org.za/article/lets-resist-securocrats>

⁴ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/04/26/blog-the-problem-with-state-securitys-secret-budget>

⁵ See for example:

- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/11/18/mahlobo-must-go-get-the-securocrats-out-of-democratic-spaces/>
- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/12/13/r2k-statement-state-security-must-answer-for-their-support-for-hlaudis-agenda/>
- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/07/14/r2k-statement-state-security-agency-should-not-be-vetting-hiv-activists/>

⁶ See submission on Cybercrimes Bill: <http://r2k.org.za/cybercrimesbill>

3.1.2 Surveillance of Activists

Since the 2016 National Summit, R2K has been rolling out a campaign to tackle surveillance of activists, journalists, whistleblowers and ordinary people, with a number of highlights and gains.

Demands to Fix RICA

In February 2016, R2K partnered with Privacy International and the Association of Progressive Communications to make a written⁷ and oral submission to the United Nations Human Rights Committee on South Africa's surveillance policies, especially the Regulation of Interception of Communications & Provision of Communication-Related Information Act (RICA). This resulted in a far-reaching finding by the UN Human Rights Committee, which is very critical of various aspects of RICA as a surveillance policy⁸. This is the highest institutional condemnation of RICA on record.

After holding two consultative roundtables with members and allies, R2K rallied 40 organisations to endorse a statement demanding RICA's reform⁴, and launching a memorandum of demands to 'fix RICA'⁹ – a modest, tactical intervention calling on South Africa to at least go as far as addressing the Human Rights Committee's concerns with RICA. Our memorandum was handed over to officials at the Office for Interception Centres (OIC)¹⁰ and the Department of Justice.

Part of our work around communication surveillance is to unpack some of the complex issues in popular education. To this end, we have developed a compact brief explaining a communication surveillance device known as an IMSI Catcher or Grabber. This is important, as the Grabber has been featuring in the media quite often in several criminal cases around surveillance.

We have also conducted various protest actions¹¹, workshops, seminars, public speaking, and media engagements (see APPENDIX 1 & 3) and published an Activist Guide to Surveillance. As this is a particularly overlooked or misunderstood issue, each public engagement is a step forward in shaping public understandings of the problem.

In addition, through a partnership with the Media Policy and Democracy Project (MPDP) and Privacy International, R2K contributed to the State of Privacy Briefing for South Africa¹². In partnership with the MPDP we produced a research monograph on 'New terrains of privacy in South Africa'¹³ covering a range of crucial privacy arenas from drones to CCTV and, SIM cards.

Our work this year concluded with a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Justice who is driving a process to reform RICA. This will likely lead to significant opportunities in 2017.

Inspector General of Intelligence

R2K continued its dogged engagement with Parliament's secretive intelligence committee over the appointment of the surveillance watchdog, the Inspector General of Intelligence¹⁴. The matter stalled for many months but was finally shifted

⁷ See: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/02/15/submission-right-to-privacy-to-the-united-nations-human-rights-commission/>

⁸ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/03/31/un-report-shows-sa-government-must-start-respecting-human-rights/>

⁹ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/04/26/stand-against-surveillance-fix-rica-now/>

¹⁰ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/04/26/memorandum-demands-to-stand-against-surveillance-and-fix-rica/>

¹¹ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/04/12/protest-mass-surveillance/>

¹² See <https://privacyinternational.org/reports/state-of-privacy>

¹³ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/12/15/research-new-terrains-of-privacy-in-south-africa/>

¹⁴ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/01/22/no-more-interference-no-more-delays-inspector-generals-appointment/>

this year when we threatened to take Parliament to court. We celebrated a significant victory when the favoured candidate, former ANC MP Cecil Burgess, was voted down in Parliament¹⁵. When the appointment began afresh with a new round of applications and interviews¹⁶, R2K had to resort to legal threats (through the Legal Resources Centre) to get the CVs of the candidates and secure a public interview process. This sets a new level of transparency in the historically secretive process.

Through tracking Parliament's appointment and the use of media and communications, Right2Know succeeded in bringing unprecedented media and public attention to the matter, raising the profile of what has long been an obscure watchdog office. By the end of 2016, after an 18-month vacancy in the Inspector General's office – a period for which there was effectively no independent oversight of the intelligence structures – Parliament nominated UNISA's Dr Setlhomamaru Dintwe to the role. While this appointment in itself represents a significant victory, R2K should use 2017 to bring cases to the Inspector General, and use the office strategically to ensure its independence and check the abuses of the security cluster.

3.1.3 Right to Protest

Issues around the right to protest have continued to demand action and solidarity from the Campaign. Crisis fatigue' is a particular challenge in this area of work, whereby an abuse that is repeated several times becomes 'normalised' and gets less traction within R2K structures, and even less in the broader public. Given the generalised lack of action/support from boarder civil society, R2K has increasingly had to take up matters/ cases and fill the gap.

Right to protest support and hotline

R2K has played an important role in setting up a right to protest hotline and legal support network, with the Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS) at Wits hosting the project and R2K being a member organisation on its steering committee. In October, the Right to Protest (R2P) project employed a Coordinator and attorney and began responding to requests for support. In a few short months, the Hotline has fielded 58 calls, coordinated legal support to 423 parties and facilitated two workshops on bail training for attorneys in Cape Town and a workshop with a mining community in Newcastle, which focused on protest rights and mining.

Legal challenges to the Gatherings Act

R2K has maintained that the Regulation of Gatherings Act of 1993 is an unconstitutional law that places unjust restrictions on people's right to protest, and resolved to support and champion two extant challenges to the Act by fraternal organisations. In November, we celebrated the High Court judgement secured by TAC/Section 27 in the Free State¹⁷, which struck down the criminal prosecution of the Bophelo House 94, a group health care workers convicted for participating in a peaceful protest – R2K provided solidarity statements about this case throughout 2016. In 2017, we expect an additional challenge to the constitutionality of the Gatherings Act to be heard in the Western Cape High Court, brought by the Social Justice Coalition. R2K has pledged its support for both challenges.

Private Security

2016 saw a renewed focus on the conduct of private security, especially in the context of the militarisation and securitisation of campuses in response to #Feesmustfall. R2K researched the legal powers and restrictions of the private security industry to provide advisories to the public, and a popular guide is in the final stages of drafting. R2K also produced statements on the conduct of private security¹⁸ and hosted a public seminar in the Western Cape that included representatives of both protesting student groups and the private security industry. This work must continue in 2017.

¹⁵ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/03/16/statement-r2k-welcomes-the-national-assemblys-decision-on-burgess/>

¹⁶ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/04/20/confirmed-interviews-for-inspector-general-will-be-public-but-more-is-needed/>

¹⁷ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/12/14/bophelohouse94/>

¹⁸ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/10/03/statement-on-violent-clampdowns-at-feesmustfall-protests/>

Direct support for protesters facing violations of the right to protest

R2K has continued to play an important role in linking protesters to legal support and the media when their rights are violated. We distributed thousands more copies of our Activist Guide to Protest handbook¹⁹ to affected activists and communities, provided/facilitated legal advice and assistance for many activists and organisations as well as gave practical solidarity (marches/pickets) both within the 3 R2K provinces and through the outreach work. We released 12 statements about repression of the right to protest this year²⁰. We've provided regular advice and assistance to #Feesmustfall students facing repression from police and private security, including picket at the Johannesburg Central Police Station²¹ and a march to the Durban Human Rights Commission demanding they take action²².

The State uses arbitrary arrest as a tactic to frustrate activists' capacity to organise. This is exacerbated by the lack of access to funds for bail. R2K must continue to explore the possibility of campaigning for Free Bail for Protesters.

3.2. Information Access

Demonstrating the necessity of transparency towards the realisation of socio-economic and ecological rights is a key component of R2K's strategy. Campaigning around information access, and pursuit of the National Summit resolution to offer sustained support of local struggles, has resulted in a huge amount of work and action.

3.2.1 Local Government & Service Delivery

Right2Know engaged the 2016 local elections as an opportunity to campaign for local government transparency and accountability. We focused on using the right to recall as an accountability mechanism as well as demands for open meetings and open processes²³. This platform was designed to reach beyond the 3 August election. We held 15 workshops and public meetings relating to different aspects of local government to enable our activists to engage in the local elections in ways that can forward local struggles²⁴.

¹⁹ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/03/21/r2k-protest-guide/>

²⁰ Examples of protest solidarity statements:

- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/02/10/r2k-statement-the-right-to-protest-denied-for-the-opening-of-parliament/s>
- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/02/11/right2know-pickets-on-n2-ahead-of-sona>
- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/02/19/r2k-kzn-statement-ukzn-protesters-are-in-urgent-need-for-legal-representation/>
- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/03/21/r2k-statement-respect-the-right-to-protest-as-a-fundamental-human-right/>
- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/03/23/amadiba-assassination/>
- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/05/13/in-solidarity-with-break-free-sa-we-have-the-right-to-protest-at-gupta-hq/>
- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/05/25/statement-r2k-kzn-calls-on-dr-tshabalala-to-urgently-address-prince-mshiyeni-hospital-workers-demands/>
- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/06/20/r2k-statement-solidarity-with-bopheloohouse94-and-the-right-to-protest/>
- <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/08/08/r2k-in-solidarity-with-bopheloohouse94-health-workers-right-to-protest/>

²¹ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/11/23/r2k-gauteng-to-picket-outside-the-johannesburg-central-police-station/>

²² See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/09/07/statement-r2k-strongly-condemns-police-brutality-employed-against-ukzn-students/>

²³ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/08/01/r2k-challenges-all-local-government-candidates-to-sign-our-accountability-and-transparency-pledge/>

²⁴ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/07/27/lge-public-meetings-in-the-wc-kzn-gp-and-limpopo/> and <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/07/22/lge-public-meetings-in-the-wc-and-eshowe-kzn/>

We produced an Activist Guide on Local Government Transparency²⁵ and a tabloid with content focused on local government and youth²⁶. We also worked with My Vote Counts (MVC) to have shared local government focused workshops in Free State, Gauteng, Western Cape and KZN, with discussions around party political funding and the right to recall.

Local Information Access struggles

At the 2016 National Summit, we identified the need for more capacity in the provincial structures to campaign for access to information. In each province, we now have dedicated teams support local communities to use information access to advance their struggles.

In the course of 2016 we supported a wide range of local struggles sustained engagements with Blikkiesdorp, Blue Downs, Faure, Makhaza, Ex-Midrand workers, Thembelihle, Precast, Dunlop workers (KZN), Glebelands, MACUA – East Rand, Macodefo, outsourced workers at the Mangosuthu University of Technology, Umlazi Section 4 hostels (with Ubunye), SECC and others (see APPENDIX 4).

We are in the process of finalising an Access to Information Tool Kit based on the knowledge generated from this work.

3.2.2 National Advocacy on Access to Info

We have focused on a number of national Information Access issues in recent months (see details of R2K's PAIA request in APPENDIX 5).

SA Procurement Monitoring Network

The civil society coalition led by the International Budget Partnership met last year with Treasury to discuss transparency in the procurement process and the new 'Procurement Bill'. The coalition made a submission** However, since then Treasury has made it clear that they will not engage our submission, but only consider submissions made through the Public Affair Research Institute (PARI). These limitations on the process caused the coalition to withdraw from the process. Also, most organisations have chosen to not engage directly with PARI so as not to allow them to tick that off as "civil society consultation".

Despite promises that the draft bill would be released by January this year, we have still not seen anything. The Department has since reported that they hope to introduce the Bill to Parliament by April 2017. This may be a good moment to engage critically on aspects of the bill that speaks to access to information, whistleblowing and public participation.

Information Regulator

The Information Regulator (IR) is a new Chapter 9 Institution created to protect and promote the access to information and the protection of personal information laws and regulations. This new office is an important platform for us to collect and submit data and complaints around the misuse and underuse of important Access to Info tools in SA.

R2K and ODAC wrote to the portfolio committee with our demands for openness in the appointment process. All the CVs of the shortlisted candidates were made available and the interviews were made open. An open letter, outlining questions for these interviews, was sent to the committee from the ATI Network.

