SERI LAUNCHES THREE NEW RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

On **Friday 29 July 2016 from 8.30 to 10.00**, SERI is launching three new research publications drawing on our clients’ experiences of the right of access to adequate housing in different contexts in South Africa, the implications of our research findings and our litigation experiences.

The right of access to adequate housing, enshrined in section 26 of the Constitution, is the most fiercely contested and frequently litigated socio-economic right in South Africa. Municipal provision of alternative accommodation where an eviction would otherwise result in homelessness is one of the key legal principles that has been developed through this case law.

SERI is releasing two new Community Practice Note series and our first Policy Brief.

The Johannesburg Inner City Alternative Accommodation Community Practice Notes document the struggles of residents in three “bad” buildings in inner city Johannesburg for access to adequate housing. The Informal Settlement Relocation Community Practice Notes document similar struggle but in an informal settlement context. Both highlight community experiences of litigation in defense of housing rights and of alternative accommodation offered by the City of Johannesburg. They offer important policy lessons for municipalities regarding fulfilling their constitutional obligations.

The Policy Brief advocates for affordable, public rental housing to bridge the gap between the demand for and supply of affordable rental accommodation in South Africa’s higher density urban centres.

The launch is taking place at **Stay City, 53 Hillbrow St, Johannesburg (entrance on High Street)**.

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