

LAUNCH WEBINAR

DECRIMINALISING POVERTY IN SOUTH AFRICA




THURSDAY
1 JULY 2021

10h00-11h30

South Africa's Constitution, reflective of regional human rights law, embodies values and principles that mandate the adoption and implementation of measures that promote a more inclusive and egalitarian society. To achieve this, the state is compelled to identify and address the underlying and social determinants of poverty, inequality and social-economic marginalisation. However, across all nine provinces, laws exist, primarily enshrined in metropolitan municipal by-laws, that criminalise the status of individuals and entrench discrimination, exclusion and marginalisation.

As part of its ongoing efforts to promote a rights-centred approach to the use of arrest and detention, the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF) has published a policy-relevant research study which highlights problematic municipal by-laws that have the effect of criminalising urban poverty and the performance of life-sustaining activities in public places, and recommends the adoption of an alternative framework to criminalisation.

To launch the study, and to build on the network of organisations and individuals working to promote the decriminalisation of poverty and homelessness in South Africa, APCOF is hosting a launch webinar between 10h00 and 11h30 on 1 July 2021.

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