Pantsy Tlakula has now been appointed as head of the Information Regulator. R2K intend to engage her to ensure the Regulator fulfils its potential.

²⁵ <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/07/29/guide-local-government-transparency-accountability/>

²⁶ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/08/05/r2ks-activist-tabloid-get-a-copy-of-your-right2know-aug-2016/>

The Open Government Partnership

In 2016 South Africa was chair of the international Open Government Partnership (OGP). R2K was part of a civil society initiative to challenge the SA government's poor engagement with the OGP process and demand proper engagement²⁷. To date there is no permanent and open dialogue mechanism and as such R2K has stepped out of the official OGP process.

Zimbabwe Access to Info coalition

We participated in a meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe held by the Media Institute of Southern Africa of Zimbabwe around the setting up a coalition for Access to Information in Zimbabwe. The coalition has struggled to maintain momentum due to funding issues, but R2K has continued to share resources and advice with MISA Zim where we are working around similar issues.

Access to Information Network

The PAIA Civil Society Network has been renamed the Access to Information Network (ATI Network) and reaffirmed its mandate to support one another and share information and experiences around using PAIA as an advocacy and legal tool. The network will launch its report on the effectiveness of PAIA in February 2017. Right2Know will chair of the network for 2017.

3.2.3 Corporate Secrecy

We continue to develop our focus on private sector secrecy.

Nuclear Secrecy

Momentum around the nuclear deal is building in government, with already R224 million spent in feasibility studies by the Department of Energy. But parallel to this process, momentum is also steadily building amongst civil society and the public against the massive expenditure, selective evidence, and the enormous potential for corruption that this deal brings. R2K partnered the Southern African Faith Communities Environment Institute (SAFCEI), Earthlife Africa and 350.org to campaign to stop the Nuclear Deal. Right2Know produced a popular education pamphlet²⁸ and sticker to be used in our campaigning efforts. Towards the end of the year we built great momentum with our partners around the case in the High Court, with actions in Cape Town, Joburg and Durban in solidarity with the transparency case, as well as a speak out in Cape Town and Durban and popular education discussions in Johannesburg²⁹. We anticipate this will continue to be a major focus of our work in 2017.

Arms Deal Commission

R2K hosted meetings in Gauteng and Western Cape to discuss how to engage the whitewashed Seriti Commission Arms Deal Report, released in April 2016 in an attempt to clear all those involved and to ensure that the massive corruption associated with the deal is covered up³⁰. R2K has also co-hosted screenings and discussions of the arms-industry expose, *Shadow World*, in Western Cape and Gauteng as part of the Encounters documentary film festival. The whitewashed outcome of the commission is a dangerous precedent set for other commissions of inquiry. To challenge this Corruption Watch and Right2Know launched court papers to have the findings of the report reviewed and set aside on this basis³¹.

3.2.4 Whistle-blowers

In the course of 2016 R2K offered support and solidarity to a number of whistle blowers. We supported a whistle-blower who spoke out against police brutality against her by JMPD. Gauteng protested outside the court case. We are also

²⁷ See: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/05/05/statement-south-africas-open-government-partnership-under-lock-and-key/>

²⁸ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/12/06/stop-the-secret-nuclear-deal/>

²⁹ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/12/06/stop-the-secret-nuclear-deal/>

³⁰ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/04/21/the-whitewash-we-saw-coming/>

³¹ See www.armsdealfacts.com

supporting Telkom whistle-blower Thabo Mothelo, who is appearing in court in March 2017, and R2K Gauteng has committed to provide him with solidarity in the lead up and during the court case at the labour court.

We produced our annual 'Champions of the Right to Know' Calendar for 2017, recognising the contribution of individuals and organisations who have fearlessly fought for the public's right to information. The 2017 calendar recognised whistle-blower Yumna Moosa, who exposed racism, gender discrimination and bullying of young doctors; the anti-mining activists of the Amadiba Crisis Committee; the fearless #BopheloHouse94 who fought for their right to protest; the courageous 'SABC 8' journalists, former Public Protector Thuli Madonsela, and the late comrade Godfrey Phiri, a fallen leader of the Right2Know.

3.3 Right to Communicate

2016 was a busy year on the communication rights front with increased threats to freedom of expression, media freedom and a reinvigorated campaign for access to telecommunications.

3.3.1. Internet Freedom

Internet rights have become increasingly important to our mandate given the growing threats to online freedoms. A raft of draft legislation and regulations seriously threaten the internet as a free and open medium and imperils the privacy and other rights of users. In addition to the Cybercrimes Bill (see section 1.1.1 above) there were several other matters.

Film and Publications Board

Our campaign against the growing censorship mandate of the Film and Publications Board continues. In 2016 the FPB released its amended regulations for online content which, together with the Films and Publications Amendment Bill, represent a real threat to internet freedom. We produced an accessible summary of their flaws and made written and oral submissions to Parliament³².

Draft Hate Speech Bill

In late 2016, responding to a range of outrageous incidents of racist vitriol by social media users in South Africa, the Department of Justice produced a draft Hate Crimes and Hate Speech Bill which contains wide-ranging criminal restrictions on freedom of expression, far beyond constitutionally defined hate speech. In early 2017, Right2Know will make a submission on this draft Bill, essentially rejecting any attempt to criminalise speech and insisting that existing legal mechanisms should be improved and strengthened. The draft Bill is likely to proceed down the legislative path in 2017 and will require concerted work.

3.3.2. Access to Telecommunications

Internet freedom and internet access are two sides of the same coin and we continue to push for fast, reliable and affordable internet access for all.

In 2016 R2K championed the #DataMustFall campaign, holding a number of pickets and making submissions to Parliament on the cost of airtime and data³³. After the hearings government published their ICT White Paper limiting spectrum allocated to the incumbent corporations and promoting open access of spectrum. R2K has cautiously welcomes these proposals as a mechanism to break the telecoms cartel and will continue to campaign for open spectrum.

³² See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/05/25/films-publications-bill-internet-censorship/>

³³ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/09/20/r2k-to-parliament-data-and-airtime-costs-must-fall/>

We also continued to promote an alternative model of internet access through the Zenzeleni project, a community-owned telecommunications network that has connected residents of the rural Mankosi community in the Eastern Cape³⁴. Together we hosted stakeholder meetings in Gauteng, Western Cape, KZN and the Eastern Cape.

3.3.3. Media Freedom

Media workers' rights

At home, threats to the safety and independence of journalists continue to be a problem. We are witnessing an alarming number of cases of harassment against media workers by police and security officials.

Throughout 2016, R2K continued to distribute popular advisories on the right to film and record the police³⁵ a right that was frequently infringed, especially during protests on and around campuses³⁶. This was also the topic of a public debate hosted by R2K Western Cape in Khayelitsha³⁷. R2K also highlighted the particular threat of state surveillance of journalists' communications with their sources, making it a central point in our campaign against RICA (see section 1.1.2) and including publicising and picketing the prosecution of a former Crime Intelligence official who allegedly executed an illegal phone-tap of two Sunday Times journalists³⁸.

On the community media front, in the lead-up to municipal elections, R2K issued a statement of concern after threats against the staff of Madibeng FM in Brits for its critical coverage of the traditional council's ties with Lonmin mining company³⁹. In terms of the independence of corporate media, in 2016 R2K supported former Cape Times editor Alide Dasnois, who had been unfairly dismissed after publishing a report on the business interests of Independent Media's boss Iqbal Surve⁴⁰. In late 2016, R2K also protested the unexplained dismissal of *Citizen* editor Steven Motale⁴¹ – in a matter that will be heard in a Labour Court in 2017.

SABC crisis

By mid-year, however, the continuing crisis at the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) became a flagship campaign for Right2Know's media freedom work – the worsening censorship under former COO Hlaudi Motsoeneng leading to a ban on coverage of protest violence, and the suspension and then dismissal of eight journalists who resisted the climate of censorship. From June 2016, onwards, R2K was able to play a vital role in rallying public support for the censored journalists and against the climate of clampdown at the SABC. Working with allied organisations, Right2Know organised or supported 16 protests at SABC offices in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, Kimberley and Mangaung, as well as others at ICASA, the Department of Communications in Pretoria, and Parliament in Cape Town.

In September 2016, R2K also marched on SABC's corporate advertisers calling for them to take a stand against continued erosion of governance at the broadcaster⁴². The growing resistance to the capture of the SABC by Hlaudi Motsoeneng and individuals supporting him, including those who had sat on the now inquorate board, culminated in a Parliamentary inquiry into the board's fitness, and all related issues. R2K was one of three external organisations that made submissions to the inquiry, highlighting our key demands: Motsoeneng must be permanently removed from the SABC, Minister of Communications Faith Muthambi must be fired, and all censorship policies at the SABC must be immediately reversed⁴³. In just a few weeks in December, the inquiry has successfully opened on the can of worms at the SABC and represent a

³⁴ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2015/09/23/zenzeleni-do-it-yourself/>

³⁵ See www.r2k.org.za/filmthepolice

³⁶ See www.r2k.org.za/2016/10/19/black-wednesday/

³⁷ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/10/13/black-wed-press-freedom-age-of-protest/>

³⁸ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/05/05/6594/>

³⁹ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/07/23/r2k-alarmed-at-threats-to-madibeng-fm-staff/>

⁴⁰ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/05/08/dasnois-case/>

⁴¹ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/11/29/firing-steven-motale/>

⁴² See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/09/25/r2k-calls-on-advertisers-to-boycott-the-sabc/>

⁴³ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/wp-content/uploads/161209R2KstatementtoParliament.pdf>

huge victory for all who have campaigned for an independent and vibrant public broadcaster. In 2017, this work must continue.

Regional solidarity

The Right2Know Campaign has consistently drawn attention to global threats to free expression and the free flow of information and have stood in solidarity with allies in other parts of the continent⁴⁴. This year we have held two pickets outside Angolan consular buildings in Pretoria and Cape Town to condemn that country's brutal repression of dissenters and journalists, in particular the 17 activists that are being persecuted by the state for legitimate and peaceful political activity and forming a reading group were literature deemed "subversive" was circulated and read⁴⁵. We also pressured South Africa's government to take action against internet shutdowns in Zimbabwe⁴⁶ and issued a statement of concern at media clampdowns in Turkey⁴⁷.

3.3.4. Digital TV

The migration from analogue to digital TV continued at a snail pace in 2016 with low levels of take up in various pilot sites. We continue to campaign for more quality, locally-produced free-to-air content when South Africa finally transitions to Digital, working with Cape Town Community TV and the SOS Coalition to champion Channel Free - a national TV station initiative that aims to fill an important gap in the media landscape by prioritising social justice issues and giving a voice to the marginalized and their struggles. We have also continued to campaign for free Set Top Boxes working with the SOS Coalition to hold three popular education workshops in Soweto, East Rand and Tsakane.

3.3.5. Community Media

In 2016, R2K sought to reinvigorated ties with community media and help build community media, by actively seeking MOUs with community media organisations in R2K constituencies. This this has yielded useful partnership with key community radio and TV stations aiming to connect grassroots activists with the community media structures that are mandated to serve them. However more must be done to consolidate these relationships.

3.4 Solidarity Work

Marikana Support Campaign

Right2Know led and participated in many of the commemoration events around the country on the fourth anniversary of the Marikana massacre, joining 8 events around the country⁴⁸. One of the highlights of the day was the screening of the film on the walls of the SABC in Cape Town in protest of the SABC's refusal to screen the film. In KZN, there were important links made between several other struggles and the fighting spirit of the fallen mineworkers – including the outsourced university workers and the Glebelands community, in several protests and commemoration events.

