

October 15, 2012

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Via E-mail to vc@ru.ac.za

Dear Dr. Badat,

Re: FrankTalk Radio Dialogue: Banning and Banishment

On October 30, 2012, the Steve Biko Foundation, in collaboration with YFM, will host the second session of the *FrankTalk* Radio Dialogue Series. You may recall that *FrankTalk* is a programme designed to engage young people in dialogue on socio-economic and political issues. The Foundation has recently entered into a partnership with YFM, a youth radio station with an audience of 1.5 million, in order to make the dialogues accessible to a wider audience. Given the publication of *The Forgotten People: Political Banishment Under Apartheid*, we would welcome your participation as a panelist in the upcoming dialogue.

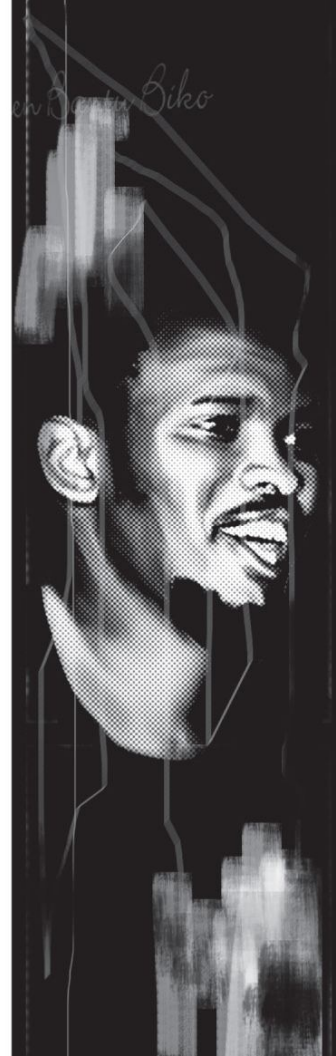
The topic of *Banning and Banishment* was selected in commemoration of the 35th Anniversary of October 19, 1977, Black Wednesday. The aim is to educate young people on this period in South Africa's history in order to better equip them to be custodians of today's democracy.

By way of background, *FrankTalk* is a multifaceted program designed to advance a culture of citizen engagement. Titled after the pseudonym under which Steve Biko wrote, this forum draws on the Bill of Rights to engage young people for discussion around salient issues impacting South Africa's political, economic and social development. *FrankTalk* consists of the following elements:

- A periodic Journal featuring contributions by topical experts and lay people;
- A dynamic internet platform that will enable regular engagement with policy and current events as well as interaction among participants;
- A radio dialogue session that takes place before a live audience on a monthly basis.

Details regarding the upcoming *FrankTalk* radio dialogue, *Banning and Banishment*, are as follows:

DATE: Tuesday 30 October, 2012
VENUE: YFM studio, 4 Albury Road, Dunkeld Crescent,



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TIME: 18:30 for 19:00

FORMAT: A panel discussion featuring you and two other thought leaders with experience of banning. The discussion will be moderated by Current Affairs show host Faith Mangope. This dialogue will take place before a live studio audience during YFM's current events show. In addition, the show will be recorded using both still and video photography. A video of the show will be uploaded on the SBF YouTube Channel and available for later use.

We do hope that you will be able to join us on the 30th of October. Should you have any questions or require additional information please feel free to contact me on 083.463.8684 or via e-mail: **bikon@sbf.org.za**. Alternatively, Ms. Obenewa Amponsah, SBF's Director of International Partnerships can be of assistance. Ms. Amponsah can be reached on 074.102.4466 or via e-mail: **oamponsah@sbf.org.za**.

Thanking you in advance,



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