



151st Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi
International Day of Nonviolence
Phoenix Settlement - the cradle of Gandhian ideas
INVITATION

WEBINAR REGISTRATION LINK: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ES9uzxSKRUyPP-3co4CFDA

This year marks the 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and brings to a close yearlong celebration of the 150th birth anniversary. In 2020 we reflected on the ideas of Gandhiji and their significance, and now as we grapple with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic we are confronted, both with the stark reality of the struggle against this virus and the significance of the teachings of Gandhiji to the present situation. Gandhiji spoke about the ill effects of the frantic travelling that people engaged in, he spoke about the need for more hygienic conditions to keep good health and he spoke about the need to cultivate our own organic food to sustain ourselves. The truth of these reflections in Hind Swaraj can be seen today.

Significantly, after four years of consistent follow up on an application to have Phoenix Declared a World Heritage Site by The National Association of African American Studies, we have now been officially informed that it is indeed declared a national heritage site. This is a very important first step towards the International Declaration. This webinar platform will provide for discussion on the significance of this site and where to from here.

TOPIC: Phoenix Settlement - Recognition as National Heritage Site

DATE: Friday, 2 October 2020

TIME: 18h00 - 20h00

PANELLISTS:

Hon. Premier Mr. Sihle Zikalala: Importance of the Declaration

Hon. Minister Dr. Zweli Mkize: Historic Significance of the Settlement

Mr. Nhlanhla Ngidi: Trustee of the Phoenix Settlement Trust

Dr. Lemuel Berry: The Torchbearer and Initiator of the Campaign

Dr. Laverne Gentry: Ensuring the involvement of the National Association of African American Studies

Prof. Uma Mesthrie: Historic background to the Phoenix Settlement

Hon. High Commissioner of India Shri Jaideep Sarkar: The Link between India and South Africa

Ms. Hedva Ser: A message from UNESCO Special Envoy for Cultural Diplomacy

Ms. Ela Gandhi: Final Remarks

MODERATOR:

Dr. Vasu Gounden, Founder and Executive Director of ACCORD