Hands Off Our Grants

Right2Know supported the Black Sash led Hands Off Our Grants (HOOG) campaign against the abuse of personal information. We undertook popular education⁴⁹, organised a number of public meetings and supported protest action around a successful Constitutional Court challenge to the unlawful deduction of payments for funeral policies and other items such as airtime and electricity payments from grant payments. We also supported the national day of action with

⁴⁴ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/05/24/africa-day-statement-promote-freedom-of-expression-in-africa/>

⁴⁵ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/06/06/free-the-angolan-activists/> and <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/04/11/angolan-17-picket/>

⁴⁶ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/07/08/letter-to-sa-minister-of-international-relations-zim-shutdown-2016/>

⁴⁷ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/08/12/r2k-condemns-repression-of-media-workers-in-turkey/>

⁴⁸ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/08/16/join-us-marikana-commemoration-events-in-gp-kzn-wc/>

⁴⁹ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/10/14/hoog/>

events in Cape Town, Pretoria and Durban around a case in the Pretoria High Court to ensure that the unlawful deductions end. In 2017 we will make a submission to the new office of the Information Regulator around these abuses of personal information.

Glebelands Hostel killings

In light of the continued crisis in Glebelands, in which at least 62 people have died in apparent political killings since March 2014 and at least 13 people have been victims of police torture, R2K has continued to administer donations and public statements on behalf of concerned residents of Glebelands Hostel and allies. In April, R2K supported an appeal to the UN Human Rights Committee (UNHCR) to intervene in the crisis at Glebelands⁵⁰. In July R2K held a national day of action in solidarity with Glebelands⁵¹, protesting outside police stations in Western Cape, Gauteng and KZN to highlight the continued inaction by police in Umlazi, and R2K KZN mobilised support for the court appearance of ⁵² witnesses in trials against some of the killings.

Amadiba Solidarity

After Comrade Bazooka Rhadebe, a prominent anti-mining activist and head of the Amadiba Crisis Committee, was gunned down in Xolobeni in March, R2K helped to coordinate a crisis response. Over 193 organisations endorsed our joint statement condemning the killings⁵³, ⁵⁴ and R2K helped to convene solidarity meetings in the provinces and screenings of *Shore Break*, a documentary about the struggle in Xolobeni. R2K KZN also sent a delegation to Bazooka's memorial. The struggle in Xolobeni was the front-page story in R2K's June tabloid⁵⁴.

Break Free Campaign

The Break Free Campaign in Gauteng was a coalition brought together by 350.org as part of an international anti-coal campaign for 2016. In SA 350.org focused on different angles of the coal industry, with R2K's focus on corruption and lack of transparency, both at a local level in areas such as Witbank, where communities are directly affected by coal, and in national corrupt connections such as with the Guptas. The campaign held a speak out in Witbank, a bread-price march, led by COPAC and a mass gathering outside the Gupta residence, with a coffin of coal being delivered to their gate.

4. INTERNAL REVIEW

We have continued to build the Right2Know Campaign as a free, independent, vibrant and activists driven coalition that exemplifies our values of democracy, openness, and accountability.

4.1 Campaign Structures and Relations

As evidenced by the report above, Campaign structures continue to function well. In 2016 we worked with over 145 organisations (see APPENDIX 2) to organize over 93 protests and public meetings and 32 popular education workshops – more than 10 events a month (see APPENDIX 1).

In January and February, the Campaign completed our annual Provincial and National Summits, electing our 2016/7 leadership and adopted a strategic framework for the year⁵⁵. Progress was assessed at our Mid Term Review⁵⁶. Two key

⁵⁰ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/04/18/r2k-kzn-supports-glebelands-residents-call-to-the-unhrc/>

⁵¹ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/07/14/press-statement-right2know-campaign-solidarity-picket-for-justice-for-glebelands-hostel-violence-victims/>

⁵² See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/11/08/who-killed-glebelands-peace-committee-leader/>

⁵³ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/03/23/amadiba-assassination/>

⁵⁴ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/05/10/r2ks-tabloid-get-a-copy-of-your-right2know-may-2016/>

⁵⁵ See 2016 Summit Report: <http://www.r2k.org.za/wp-content/uploads/R2K-2016-SummitReport-FINAL1.pdf>

⁵⁶ See Mid Term Review report: <http://www.r2k.org.za/wp-content/uploads/Right2Know-2016-Mid-Year-Report-final.pdf>

themes emerging from the 2016 Summits were the need to deepen the internal democracy of the campaign and to root the Campaign in the community organisations and other struggles.

After the National Summit the Gauteng Province raised a number of concerns regarding un-comradely conduct of some Summit participants. The NWG launched an independent investigation into these concerns that resulted in a review of the Campaign's approach to electing the NWG and the structure of the annual Summits. The investigation also concluded that because the Campaign is a microcosm of South African society, it must do more to air and address underlying issues of race, class and gender discrimination and inequality – as well as other power dynamics⁵⁷. To this end we conducted a series of Walk The Talk workshops.

The 2016/7 National Working Group (NWG)⁵⁸ elected at the National Summit performed legal and fiduciary responsibility for the campaign and provided strategic oversight and enabled coordination between structures. Siviwe Mdoda and Meshack Mbangula resigned from the NWG to pursue other commitments. Comrade Godfrey Phiri passed away⁵⁹ and Philisiwe Dladla was removed due to non-participation. Peter Zulu and Dale McKinley were co-opted to the NWG.

In 2016 we reviewed and adopted a number of our policies including new anti-corruption policy, sexual harassment policy, secondary advance policy, and a policy on approach to summits and elections⁶⁰. Despite our well-developed structure and formal processes, working under pressure with limited resources we often do not pay enough attention to interpersonal relations - the "people side of things". In 2016 we agreed to not be focused on action and deliverables at the expense of building relationships of trust and comradeship - how we treat others reflects our values and must be seen as part of our activism.

Too many comrades still speak about the R2K in the third-person. We must still do more to ensure comrades take ownership and identify and part of the Campaign. In many cases activists are over-reliant on staff and coordinators to implement decisions. We must strive to enable stronger participation from other R2K supporters in implementation and ensure that Staffers support and enable activism and work to maintain internal democracy rather than substituting for activists and undermining their authority.

We live in a patriarchal, racist, and exploitative society shaped by unjust and undemocratic power relations. As a result, we all bring undemocratic beliefs and behaviours into the Campaign. We must continue to unlearn cultural/political approaches and practices that undermine democratic movement building. We must approach this task with humility, in the spirit of building one another.

In 2016 we reprinted our "We have the Right2Know" induction publication and ran a series of Walk the Talk workshops in Provinces to ensure activists are familiar with relevant policies, use our well-established structures and channels for better democratic decision-making, and are guided by our principles in their conduct.

4.2. Enabling Activism in Provinces

Our Provincial Working Groups (PWGs) in KZN, Gauteng and Western Cape remain the heart of the Campaign - controlling our programme budgets and meeting monthly to review and plan action.

2016 saw provinces extend their monthly meetings to deal with a growing agenda including monthly financial reports & NWG minutes. More must be done to support the decision-making capacity of PWGs and implementing capacity of Task Teams – as well as mechanisms, including provincial email lists – to hold Coordinators and Staff accountable in between PWG meetings. PWGs and the NWG must ensure Provincial Coordinators must have sufficient capacity to provide financial and human resource oversight.

⁵⁷ See the Investigation Report: <http://www.r2k.org.za/wp-content/uploads/R2K-Investigative-Team-Report-2016-summit-.pdf>

⁵⁸ See list of elected leaders: <http://www.r2k.org.za/people/>

⁵⁹ See tributes to Comrade Godfrey Phiri: <http://www.r2k.org.za/godfrey/>

⁶⁰ See our policy manual: <http://www.r2k.org.za/wpcontent/uploads/Right2KnowPOLICYANDPROCEDURESMANUAL.pdf>

KZN and Gauteng Provinces reached an important milestone in their growth when they moved into their own offices leaving host organisations Centre for Civil Society and Socio-Economic Rights Institute respectively.

4.3. Enabling Activism in Focus Group

Thematic Focus Groups continue to network R2K activists with content expertise on various issues. Focus Groups monitor developments, identify critical issues for R2K to engage, and contribute to shaping R2K responses.

In 2016 we saw our Focus Groups gaining strength and getting more integrated with Provinces. Going forward Focus Groups should consider having more regular meetings to agree priorities and responsibilities to ensure all our intellectual capacity is channelled into action. Provinces need to continue nurturing “champions” on each of our focuses.

We must take greater care to manage tensions and competition with sister organisations in Focus Groups. R2K should draw in their capacities and add value to their programmes without getting into petty ‘turf wars’ over ownership – R2K should belong to everyone.

4.4. Enabling Activism in Local Struggles

The 2016 National Summit mandated R2K to increase the focus on local solidarity work. Our support for local struggles took a number of forms ranging from simply providing information/advice and assistance with technical applications, communications or media to working alongside communities/structures over time.

We have undertaken sustained engagements with many communities in KZN, Gauteng and the Western Cape including Blikkiesdorp, Blue Downs, Faure, Makhaza, Ex-Midrand workers, Thembelihle and Precast, Dunlop workers (KZN), Glebelands, and MACUA – East Rand (see Section 1.21 above and APPENDIX 4 for details). We have also reached out to many new community struggles beyond our core Provinces through our outreach work (see Section 2.3 below).

Towards the end of 2016 we undertook provincial reflections on this aspect of our work⁶¹. The reflection process noted that communities are largely demobilised and local struggles are relatively weak. High levels of poverty and unemployment, low levels of political consciousness, as well as organised resistance strategies, make local organising very difficult. Within local organisations internal democracy and more long term strategic perspectives are limited. The lack of institutional capacity including weak communication and gate-keeping of information often, result in mistrust and fracturing amongst activists.

In this context, and with our limited capacity, R2K needs to evaluate how we can most effectively support struggles without substituting for local organising or creating paternalistic welfarist relations of dependency that will frustrate and undermine local organising. We must also guard against the populism of activists who claim to represent communities and promote an overt antipathy towards those outside of community structures/struggles.

4.5. Combating Patriarchy

In our 2015 reflection we committed Right2Know to becoming a feminist organisation⁶². The Campaign remains a microcosm of South African society and confronting patriarchy is a priority within the Campaign as we drive to challenge undemocratic power relation and ensure R2K is a safe space for women characterized by equality, dignity and respect.

In the course of 2016 we focused on building and strengthening existing partnerships with feminist movements, and LGBTI organisations, including WAMUA, WOMIN, Agenda and Womensnet. We organised three workshops, a Press

⁶¹ See Local Struggle Reflection Report: <http://www.r2k.org.za/wpcontent/uploads/REFLECTIONDOCUMENTSSupportingLocalStrugglesin2016.pdf>

⁶² See 2015 Reflection: <http://www.r2k.org.za/wp-content/uploads/R2K-2015-Org-Report.pdf>

Freedom Day meeting on women and the media, held a picket outside Johannesburg Central police station demanding an end to police brutality against women protestors, and attended two workshops on women and ICTs. We also adopted a Sexual Harassment Policy⁶³ and appointed a Sexual Harassment Officer.

We need to do more to draw organisations working on issues related to patriarchy into the Campaign and integrate feminist perspectives in the thematic areas of our work.

4.6. National Solidarity Network (Outreach)

In the course of 2016 we worked with 23 organisations to build a network of R2K supporters in the Eastern Cape, Free State, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, North West and Northern Cape provinces ensure a Campaign presence beyond our base in KZN, Gauteng and the Western Cape. We've visited each province at least once, and created provincial email and WhatsApp lists to enable communication across the network. We've distributed R2K publications and materials and supported a number of actions (see APPENDIX 6).

In 2016 we strived to ensure better integration with other R2K focus and provincial structures to ensure the capacities elsewhere in the campaign are available to the outreach network and that issues/capacities in the network feed into the rest of the Campaign. However, given this, we can do more to make remote struggles more visible by offering communication support and circulating statements, action alerts and photographs.

We have been guided by the principle of “struggle before structure” aiming to develop sustainable relationship of mutual solidarity that are action orientated and initiated on the ground. We have strived to avoid more bureaucratic relations that have defined similar initiatives where processes are initiated in the urban centres and then ‘exported onto’ local organisations, often driven by the resources of the urban centres to organise workshops, fund actions, etc.

