

# TALK IS GOLDEN BUT TAKING ACTION IS PLATINUM

## PLATINUM MINING IN SOUTH AFRICA AND GERMAN INDUSTRY'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUPPLY CHAIN

Panel discussion and film screenings with guests from South Africa and representatives from government, business and civil society.

It ends in the production of catalytic converters in German, US-American or Japanese factories. It begins in South African mines. In the "platinum belt", north of Johannesburg, you can find around 80 per cent of the world's platinum deposits, belonging to the groups in Platinum Group Metals (PGM). Platinum is now the most valuable precious metal in the world, and Germany is - after the USA - its second largest importer.

The miners who extract these minerals often live in very poor conditions in informal settlements near the mine, without running water or electricity. In 2012, around 3,000 miners struck for higher wages and better living conditions. 34 miners were shot dead by the South African police. The Government Commission of Inquiry reported that the mine owner, the British company Lonmin, was partly responsible for the massacre.

One of the principal buyers of Lonmin's platinum is BASF, the world's largest chemical company and manufacturer of catalytic converters. The company has on various occasions declared that its responsibility in the supply chain verification is just. BASF has not yet issued a comprehensive statement on the massacre and the poor living conditions of the people on Marikana, which caused the strike (<https://basflonmin.wordpress.com/>).

The meeting organisers want to highlight the living and working conditions of the miners in South Africa and the responsibility of companies like Lonmin and BASF. There will also be a discussion with representatives from politics, industry and civil society about the options for political action in Germany for a just international minerals policy and making the responsibility of employers compulsory.

## PROGRAM THURSDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2016

Location: Denkerei, Oranienplatz 2, 10999 Berlin | Simultaneous translation English/German

### 5:00 PM TO 5:10 PM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dr. Boniface Mabanza (Kirchliche Arbeitsstelle Südliches Afrika) and Maren Grimm (Akademie der Künste, Vienna)

### 5:10 PM TO 7 PM PLATINUM MINING IN SOUTH AFRICA - MARIKANA AND AFTERWARDS?

Introduction by Bishop Johannes Seoka (spokesperson for the miners, Chair of the Bench Marks Foundation Johannesburg) followed by a panel discussion on the situation in Marikana nearly four years after the massacre, and the demands of those affected on the companies Lonmin and BASF.

With Judy Seidmann and Nomarussia Bonase (Khulumani Support Group), Ntombizolile Mosebetsane and Agnes Makopano Thelejane for the widows of the Marikana victims, Jakob Krameritsch (Akademie der Künste, Vienna) and Bishop Johannes Seoka  
Moderator: Tanja Tabbara (Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung)

### PAUSE UND SNACK

### 7:30 PM TO 9 PM SUPPLY CHAIN RESPONSIBILITY: FROM NON-BINDING VOLUNTARY ACTIONS TO MANDATORY REGULATION

Introduction by Sarah Lincoln (Brot für die Welt) followed by a panel discussion on the scope of corporate responsibility and the possibilities for political action – in Germany and internationally – for a just raw minerals policy and effective supply chain responsibility.

With Niema Movassat (MP, DIE LINKE), Federal Foreign Office (tbc), Sarah Lincoln (Brot für die Welt), Thorsten Pinkepank (BASF), Bishop Johannes Seoka (Bench Marks Foundation)  
Moderator: Michael Windfuhr (German Institute for Human Rights)

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# OTHER EVENTS IN BERLIN

**FRIDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2016**

**Location: Moviemento cinema, Kottbusser Damm 22, 10967 Berlin**

**6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM FILM: MINERS SHOT DOWN**

Film screening followed by audience discussion with the widows of the killed miners and others

**SUNDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016**

**Location: Hackesche Hofe cinema, Rosenthaler Straße 40/41, 10178 Berlin**

**5:00 PM TO 7:30 FILM: MINERS SHOT DOWN**

Film screening followed by audience discussion with the widows of the killed miners and others

These events are taking place as part of the Speakers Tour on the subject "BASF and the Marikana Massacre – how far does the supply chain responsibility of German industry extend?" in Austria, Germany and Switzerland between 18 and 30 April 2016.

This is a project from KASA (Kirchliche Arbeitsstelle Südliches Afrika) in cooperation with Maren Grimm and Jacob Krameritsch

Organizers of the Berlin program:



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## THANKS TO

- Marikana Justice Campaign: [www.marikanajustice.co.za](http://www.marikanajustice.co.za)
- AK Commodities: [www.alternative-rohstoffwoche.de](http://www.alternative-rohstoffwoche.de)
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