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#### HBR FOUNDATION

## **Media Statement**

# "HBR Foundation owns Agang name".

HBR (Hola Bon Renaissance) Foundation is a non-politically aligned, non-governmental organization having been established to address and encourage the growth in African communities through socioeconomic transformation and building societies that are self-sustainable with a central economic hub.

HBR Foundation has been an active civil organization country, and its history includes under the Agang programme our challenge to Vodacom to tribunal Court for transformation in the 2006 and subsequently to the Western Cape high court. Other programmes include the Application for Soweto to be a local municipality, an attempt to interdict the South African presidency to announce the 2011 local election date, lobbying for the amendment of the Municipal Act, ABSA shares to be warehoused, Lonmin to apologies to South Africa on Marikana, lobbying parliament to act on Central African Republic etc...

## HBR Foundation is guided by its constitution and the approved STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES

The foundation has 14 projects carried out by the organization and they are as follows:

- <u>iBONOLO Project:</u>
- SivaFunda Project
- Lewe Project: Life Skills
- Coceka Project: Environmental Awareness
- Riafenva Project: Drug, Substance Abuse and Gambling Addiction
- Mapapa Project: Food security and poverty alleviation
- Boitapoloso Project: Sports, Arts and Culture
- Abasebenzi Abasha Project: Job creation project
- Youth Renaissance Project
- Siyakhulisa Project: Early Childhood Development Programme
- CODESA Forum
- CBO/NPO Capacity Building
- Agang: building Africa

The programme Agang aims at influencing government, private sector and the political framework not only in South Africa but throughout the African continent and globally. Our advocacy is based



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on a model that influences the achievement of building a social cohesion, social justice, social democracy and well balanced socio-economic communities.

It is for this reason why we called a media conference.

On behalf of Civil Society and the community of South Africa we, HBR Foundation, are calling for the rights of Civil Society to be respected since we all enjoy the benefits of the constitution of South Africa and its democracy.

Civil organizations are playing a key role in advocating policy and politics shaping the future of this country. That none of the civil organization programmes or its brands must be bullied.

HBR Foundation has registered the name Agang with the Company and Intellectual Property Commission under the Trade mark Act 1993, international classification No: 45 Application no, and we call for any person, groups or institution to refrain from bullying or some kind of high jacking of any programmes of Civil organizations, but calls for respect for the constitution and the Trade Marks Act of 1993.

We have instructed our lawyers to write to the concerned individuals or group purporting itself to be using our name Agang, further to notify the IEC about our trade mark.

Should any person continue using our name it is an infringement as outlined in the Part VIII of the Trade Marks Act.

We call all those who want to use it to contact our office preferably our attorneys.

### Thanks

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