However - with a few notable exceptions - levels of organisation and campaigning are low in the network. We have seen greater levels of energy when R2K proposes action on a R2K issue and have encountered numerous requests to deliver workshops that are not directly related to action on the ground.

While this is reflective of experiences in our work with local communities KZN, Gauteng and Western Cape (see 2.1.3 above) it poses additional challenges because of our limited capacity to engage organisations in the outreach network, the increased logistical costs of working in more rural areas, and the lack of budgeted funds to undertake this work.

The Outreach Focus Group is proposing that in 2017 we should plan to deliver more workshops in the National Solidarity Network, including at least one right to Protest workshop a month in each province in partnership with the Right to Protest Hotline. The 2017 Summits need to carefully consider the political and financial/capacity implications of shifting our outreach strategy to this more traditional NGO model.

4.7 Coalitions and Fronts

In 2014 the Campaign acknowledged that the right to know could not be won without the greater unity and strengthening of broader civil society. To this end, we have participated in a number of efforts to build coalitions and fronts. Sadly, progress here had been frustrating. After its initial promise the United Front has all-but collapsed, as has the Unite Against Corruption coalition.

In the wake of Constitutional Courts Nkandla ruling we saw a rush of activity calling for the President to resign, but R2K activists have been wary of embracing initiatives like #zumamustfall and #SaveSA – in part because of concerns about the political orientation of these initiatives, in part because of experiences of the lack of internal democracy and accountability in the UF and UAC.

⁶³ See R2K Harassment Policy: <http://www.r2k.org.za/sexual-harassment-policy/>

R2K remains active in a number of issue-based networks and coalitions including the SOS Coalition, Access to Information Network, SA Procurement Monitoring Network, Marikana Solidarity Campaign and the Privacy International Network.

4.8 Media and Communications

The Campaign is a complex organisation with a broad scope engaging on a wide range of issues with a variety of stakeholders, from local, provincial and thematic activists to sister organisations, journalists, academics, international networks, policy makers, state officials, and the general public. The Campaign values transparency and the free flow of information – however, paradoxically, too much information results in ‘information overwhelm’ and serves as a barrier to stakeholders engaging the work of the Campaign. In 2016 we strived to develop our communications systems and capacity to ensure the right information in the right quality and quality reaches the right stakeholder group, through the appropriate channel.

4.8.1 Media Coverage

R2K maintains a high media profile. In 2016 received extensive media coverage (See APPENDIX 3 for 488 examples of coverage). On social media, our Twitter ‘followers’ have grown from 20,600 in January to 25,800 in December, our Facebook ‘likes’ from 11,000 to 13000. Our website enjoyed an average 6454 unique visitors a month.

R2K has a strong team of spokespeople who represented the campaign in the media and on various other public platforms. However, we still rely too heavily on statements to engage the mass media and we need to diversify our methods of getting information out (including Op Eds, relevant/targeted publications). 2016 saw Provinces drawing more on the capacity of Focus Groups and staff to prepare their communications and we intensified our efforts to engage community radio developing partnerships with a number of stations in KZN, Gauteng, and the Western Cape.

4.8.2 Materials & Publications

The year kicked off with the distribution of our 2016 “champions of the Right to Know”⁶⁴ calendar and ended with the production of our 2017 calendar⁶⁵- both celebrating the contributions of a number of individuals and organisations. We also distributed a revised Activist Guide to the Right to Protest⁶⁶, Activist Guide to Local Government Transparency and Accountability⁶⁷, and have prepared an Activist Guide to Surveillance. We distributed three editions of our popular tabloid newspaper, Your Right2Know^{68,69,70}. We also published New Terrains of Privacy in South Africa⁷¹ in partnership with the MPDP. We reprinted publications that remain relevant but had been fully distributed: Media Transformation and the Right to Communicate⁷², We have the Right2Know activist induction⁷³, and Big Brother Exposed⁷⁴. We also produced various pamphlets and stickers ranging from the SABC crisis to the nuclear deal as well as R2K banners, t-shirts, and caps.

⁶⁴ See 2016 Calendar: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2015/12/22/2016-r2k-champions/>

⁶⁵ See 2017 Calendar: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/12/06/presenting-2017-champions-for-the-right-to-know-commemorative-poster/>

⁶⁶ See Right to Protest Guide <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/03/21/r2k-protest-guide/>

⁶⁷ See Local Government Guide: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/07/29/guide-local-government-transparency-accountability/>

⁶⁸ See May Tabloid: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/05/10/r2ks-tabloid-get-a-copy-of-your-right2know-may-2016/>

⁶⁹ See August Tabloid: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/08/05/r2ks-activist-tabloid-get-a-copy-of-your-right2know-aug-2016/>

⁷⁰ See January 2017 Tabloid: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/12/09/r2ks-activist-tabloid-get-a-copy-of-your-right2know-jan-2017/>

⁷¹ See New Terrains of Privacy in South Africa: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016/12/15/research-new-terrains-of-privacy-in-south-africa/>

⁷² See Media Transformation and the Right to Communicate: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2015/11/13/publication-media-transformation-the-right-to-communicate/>

⁷³ See We Have the Right2Know: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2015/12/10/publication-we-have-the-right2know-an-activist-introduction-to-the-r2k/>

⁷⁴ See Big Brother Exposed: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2015/04/28/publication-big-brother/>

In 2017 attention needs to be paid to more strategic distribution of materials – ensuring limited quantities are not depleted before they reach their target audience.

4.8.3. Internal communications

Given the complexity of our networks and structures internal communication remains a challenge despite (or because of) multiple email and Whatsapp groups. Many comrades don't have the time, skills, and/or internet access to engage the torrent of information that flows through the Campaign. We have not managed to revive the Weekly Events Calendar. Even information synthesised in monthly provincial and national reports is not insufficiently engaged with. NWG members remain a critical link in ensuring Provinces are informed of National and Focus Group developments and visa-versa.

It may well be that given the Campaign's broad scope and decentralised structure it is impossible for all activists to be on top of all issues. This poses challenges to strategic cohesion and broader issues of accountability within the Campaign.

4.9. Popular Education

Popular Education remains a foundation of R2K's mobilization work. In 2016 we ran 32 activist workshops on issues ranging from surveillance and internet access to protest, community media, and digital TV (See APPENDIX 1.2 for details).

The National and Provincial Leadership Development Teams held a training design workshop with the support of the Popular Education Programme but failed to implement the workshops they designed. In December, the Leadership Development programme ran a three-day national Year End Reflection workshop deepening the strategic capacities for R2K leaders and unpacking a number of substantive issues in preparation for the 2017 Summits. In 2017 we plan to rerun our political economy reading course⁷⁵.

4.10. Finances

The Campaign has maintained our commitment to the prudent use of funds as well as striving for maximum transparency and accountability in our financial management. The NWG Finance Team continues to provide oversight of our finances and we have continued to produce monthly financial reports for the NWG and Provinces. We aim to complete our 2016 audit before the National Summit in March.

We are grateful for growing donor confidence in the Campaign. We have successfully raised funds to cover the 2016 budget and - thanks to a number of multi-year donor contracts - we have confirmed a large part of our budget up to the end of 2018. Almost all our donors provide 'core' funds that allow for flexibility and responsiveness as campaign activist decide spending priorities on an ongoing basis⁷⁶.

Noting a tension between the need to manage risk, minimize administrative workload, and enable activism, we have implemented a system to allow for secondary advances to activists and staff in Provinces.

The NWG has adopted a budget for 2017 based on a review of 2016 spending and projected growth of 15% in our programme areas.

We are in the process of completing the 2016 audit. You can find a draft financial report and analysis here: <http://www.r2k.org.za/2016-financial-report/>

⁷⁵ See details of political economy course: <http://school.r2k.org.za/>

⁷⁶ See list of donors and links to audits: <http://www.r2k.org.za/about/donors/>

4.11 Staffing

The Campaign now has a total staff of twelve with two vacancies⁷⁷. In 2016 Murray Hunter was appointed Advocacy Coordinator to provide more strategic support and synergy to the various campaign focuses. Bongani Xezwi was appointed full-time Outreach Organiser to build the R2K presence beyond our core provinces. Ntombi Tshabalala was appointed full-time Gauteng Organiser. Part-time Provincial Administrators as well as the Information Access and the Right to Communicate Organisers were all made full-time. In October Micah Reddy resigned and Communication Rights Focus Organiser and we have failed to appoint his replacement or a new Secrecy & Securitisation Focus Organiser.

Towards the end of the year we a began review of our staffing arrangements. In 2017 we will likely implement changes to our national coordination and Focus Organiser roles to create positions that address challenges that have arisen in our failed recruitment of Focus Organisers. We are also reviewing the role of Provincial Organiser with a view to appointing a second set of Provincial Organizers and ensuring each has a clearly defined role in the organisation.

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⁷⁷ See list of Staff: <http://www.r2k.org.za/people/>

APPENDIX 1: Public Meetings, Protests & Workshops

Note: These lists are incomplete because of various record keeping challenges.

1. R2K Protests & Public Meetings (93)

1.1 R2K Provinces

1. GP Channel Free meeting, Feb 2016
2. GP Internet freedom and media rights, public discussion at Wits University, March 2016
3. WC Amadiba Solidarity Meeting, March 2016
4. GP Amadiba Solidarity Meeting, March 2016
5. Community dialogue – SASSA grants – Eshowe, March 2016
6. GP Wintervelt community meeting, March 2016
7. GP VEJA community meeting, March 2016
8. GP Ivory Park community meeting, March 2016
9. GP Kopanong and Mabopane pamphleteering, March 2016
10. WC Picket against Surveillance at Parliament, April 2016
11. GP Film screening for ATI and PAIA, April 2016
12. GP Protest against Surveillance at the Office of Interceptions Centre (OIC), April 2016
13. GP Schubert Park community meeting, March 2016
14. KZN Umlazi T Section Mtg with Leaders, March 2016
15. KZN Port blockage to protest Transnet: encroachment on Clairwood & Merebank), April 2016
16. KZN Eshowe Community Dialogue, April 2016
17. WC marching with ZumaMustFall, April 2016
18. Eastrand community discussion: Democracy Today, April 2016
19. Ivory park Screening: Miners Shot Down, April 2016
20. WC Movie Night at {code}bridge: Miners Shot Down & Crumbs, April 2016
21. GP Protest against the selling of new ID's, April 2016
22. GP Screening: Dear Mandela, April 2016
23. KZN Screening: Shore Break with Open Data Durban, April 2016
24. GP Media Freedom & Social Justice: A conversation with our journalists, April 2016
25. GP Screening: Shore Break, April 2016
26. Three open studio shows for CTV in March and April
27. WC Freedom Day festival, May 2016
28. KZN community radios meeting, May 2016
29. KZN Traditional Leaders meeting in Eshowe, May 2016
30. GP SECC community meeting, May 2016
31. GP Press Freedom Day meeting, May 2016
32. GP Protest at surveillance court case in Pretoria, May 2016
33. GP Thembelihle film screening: Shore Break, May 2016
34. GP Ivory Park mass meeting, May 2016
35. WC Channel Free launch: Women & Media, May 2016
36. KZN Ubunye bama Hostel ATI workshop, May 2016
37. KZN Melmoth Community meeting, May 2016
38. KZN Picket outside the Angolan Embassy to mark World Press Freedom Day, May 2016
39. IAJ/FXI 2016 Freedom of the Press Report Launch, May 2016
40. WC "Hands Off Our Grants" Picket on Sassa Grant Deductions, May 2016
41. WC Solidarity Picket with fired Cape Times journalist, May 2016
42. WC meeting on Internet access, June 2016
43. GP Picket outside the Angolan Embassy in protest against clampdowns on dissenters and 17 political prisoners, Pretoria, June 2016
44. 1st WC Protest at SABC, June 2016
45. 1st GP Protest at SABC, June 2016
46. 1st KZN Protest at SABC, June 2016
47. 2nd WC Protest at SABC, June 2016
48. WC Protest at SABC in support of journalists, June 2016
49. GP Protest at SABC in support of journalists, June 2016
50. KZN Protest at SABC in support of journalists, June 2016
51. GP picket at Angolan embassy, June 2016
52. GP SABC mass meeting, June 2016
53. GP Protests at ANN7, June 2016
54. Co-hosted "Shadow World" Encounters Film Festival Q&A Session KwaLanga, June 2016

55. Co-hosted “Shadow World” Encounters Film Festival Q&A Session in Alexandria, June 2016
56. Co-hosted “Shadow World” Encounters Film Festival Q&A Session in Khayelitsha, June 2016
57. KZN Right2Recall meeting – Eshowe, July 2016
58. KZN Right2Recall meeting – Durban, July 2016
59. GP SOWETO community meeting, May 2016
60. GP East Rand community meeting, May 2016
61. GP Public Meeting on SABC, July 2016
62. WC Public Meeting on SABC, July 2016
63. 2nd GP Protest at SABC, July 2016
64. GP Protest outside Luthuli house in relation to the SABC, July 2016
65. GP picket at ICASA, July 2016
66. KZN Marikana Commutation in Umlazi, August 2016
67. GP Marikana Commutation at in Soweto, August 2016
68. WC Marikana Commutation at SABC, August 2016
69. GP Local government community meeting in Maukase, August 2016
70. GP Local government community meeting in Soweto, August 2016
71. KZN Protest at SABC/Vodacom, September 2016
72. GP Mamelodi community meeting, May 2016
73. GP R2K international day of action, September 2016
74. WC March on SABC advertisers, September 2016
75. GP March on SABC advertisers, September 2016
76. KZN Phoenix Community meeting, October 2016
77. GP Memorial Service for Godfrey Phiri, October 2016
78. GP Picket at Grabber case in Pretoria magistrate court, September 2016
79. GP picket at Sunday times spying case, September 2016
80. GP screening miners shot down screening in Schubart park, October 2016
81. WC co-hosted ‘Stand with Ntombi’ solidarity event for Reclaim the City activist facing graffiti charges, October 2016
82. GP material distribution in Makaase, October 2016.
83. GP picket at MTN, October 2016
84. GP material distribution in Ivory Park, October 2016.
85. KZN Black Black Wednesday march to SAHRC, October, 2016
86. GP Police brutality picket focusing on female activists/protestors, November 2016
87. GP picket at Sunday times spying case, September 2016

1.2 Outreach

88. Free State: Theunesen Community march, March 2016
89. Northern Cape protest at SABC Kimberly, June 2016
90. Limpopo: Right2Recall mass meeting, July 2016
91. Free State: Picket outside SABC Bloemfontein with TAC, July 2016.

2. R2K Workshops (32)

2.1 R2K Provinces

1. WC preparatory workshop on surveillance and interception of communications, March 2016
2. WC roundtable on surveillance and interception of communications, March 2016
3. GP roundtable on surveillance and interception of communications, March 2016
4. GP Internet access workshop, Johannesburg, March 2016
5. WC Internet access workshop, Johannesburg, March 2016
6. GP WAMUA and WOMIN Right2Protest workshop, March 2016
7. WC workshop on strengthening community media, Cape Town, May 2016
8. KZN Ubunye bamaHostel Gender Workshop, May 2016
9. GP Telecoms Workshop, May 2016
10. FAST-Africa internet access workshop, Johannesburg, May 2016
11. WC Freedom Week Summit: The Right to Recall, May 2016
12. Leadership Development: Training Design Workshop with PEP, June 2016
13. KZN Tongaat Orientation workshop, June 2016
14. WC Telecoms Workshop, July 2016
15. WC Zenzeleni Workshop, July 2016
16. KZN Community Media Workshop, July 2016
17. GP workshop on information /communication security, July 2016
18. GP Walk The Talk: Activist Induction Workshop, August 2016
19. WC Workshop on Private Security, August 2016

20. WC Walk The Talk: Activist Induction Workshop, August 2016
21. KZN Walk The Talk: Activist Induction Workshop, September 2016
22. GP ATI Workshop, November 2016
23. WC RICA & Surveillance Workshop, November 2016
24. GP Workshop reflecting on R2K local solidarity work, November 2016
25. KZN Workshop reflecting on R2K local solidarity work, November 2016
26. WC Workshop reflecting on R2K local solidarity work, December 2016
27. Leadership Development: Year End Review, December 2016

2.2 Outreach Workshops

28. North West: Right2Protest workshop in Potchefstroom with members of the Voice of the Voiceless and NW university workers, March 2016.
29. North West: Workshop on Digital TV with SOS in Potchefstroom, May 2016.
30. Free State: Workshop on political part funding and Right to recall with My Vote Counts, July 2016.
31. North West: Meeting on Housing Evictions with the Marikana Concern Residence, August 2016
32. Eastern Cape Zenzeleni Workshop, August 2016

3. Participation in Events hosted by others (63)

(Note this is an incomplete list)

1. Participated in 3 “Zuma must go” meetings, February 2016
2. Bazooka Funeral, March 2016
3. Umtapo – Anti Corruption Symposium, March 2016
4. SDCEA – Clairwood race course protest, March 2016
5. Anti-Racism Week Dialogue UKZN, March 2016
6. Internet Freedom Festival, Spain, March 2016
7. Thembelihle protest in Inesia police station, March 2016
8. Lecture to media students on censorship and state secrecy at University of Cape Town, March 2016
9. Presentation on Political Economy of Social Media, Centre for Activist Education
10. Meeting with OSF Global Board on threats to Freedom of Expression and media independence
11. Media training for Bertha Justice Initiative Convening in March
12. Presentation on use of Social Media, Centre for Activist Education
13. Presentation at University of Stellenbosch Press Freedom Day event in April
14. WC marching with ZumaMustFall, April 2016
15. Digital content regulation workshops, hosted by Media Monitoring Africa at Wits University, April 2016
16. SJC & NU Launch of the Khayelitsha Commission of Inquiry Companion, April 2016
17. UF – Freedom Day march in Durban, April 2016
18. Amnesty Int. Fact Finding Mission, April 2016
19. Abahlali Unfreedom Day, April 2016
20. LHR Advocacy on Migration Policy Reform, April 2016
21. SDCEA – Fishermen Protest, April 2016
22. KZN FXI/FXN Indaba, May 2016
23. Break free gathering at the Guptas house, May 2016
24. Amadiba Solidarity March to Parliament, May 2016
25. Ex midrand workers protest at City of Johannesburg, May 2016
26. Presentation on surveillance state security to ITWeb Security Summit, May 2016
27. Presentation on surveillance state security to Drupal Camp, May 2016
28. Info session on digital security to EE Leadership, May 2016
29. KZN Amadiba Solidarity protest
30. GP break free speak out in Witbank, May 2016
31. GP bread speak out and march, May 2016
32. Break Free March in Jozi, May 2016
33. Three meetings of My Vote Counts (MVC) in March, April and May 2016
34. ISC Global Internet Workshop, Washington, June 2016
35. KZN SAHA/SALGA – ATI Workshop, June 2016
36. KZN IEC Non-Violence Resistance workshop, June 2016
37. GP Corruption Watch Youth Dialogue, June 2016

38. KZN STREETNET – City We Want protest, July 2016
39. Public Dialogue on Secrecy Bill with ANC legal committee, August 2016
40. CCS UKZN –Seminar on Secrecy & Surveillance, August 2016
41. GP Picket outside the Hawks in support of Praveen Gorden, August 2016
42. AMCU commeration in Marikana, August 2016
43. Agenda – Local Govt. Elect. “A Game of Patriarchs”, August 2016
44. Marikana talk in Lenasia, August 2016
45. Diakonia – Human Rights Award, September 2016
46. DDP – Community Building workshop, September 2016
47. SAHA – ATI workshop (Durban), September 2016
48. Black Sash – Hands off our Grants Durban March, October 2016
49. GP Presented to ENSET and CIVICUS on digital spaces and activism, October 2016
50. GP Hands Off Our Grants picket at Pretoria high court, October 2016
51. WC Hands Off Our Grants Church Service in Cape Town, October 2016
52. GP WAMUA meeting fighting patriarchy in rural areas, October 2016
53. GP #Fees Must Fall Wits General Assembly, October 2016
54. CCS – Nuclear Energy Seminar, October 2016
55. Abahlali – Crt Hearing – Thulu Ndlovu assassination, Oct 2016
56. Association Of Progressive Communicators (APC) workshop on Media Deficit, November 2016.
57. IAJ public meeting on State Capture, November 2016.
58. INCLO Conference, Nov 2016
59. ISS Seminar with State Security Minister David Mahlobo, November 2016
60. GP talk to OXFAM international staff on digital campaigning, November 2016
61. GP Anti-nuclear march in Jozi, November 2016
62. WC Anti-nuclear hearings in Cape Town, December 2016
63. WC Anti-nuclear picket in Cape Town, December 2016

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APPENDIX 2: Active Organization

Because R2K functions as a loose network/coalition it is almost impossible to keep track of all the people and organisations active in the campaign at any point. Here is an *incomplete* list of organisations active in various aspects of the campaign in the the course of 2016:

		26	Council for the Advancement of the SA Constitution	48	GroundWork
1	350 .org			49	Gugulethu Back Yard Dwellers
2	Abahlali Basemjondolo	27	CWAAC	50	Housing Assembly
3	Access to Information Network	28	Delegate Children and Youth Movement (DCYM)	51	International Budget Partnership (IBP)
4	Africa Unite			52	Ithemba Lam Centre
5	AIDRASCL	29	Democratic Left Front (DLF)	53	Jubilee
6	ALPLAMVA	30	Democracy Development Programme (DDP)	54	Justice and peace
7	Amabhungane			55	KCMK
8	Amnesty International	31	Democracy Development Programme (DDP)	56	Khanya College
9	Association for Progressive Communications (APC)	32	Diakonia	57	Khanyisa
10	Bellville Homeless People"s Organisation	33	Direct Democracy South Africa	58	Khayelitsha Back Yarders
11	Bench Marks	34	David Cartwright Attorneys	59	kwa Nontyuzelo
12	Black Sash	35	DMCJ/MSEEC	60	KwaMhakuta Community Foundation
13	Blikkiesdorp Joint Committee	36	Dullah Omar Institute	61	L M P M
14	Bush Radio	37	Earthlife Africa	62	LCMF
15	Cape Town TV (CTV)	38	East Ridge community forum	63	Legal Resource Centre (LRC)
16	CCR	39	EEO	64	Lephalale Community Forum
17	Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS)	40	Environmental Network	65	Lorna Mlofana Parents Movement
18	Centre for Civil Society (CCS)	41	Equal Education (EE)	66	M P B Y
19	Clasnop	42	Equal Education Law Centre (EELC)	67	MACODEFO
20	Code for South Africa	43	Ex-Midrand workers	68	Madibeng FM
21	Concerned Youth	44	Freedom of Expression Institute (FXI)	69	Mandela Park Back Yarders
22	Congress Of SA National Communities Movement (COSANCOM)	45	Freedom of Expression Network (FXN)	70	Maotsi Community engagement network forum
23	COPAC	46	Freedom of Expression Network (FXN) Free State	71	Mapela Community Forum.
24	Cornerstone Institute	47	Green Peace	72	Marikana community
25	Corruption Watch				

73	Marikana Support Campaign	100	Pro Bono	126	Tshisimani Centre for Activist Education
74	Media Monitoring Africa (MMA)	101	Progressive Youth Movement	127	TYSAB
75	Media Policy and Democracy Project (MPDP)	102	Project Empower	128	Ubunye
76	Media Workers Association of South Africa (MWASA)	103	Refugee Social Services	129	UCT Left Students Forum
77	Middleburg Environmental Justice (MEJA)	104	SA History Archive (SAHA)	130	Umtapo Students Movement
78	Mining Affected Communities United in Action (MACUA)	105	SA National Editors Forum	131	Unemployment Community Forum
79	Mitchell's Plain Community Forum	106	SANREF	132	Unemployment Forum
80	Mpumalanga Youth Against Climate Change (MYACC)	107	SECC	133	Unemployment Forum
81	Mpumalanga youth Forum	108	Section 27	134	Unemployment Peoples Movement (UPM)
82	My Vote Counts	109	SJNF	135	UWC Bang
83	Ndifuna Ukwazi	110	Social Justice Coalition (SJC)	136	V.C.A
84	NOHORA	111	Socio Economic Rights Institute (SERI)	137	Voices of the Voiceless
85	North West: United Front	112	SOS Coalition	138	Voices of woman of Africa
86	Northern Cape NGO Coalition	113	Soundz of the South (SOS)	139	VOV
87	NTM	114	South African Green Revolution Council (SAGRC)	140	VPCR
88	Nyanga Health Forum	115	South Durban Community Environmental Alliance	141	WAKHE
89	Ocean View Civic	116	Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI)	142	WAMUA
90	October 6 Movement	117	Southern African Litigation Centre (SALC)	143	Waste Pickers Movement
91	Okasi collection	118	Soweto wireless	144	Workers World Media Productions (WWMP)
92	One Voice	119	SPYEO	145	Youth Woman's Forum
93	Open Democracy Access Centre (ODAC)	120	SWEAT		
94	Open Secrets	121	Thembehle Crisis Committee (TCC)		
95	Origami for Africa	122	Theunesen Community forum		
96	OTT	123	Thuso		
97	Parliamentary Monitoring Group	124	Treatment Action Campaign (Eshowe)		
98	PGM solutions	125	Treatment Action Campaign (TAC)		
99	Popular Education Project (PEP)				

APPENDIX 3: Record of Media Coverage

Social media & website stats

- [Facebook fans](#): 13000
- [Twitter Followers](#): 25800
- [Website](#) (average monthly visitors 2016) 6454

Online and Print sample (225)

1. Independent Online - Right2Know slams Vodacom and MTN
2. Eyewitness News - 'There are other ways for Eskom to produce power'
3. News24 - I will shoot you - cop to News24 journalist
4. ITWeb - Anti-OTT regulation voices swell
5. BDlive - Insult laws: dying horse's last kicks
6. Pretoria East Rekord - Right 2 Know to meet police over recording of police activities
7. AllAfrica.com - South Africa: Vodacom and MTN - Hands Off WhatsApp and Skype
8. Citizen - Right2Know gears up
9. Independent Online - Eskom holding hearings in secret: R2K
10. Citizen - Right2Know fears 17% Eskom tariff hike
11. Citizen - R2K to meet police over cop recordings
12. eNCA - R2K demands impartial inspector general of intelligence be appointed
13. AllAfrica.com - South Africa: R2K Rejects the Call to Regulate OTTs!
14. HTXT - R2K flags up digital privacy and spying concerns ahead of
15. AllAfrica.com - R2k Statement - the Right to Protest Denied for the Opening of Parliament!
16. HTXT - Cape Town bars protest outside parliament during #SONA2016
17. AllAfrica.com - R2k KZN Statement - UKZN Protesters Are in Urgent Need for Legal Representation!
18. News24 - Cybercrimes bill criminalises range of lawful activities - R2K
19. journalism.co.za (blog) EVENT: Challenging Mass Surveillance in South Africa
20. Eyewitness News - Pressure mounts for Parly to choose Inspector General of Intelligence
21. eNCA - R2K demands impartial inspector general of intelligence be appointed
22. Eyewitness News - Mbete given ultimatum over an appointment of Inspector of Intelligence
23. BDlive - Right2Know takes on Parliament over intelligence post
24. Times LIVE - UN reviews South Africa's human rights record
25. News24 - Questions raised around high costs and heavy security for Sona2016
26. Independent Online - #SONA2016: A nation waits
27. SABC - Critics blast proposed online legislation
28. HTXT.com - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS TO PRESENT "INTERNET CENSORSHIP" DRAFT BILL TO PARLIAMENT
29. Rand Daily Mail - Zuma, the Guptas and the great media heist
30. Politicsweb - OTTs: Vodacom & MTN trying to protect super-profits – R2K
31. ITWeb - Anti-OTT regulation voices swell
32. TechFinancials news - Cybercrimes bill criminalises range of lawful activities
33. Independent Online - Do hostel dwellers' lives count?
34. Polity.org.za - R2K strongly condemns the attack on journalists & ACC members by ...
35. Links.org.au - South Africa: Condemn the murder of Sikhosphi Bazooka
36. Daily Maverick - Goodbye Bazooka: Wild Coast anti-mining activist killed
37. Politicsweb - SA govt must respect human rights – UN report
38. BDlive -Groups fear increase in state surveillance
39. BDlive - ANC gives in to pressure to withdraw candidate for key intelligence position
40. Daily Maverick - Analysis: Under David Mahlobo, State Security plays an increasingly powerful role
41. BDlive - Mbete in curious vote request
42. BDlive - Inspector-general vote poses stern test for ANC whip
43. BDlive - Access to nuclear documents denied once again
44. Daily Maverick - Thrown out of Parliament? It's now harder to get back in.
45. AllAfrica.com - South Africa: To Stop Guptification We Must Challenge Secret Deals
46. GroundUp - Opinion piece: Guptas & Party Funding
47. LegalBrief.co.za - Ombud ruling on Parliament and securocrats
48. eNCA - R2K wants review of RICA laws after journalists' phones 'tapped'
49. Times LIVE - Cop pleads not guilty in Sunday Times bugging case
50. Independent Online - R2K condemns RICA 'spying'
51. Rand Daily Mail - Agent in court for spying on Sunday Times journalists
52. Htxt.africa - Civil society pleads for transparency in Open Government letter
53. AllAfrica.com - South Africa's Open Government Partnership Under Lock and Key
54. Times LIVE - Spy minister sees enemies everywhere
55. BDlive - Ban on donations 'would hurt party politics'
56. Bizcommunity.com - Challenges to media freedom in South Africa
57. Times LIVE - Defiant whimper
58. StarAfrica.com - Former S/African policeman in court for spying on reporters
59. News24 - MPs mull over new intelligence inspector-general, who 'won't be a ...
60. journalism.co.za (blog) - Internet Freedom and the Media
61. News24 - Marchers demand that Zuma fall
62. Htxt.africa- R2K to protest against abuse of the state's surveillance capacity
63. Daily Maverick - Britain's Investigatory Powers Bill: A gift to securocrats everywhere

64. GroundUp - Police watchdogs are "outright liars"
65. Screen Africa (press release)- FPB invites public to submit their opinions concerning the ...
66. The Daily Vox (blog) - Whatsapp encryption doesn't protect you from everything
67. News24 - Fill Inspector General of Intelligence post urgently - R2K
68. News24 - R2K protests against Rica surveillance
69. BDlive - Minister wants wider blackout of violent acts
70. News24 - Minister welcomes SABC's broadcast ban on violent protests
71. Daily Maverick - Cosatu: SABC protest policy assumes we're imbeciles
72. Daily Maverick - You always feel like somebody's watching you? They probably are.
73. GroundUp - Minds meet to increase access to communication
74. News24 - SABC decision is not censorship - ANC
75. Times LIVE- Posting that raunchy pic on Facebook could make you a criminal
76. Bizcommunity.com - Africa Day: Call for AU to protect journalists
77. ITWeb - Rica needs greater transparency
78. BDlive - Dasnois's case set to begin in the Labour Court
79. BDlive - Activist groups denied permission to protest at Gupta home in ...
80. Independent Online - <http://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/sabc-agrees-to-air-da-campaign-adverts-2030364>
81. SABC - [Public Protector applicant CVs must be published: Right2Know](#)
82. East Coast Radio - [Right2Know Campaign accuses SABC of political bias](#)
83. News24 - [We are moving toward a dictatorship – Right2Know](#)
84. BDlive- [Right2Know to protest outside SABC offices](#)
85. TechCentral - [Right2Know demands Motsoeneng's head](#)
86. Northcliff Melville Times - [Right2Know protests against SABC censorship](#)
87. News24 - [Durban journalists, Right2know say no to Hlaudi](#)
88. Roodepoort Northsider - [#SABC protests to continue this week](#)
89. The Star - SABC crisis
90. The Times - SABC crisis
91. Netwerk24 - SABC crisis
92. The Citizen - SABC crisis
93. EWN - SABC censorship
94. Sowetan - SABC censorship
95. Krugersdorp News - National Key Points Bill
96. Cape Argus - SABC protests
97. Foreign Policy (USA) - SABC crisis
98. Rising Sun - SABC crisis
99. Daily News - SABC crisis
100. Times Media - SABC crisis
101. Community newspaper in Kimberley - SABC crisis
102. News24 - SABC crisis
103. The Star - SABC crisis
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125. Community newspaper in Kimberley - SABC crisis
126. News24 - SABC crisis
127. The Star - SABC crisis
128. Joburg Today - SABC crisis
129. eNCA - [Right2Know Campaign confronts SABC management](#)
130. Eyewitness News - [#SABC: R2K Campaign takes anti-censorship protest to Luthuli House](#)
131. Citizen - [Right2Know protests outside Luthuli House](#)
132. CNBCAfrica.com - [Right2know, SOS coalition picket outside Luthuli House](#)
133. htxt- [Listen: Civil society groups at #SABCCensorship protest demand ANC fires Muthambi](#)
134. News24 - [Right2Know, ANC meet at Luthuli House](#)
135. Eyewitness News - [Axing of 7 SABC journalists deplorable, says R2K](#)
136. Ewn - ['Citizens need to know who funds political parties to make informed vote'](#)
137. Cape Argus - SABC protests
138. Krugersdorp News - National Key Points Bill
139. The Star - SABC crisis
140. The Times - SABC crisis
141. Netwerk24 - SABC crisis
142. The Citizen - SABC crisis
143. Isolezwe - SABC crisis
144. Sunday Times - SABC crisis
145. News24 - [R2K condemns UKZN police brutality](#)
146. Times LIVE - [Fight for protesters' rights](#)
147. BDlive - [Media and NGOs tell court Parliament's rules on live feed](#)
148. Times LIVE - [Embattled Hlaudi Motsoeneng goes rogue, defies MPs](#)
149. RNews - [R2K to protest SABC "state capture" as controversy flares up over COO's alleged bonus](#)
150. News24 - [R2K slams attacks on media freedom in southern Africa](#)
151. M&G - [Meet the grabber: how govt and criminals can spy on you](#)
152. BDlive - [Seriti review can nail the arms vendors](#)
153. News24 - [Don't let Marikana be swept under carpet, warns Miners Shot Down](#)
154. Citizen - [Corruption Watch, R2K want arms deal findings set aside](#)
155. GroundUp - [SABC finally screens Miners Shot Down - sort of](#)
156. eNCA - [Malunga's Public Protector candidacy in doubt over security clearance](#)
157. Creamer Media's Engineering News - [Drones Now Regulated Heat-Seeking Troubleshooters](#)
158. Htxt.africa - [Vigil to be held at SABC offices on #Marikana anniversary](#)
159. Independent Online - [20 gruelling hours of Public Protector interviews](#)
160. The Citizen - SABC/Turkey
161. Civicus?
162. Konrad Adenauer Foundation?
163. Workers' World - SABC/Turkey
164. Daily News (KZN)
165. Eyewitness News - [SABC lacks integrity, says Right2Know campaign](#)
166. Eyewitness News - [R2K Campaign calls on advertisers to boycott SABC](#)
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168. eNCA - [Right2Know demands advertisers to pull the plug on SABC](#)
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188. Herald live - [NMMU to reopen, but protest organisation to gather outside](#)
189. Taungdailynews - [R2K lambasts police brutality over #FeesMustFall campaign](#)
190. Record Newspapers - [HOOG court case PTA](#)
191. Pretoria News - [HOOG court case PTA](#)
192. The Times - [Access to Info](#)
193. The Times - [Secrecy](#)
194. Daily Vox - [Right2Protest](#)
195. The Citizen - [Media Freedom/ Diversity](#)
196. News24 - [Secrecy](#)
197. News24 - [Secrecy](#)
198. The Times - [Secrecy](#)
199. Rapport - [Secrecy](#)
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1. Business Day - Ministerial Handbook
2. Radio 702 - Media Freedom
3. Radio 702 - Threats to freedom of expression, Media Regulation
4. Power FM -
5. Bush Radio - SAPS and harassment of journalists
6. Radio 786 - OTT regulation
7. Media24 -
8. SAFM -Eskom tariff hike
9. Rise FM - Eskom tariff hike
10. Jacaranda - Eskom tariff hike
11. Valley FM - Eskom tariff hike
12. SABC TV News - Eskom tariff hike
13. ANN7 - Eskom tariff hike
14. Bush Radio - Eskom tariff hike
15. Radio 786 - Eskom tariff hike
16. SAFM - Eskom tariff hike
17. Die Burger - Eskom tariff hike
18. Cape Talk - Eskom tariff hike
19. KFM - Eskom tariff hike
20. RSG - Eskom tariff hike
21. Bush Radio - Malema's threats to journalist
22. Karas Community Radio - R2K 2016 statement
23. Bush Radio - Provincial Summit
24. Radio Islam - OTT regulation
25. Radio Sonder Grense - OTT regulation
26. Radio Mafisa - Eskom tariff hike
27. Radio Islam - Eskom tariff hike
28. UWFM - Eskom tariff hike
29. Voice of the Cape - UN submission on surveillance
30. 702 Midday Report - Surveillance (Apple vs FBI encryption)

31. Media24 - Securitisation of Parliament / SONA
32. Business Day - Surveillance & Inspector General
33. EWN - Surveillance & Inspector General
34. RiseFM - Surveillance & Inspector General
35. Voice of the Cape - Surveillance & Inspector General
36. ANN7 - Intelligence Scandals & SARS
37. PowerFM - Intelligence Scandals & SARS
38. SABC Durban - Surveillance - Submission to UN
39. Radio 786 - Surveillance - Submission to UN
40. SAfm - Surveillance - Submission to UN
41. Business Day - Surveillance - Submission to UN
42. eNCA - Surveillance - Submission to UN
43. Daily News (KZN) - Open Meetings / secrecy at KZN provincial parliament
44. SAfm Forum@8 - Surveillance of Activists
45. SAfm Forum@8 - Surveillance of Activists
46. SAFM (Forum @8) - Local councillors and use of bodyguards
47. Radio 786 - SONA
48. SABC radio - Thembelihle arrested bail
49. Wits Vuvuzela - PAIA request security Wits
50. Radio 786 - Eskom tariff hike
51. GroundUp - SONA
52. Munghana Lonene FM - Submission to UN
53. VOC - Submission to UN
54. East Coast Radio - R2K National Summit
55. Radio 786 - OTT regulation
56. Aljazera (The Stream) – Media freedom & print ownership
57. 702 Midday Report - Surveillance (Apple vs FBI encryption)
58. Media24 - Securitisation of Parliament / SONA
59. Business Day - Surveillance & Inspector General
60. EWN - Surveillance & Inspector General
61. RiseFM - Surveillance & Inspector General
62. Voice of the Cape - Surveillance & Inspector General
63. ANN7 - Intelligence Scandals & SARS
64. Power FM - Intelligence Scandals & SARS
65. SABC Durban - Surveillance - Submission to UN
66. Radio 786 - Submission to UN
67. SAfm - Submission to UN
68. Business Day - Submission to UN
69. eNCA - Submission to UN
70. Daily News (KZN) - Open Meetings / secrecy at KZN provincial parliament
71. Radio 786 - Appointment of Inspector General
72. Business Day - Right to Protest and Human Rights Day
73. eNCA - Right to Protest and Human Rights Day
74. Radio Sonder Grense - Right to Protest and Human Rights Day
75. SABC TV - Panama Papers / Offshore financial secrecy
76. Cliff Central Radio - Surveillance of activists
77. Jacaranda FM - Surveillance/Vote Burgess
78. Newspaper - Challenging mass surveillance workshop
79. Eastwave Radio - Inspector General
80. Bush Radio - Inspector General
81. Eastwave Radio - Right to Protest
82. Radio 786 - Sikhosiphi's assassination
83. City Press - Sikhosiphi's assassination
84. EWN - Amadiba solidarity
85. Phalafala FM - UN Human Rights Committee Review Report
86. Munghana Lonene FM - UN Human Rights Committee Review Report
87. Inkonjane FM - Amadiba Attack
88. SABC TV - Panama Papers / Offshore financial secrecy
89. Cliff Central Radio - Surveillance of activists
90. Daily Vox - Surveillance (WhatsApp encryption)
91. Tatler - Surveillance: Fix RICA
92. Kaya FM Law Report - Surveillance and the right to privacy
93. News Flash - Seriti Commission
94. The Times - Seriti Commission
95. SABC News - Inspector General
96. News24 - Inspector General
97. Radio 786 - Surveillance: Fix RICA
98. EWN - Surveillance: Fix RICA
99. Cape Talk - Surveillance: Fix RICA
100. ENCA - Surveillance: Fix RICA
101. Radio Sonder Grense - Surveillance: Fix RICA
102. Cape Times - Surveillance: Fix RICA
103. Business Day - Party Funding secrecy
104. Radio Islam - Surveillance: Fix RICA
105. Rise FM - World Press Freedom Day
106. Kyknet - Surveillance: Fix RICA
107. eNCA - Surveillance of journalists
108. EWN - Surveillance of journalists
109. Pretoria News - Surveillance of journalists
110. SAFM on the Media - Surveillance of journalists
111. Channel Islam - Press freedom index
112. Mamba SA - FPB
113. khaya fm - Press freedom
114. A Limpopo community station - press freedom
115. EWN - press freedom
116. Enca - surveillance of journalists
117. soweto tv - press freedom
118. Radio 786 - RICA 'spying'
119. SABC Radio - Arms Deal Report
120. Jacaranda FM - Arms Deal Report
121. Ligwalagwala FM - Arms Deal Report
122. Rise FM - World Press Freedom Day
123. Kyknet - Surveillance: Fix RICA
124. eNCA - Surveillance of journalists
125. EWN - Surveillance of journalists
126. Pretoria News - Surveillance of journalists
127. SAFM on the Media - Surveillance of journalists

128. Die Burger - Alide Dasnois court settlement
129. Northwest community radio station - Alide Dasnois court settlement
130. Sowetan - National Key Points Bill
131. Channel Islam - Press freedom index
132. Mamba SA - FPB
133. khaya fm - Press freedom
134. A Limpopo community station - press freedom
135. EWN - press freedom
136. Enca - surveillance of journalists
137. soweto tv - press freedom
138. Rise FM - SABC censorship
139. Aljazeera - SABC censorship
140. Algoa FM - SABC censorship
141. 14Rise FM - SABC censorship
142. Radio 786 - RICA 'spying'
143. Heart FM - SABC protests
144. Newsflash - BopheloHouse94
145. Radio Islam - SABC protests
146. eNCA - Surveillance of journalists
147. ANN7 - Party funding secrecy
148. eNCA - UN internet freedom
149. Radio 786 - SABC crisis
150. Bush Radio - SABC crisis
151. Voice of the Cape - SABC crisis
152. EWN - SABC crisis
153. NPR (USA) - SABC crisis
154. PowerFM - SABC crisis
155. RiseFM - SABC crisis
156. ENCA - SABC crisis
157. Radio 702 - SABC crisis
158. ENCA - SABC crisis
159. BBC - SABC crisis
160. Jacaranda FM - SABC crisis
161. Power FM - SABC crisis
162. VowFM - SABC crisis
163. Al Jazeera - SABC crisis
164. SABC polokwane - SABC crisis
165. SAFM - SABC crisis
166. Al Jazeera - SABC crisis
167. Power FM - SABC crisis
168. Enca - SABC crisis
169. RSG - SABC crisis
170. Bush Radio - SABC censorship
171. Newsflash - SABC censorship
172. KykNet News - SABC censorship
173. NewsFlash - BopheloHouse94
174. eNCA - Surveillance issues
175. Heart FM - SABC protests
176. Newsflash -SABC protests
177. ANN7 - Party funding secrecy
178. Radio Islam - SABC protests
179. eNCA - UN internet freedom
180. SABC polokwane - SABC crisis
181. SAFM - SABC crisis
182. Al Jazeera - SABC crisis
183. Power FM - SABC crisis
184. Enca - SABC crisis
185. RSG - SABC crisis
186. BBC World Service - SABC crisis
187. Namibian radio - SABC crisis
188. Cliff Central - SABC crisis
189. Jacaranda - SABC crisis
190. Enca - SABC crisis
191. East Wave - SABC crisis
192. SABC - SABC crisis
193. East Coast Radio - Glebelands picket
194. Bush Radio - SABC censorship
195. SAFM - AIDS Conference 2016
196. Munghana Lonene FM - Accountability and transparency pledge
197. Rise FM - Accountability and transparency pledge
198. Capricorn FM - Accountability and transparency pledge
199. Voice of the Cape - SABC/Turkey
200. Radio Islam - SABC/Turkey
201. SABC Radio - SABC/Turkey
202. Power FM - SABC/Turkey
203. Radio Sonder Grense - Marikana Massacre commemoration
204. Bush Radio - Marikana Massacre commemoration
205. SAFM - Right to recall and local government elections
206. SABC Radio - Right to recall and local government elections
207. SAFM - Right to recall and local government elections
208. Power FM - National Day of Action
209. eNCA - Cybercrimes Bill
210. Khaya FM - Data Must Fall
211. eNCA - Cost of Communication
212. KykNet - National Day of Action
213. Khaya FM - Cost of communications
214. Munghana Lonene FM - Cost of communications
215. Smile FM - Cost of communications
216. Tru FM - Cost of communications
217. Radio East Coast - National Day of Action
218. SABC - National Day of Action
219. VOC - SCA victory
220. Heart FM - Signal Jamming
221. Jacaranda - Signal Jamming
222. CII (Islamic Broadcasting) - Signal Jamming
223. Jacaranda - Signal Jamming
224. eNCA - Signal Jamming
225. Power FM - Signal Jamming
226. Gagazi - Signal Jamming
227. Heart - Signal Jamming
228. Cape Talk - SABC
229. SABC Radio - SABC
230. Smile FM - SABC
231. Radio Islam - SABC
232. Radio Islam - New SSA director general
233. ANN7 - Right 2 Communicate
234. Deutsche Welle - Cost of communications
235. ENCA - Private Security
236. SAFM - NPA-Gordhan-saga
237. eNCA - State capture report
238. ANN7 - HOOG court case PTA
239. Africa News Agency - HOOG court case PTA
240. Deutsche Welle - Cost of communications
241. Radio 702 - Right2Know Campaign
242. EWN - IGI
243. SABC Polokwane - Access to Info
244. 702 (John Robbie) - Secrecy
245. Power FM - Secrecy
246. SABC Radio - David Mahlobo - 18 Nov 2016
247. SABC Radio - Glebelands - 29 Nov 2016
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249. Radio Namibia - Nuclear Secret Briefing - 16 Nov 2016
250. Newsflash - SABC 8 - 15 Nov 2016
251. Pretoria FM - SABC 8 - 15 Nov 2016
252. Rise FM - SABC 8 - 15 Nov 2016
253. SABC Radio - SABC 8 - 15 Nov 2016
254. Power FM - SABC 8 - 15 Nov 2016
255. Radio Al Ansaar - SABC 8 - 16 Nov 2016
256. Radio Islam - SABC 8 - 16 Nov 2016
257. 702 (Xolani Gwala) - State Security Minister - 18 Nov 2016
258. Newsflash - State Security Minister - 18 Nov 2016
259. EWN - State Security Minister - 18 Nov 2016
260. CII Radio - State Security Minister - 21 Nov 2016
261. Radio Islam - Inspector General of Intelligence - 30 Nov 2016
262. Umhlobo wenene FM - Arms Deal - Nov 2016
263. SABC Radio - Arms Deal - Nov 2016

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- Alison Tilley on Blikkiesdorp situation
- Aljazeera: Jacob Zuma's friends and foes in South Africa's media
- The Stream - South Africa's media war.
- Micah Reddy on the FPB's new draft online regulation
- Affecting policy in South Africa: Reflections from the Right2Know campaign By Ayesha Kajee
- South Africa is experiencing a high-speed boom uploaded by Deutsche Welle:
- Question Time: Media freedom or lack thereof uploaded by SABC Digital News
- Question Time: #DataMustFall campaign uploaded by SABC Digital News
- Public hearings of the communication cost uploaded by eNCA
- Right2know, SOS coalition picket outside Luthuli House uploaded by cnbcafrica
- 'Stop censorship now!' — journalists & civil society uploaded by CityPressOnline:
- Right2Know Campaign accuses SABC of political bias uploaded by ECR Newswatch:
- Right2Know pickets outside the SABC uploaded by News24:
- What kind of SABC does Right2Know want? Uploaded by News24:
- R2K protests at SABC uploaded by Jacaranda FM.
- Hlaudi must fall - Right2Know
- Parliamentary inquiry into the SABC Board
- SANEF, R2K WELCOME SCA RULING ON PARLY SIGNAL JAMMING

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APPENDIX 4: Overview of Local Struggles

WESTERN CAPE

Blikkiesdorp

R2K has been working closely with the community of Blikkiesdorp, and in particular with the Joint Committee around access to information on the ongoing issues of housing, relocation and the airport expansion programme. The residents of Blikkiesdorp have scheduled another meeting with the Airports Company and the City of Cape Town about what the status of the Environmental Feasibility Study is. They have been informed that the document has been released now and they can make input into the document. Due to the ongoing efforts, the community is seeing practical gains from working with ACSA with a long-term agreement towards the building of new decent housing for Blikkiesdorp residents.

Sustained engagement: R2K has also been working with the Joint Committee around the organisational structure and ideology - how to incorporate principles of internal democracy and transparency into the group. This approach is much more resource-intensive, but with potentially longer lasting effects to the work.

Ocean View

R2K involvement in Ocean View started with a door to door mobilisation in the community, which has resulted in a sustained relationship with community structures and members. R2K facilitated three community discussion sessions on 'Meaningful Engagement', and requirements for open and accountable engagement with government in the lead up to t. R2K was invited to attend the Ocean View Civic Association Women's Day event, and speak on using Access to Info.

Sustained engagement: similar to the methods used in working in Blikkiesdorp, this engagement has been much more intensive around movement building techniques.

Faure

R2K is assisting the farming community of Faure in doing access to information requests for the feasibility studies done on the use of the land currently used as farming land for housing projects. The community believes that the land is not well suited for housing, and there has been no public participation in the process which will alter the way of life of the entire community PAIA training

Provincial outreach done through the ATI lens:

West Coast

R2K WC has been reaching out to areas outside of the urban centre, amongst which are communities along the West Coast. This started with an R2K and Access to Information discussion in Laaiplek, with the community identifying issues where ATI could take them forward.

Kayamandi

Using the ATI worksheet framework to identify access to information angles in local struggles, R2K worked with community groups to explore the issues identified in the community. This will be followed up in the new year.

We visited several communities around local government issues, using the local govt themed tabloid and activist guide to introduce public participation opportunities and access to information strategies. In **Hout Bay** we worked with a community and youth organisation to introduce these topics. In **Masiphumelele** initial local govt participation discussions took place with community members and local political party leaders. In **Dunoon** and **Macassar** we distributed our materials and held discussions in various community structures. In **Site C in Khayelitsha** our interactions led to an independent councillor signing our transparency pledge and increased awareness of public participation opportunities in local government structures.

GAUTENG

Ex-Midrand Workers

R2K has been working on an ongoing basis with the Ex-Midrand workers on accessing records of meetings and decisions in their 22-year long struggle against their unlawful dismissals. The latest challenge is to the minutes of engagements regarding provident fund.

Thembelihle Crisis Committee

TCC is currently working on a social audit of their area in partnership with Plan act. R2K will be engaging to see how we can work together on this, and how we can use experiences of other social audits in our networks and the communities we work with to enrich the exercise.

Justice & Peace

R2K GP has been working with the Gender Based Violence working group and the Good Governance working group of Justice & Peace on access to information and using PAIA specifically to strengthen local struggles. Out of these workshops a template for Access to Information engagements has been developed, which has formed part of the ATI toolkit

Ekurhuleni Environmental Organisation

R2K has met with EEO members to discuss issues resulting from mining in the community, and identifying specific pieces of information that could assist the community in fighting this. A follow up meeting will be scheduled to assist the community to draft requests.

Thembelihle and Precast

Several community leaders from Thembelihle and Precast were arrested during and after service delivery protests this

year, and denied bail for several weeks. R2K assisted comrades not only in finding legal support and solidarity support at hearings but also supporting the

Macodefo

This year, R2K Gauteng had some important engagements in the community to strengthen the relationship with the Makause community through Macodefo community organisation, including a public meeting around public participation and local government, and a blitz, where R2K members distributed materials and engaged community members on R2K issues. R2K has also assisted Macodefo in drafting and submitting a PAIA request for information on the procurement process of a large pipeline in the community.

Student groups

We assisted in sharing information around protest laws and processes on several occasions, working closely with the October6 movement, and with FMF students at UJ, Wits and in Pretoria.

KWA-ZULU NATAL

Dunlop workers

Dunlop workers were not paid out their payments - Old Mutual for questions how much is in the pension fund - supported with ATI & protest.

Outsourced workers at the Mangosuthu University of Technology

This year R2K in KZN has built strong relationships with several groups of workers, and has sustained work with the outsourced workers at MUT. We have supported them in doing a PAIA request for the original employment contracts between the university and the outsourcing companies. We have also worked together on several events, including Marikana commemorations linking outsourced worker struggles to those of Glebelands residents and the spirit of the workers in Marikana.

Glebelands

After a big project to build fencing around the hostels in Umlazi was announced and no fence appeared, residents became concerned that there was corrupt activity afoot. A PAIA was launched with SAHA, but has not brought forward any answers up to date. The municipality claims that they are waiting for the answers to be cleared from the relevant departments.

Umlazi Section 4 hostels (with Ubunye)

We have also met with Ubunye and residents of the hostels to try to find answers around empty constructed accommodation, and have drafted a PAIA request to submit together with Ubunye.

LIMPOPO

Local Elections community engagement:

In Mapela, outside Mokopane, R2K, along with community organisations held a public meeting to discuss the promises of local candidates and to challenge them to sign the pledge. While the meeting encountered many challenges, including ANC interference, it was a good opportunity to engage with the community and begin to introduce R2K within the town.

Burgersfort (Bokoni mine)

R2K has also been engaging with community activists from Burgersfort about the promises and requirements of the Bokoni mine that has deeply affected the community and their subsistence farming practices. Along with the outreach organiser, we assisted in the drafting of key demands around access to info.

FREE STATE

Welkom

R2K hosted a local government meeting in Welkom along with MyVoteCounts, which brought together community based organisations and civil society in the area (see outreach report for more info). This was a very successful meeting, with great enthusiasm from comrades around the right to recall. This resulted in several community meetings, organised by those who attended the meeting, on using the right to recall in their communities, making use of the R2K right to recall information and the pledge.

EASTERN CAPE

Amadiba Crisis Committee

R2K supported these comrades with solidarity messages and support around the death of Comrade Bazooka, and supported screenings raising funds for the funeral.

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APPENDIX 5: R2K's PAIA Requests

- **To SAPC and the CoCT for State of the Nation Address Budget:**

We are pursuing information regarding the massive security force shown at the 2016 State of the Nation Address (SONA). The City of Cape Town have asked for an extension on their 30 days to work through which information can be released. The CoCT has responded with very basic information around overtime employment costs for SONA. SAPS did not respond.

- **To the Film and Publications Board for the agreements signed with Kenya:**

This PAIA was done in light of the scandal around the agreements signed between South Africa's Film and Publications Board and the Kenyan Film Classification Board in March 2016. The request was refused officially months later.

- **To the SABC for the minuted reasons for Hlaudi's new appointment:**

After the news of Hlaudi's new position in the SABC, with SABC board members speaking out about undue processes of employment, we did a PAIA to the SABC for the reasons for the appointment⁷⁸ [72](#). The deadlines passed and we received no response. We have now lodged an internal appeal to the minister of communications for this information to be released.[]

- **To SAPS, Department of Justice, Treasury, Department of Public Works, Department of Defence and State Security Agency for Grabber warrants and procuremen (with the assistance of ODAC)**

In a series of PAIA requests made to various state bodies to find out more about the Grabber warrants and procurement process, we did not receive a single favourable response. Many of the requests were not responded to at all, while others claimed the records we were seeking did not exist.

- **To the Ekurhuleni Municipality for budget and cost of a fencing project in Umlazi with the assistance of SAHA:**

After a big project to build fencing around the hostels in Umlazi was announced and no fence appeared, residents became concerned that there was corrupt activity afoot. A PAIA was launched with SAHA, but has not brought forward any answers up to date. The municipality claims that they are waiting for the answers to be cleared from the relevant departments.

- **To Rand Water for the tender documents for the new pipeline around the Makause community with Macodefo community organisation:**

This PAIA was submitted early in December with an accompanying press statement and Facebook image. We are still awaiting a response.

- **To the Mangosotho University of Technology for the contracts with outsourcing companies (with the outsourced workers of the university):**

R2K in KZN assisted the workers with a PAIA for these contracts. The deadline for response is the beginning of December. We have not heard from them yet.

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⁷⁸ See <http://www.r2k.org.za/2017/01/17/international-right-to-know-day-who-let-hlaudi-back-in/>

APPENDIX 6: National Solidarity Network

The following workshops & Protests were organised through the National Solidarity Network in 2016:

1. Free State: Theunesen Community march, March 2016
2. Northern Cape protest at SABC Kimberly, June 2016
3. Limpopo: Right2Recall mass meeting, July 2016
4. Free State: Picket outside SABC Bloemfontein with TAC, July 2016.
5. North West: Right2Protest workshop in Potchefstroom with members of the Voice of the Voiceless and NW university workers, March 2016.
6. North West: Workshop on Digital TV with SOS in Potchefstroom, May 2016.
7. Free State: Workshop on political party funding and Right to recall with My Vote Counts, July 2016.
8. North West: Meeting on Housing Evictions with the Marikana Concern Residence, August 2016

The following organizations have played an active role in Right2Know's National Solidarity network during 2016:

1. Eastern Cape: Unemployment Peoples Movement
2. Eastern Cape: Youth Woman's Forum
3. Eastern Cape: Voices of woman of Africa
4. Eastern Cape: Khanyisa
5. Free State: Jubelee
6. Free State: FXN free state
7. Free State: Unemployment forum
8. Free State: Thuso
9. Free State: TAC
10. Free State: Theunesen Community forum
11. Limpopo: Lephallale Community Forum
12. Limpopo: Maotsi Community engagement network forum
13. Limpopo: Mapela Community Forum.
14. Mpumalanga: SAGRC (South African Green Revolution Council)
15. Mpumalanga: MYACC (Mpumalanga Youth Against Climate Change)
16. Mpumalanga: MEJA (Middleburg Environmental Justice)
17. Mpumalanga: Mpumalanga youth Forum
18. North West: United Front
19. North West: Justice and peace
20. North West: Unemployment Forum
21. North West: SANREF
22. North West: Voices of the Voiceless
23. Northern Cape: Unemployment community forum
24. Northern Cape: Northern Cape NGO's Coalition

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