

## INVITATION

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and the FVZS Institute, SUN cordially invite you  
to the screening of the documentary

### ***'Breaking the Fetters'***

***As South Africa moves to celebrate 25 years of democracy, we look back at  
an event that set the ball rolling on the road to a negotiated settlement.***

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion on the occasion of  
the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the historic meeting in Dakar, Senegal.

The almost 60-minute long documentary film ***'Breaking the Fetters' (1987)***, directed by Hen-  
nie Serfontein, tells the story of how representatives of the then banned ANC met with prominent  
Afrikaners from all fields of society opposing the Apartheid regime in Dakar, Senegal in 1987.  
Even though the Afrikaners, such as Frederik van Zyl Slabbert and others, faced backlash upon  
their return to South Africa, this historic meeting paved the way for a negotiated settlement and  
democracy.

At the time, the film material had to be smuggled out of South Africa and was edited in Amster-  
dam, as the ANC and its leaders were still banned, imprisoned or exiled. The film includes inter-  
views and footage of former President Thabo Mbeki, who led the delegation at the time and then  
ANC President Oliver Tambo while in exile in Lusaka. After the ANC leaders returned from exile in  
1990, a new version of the documentary was produced in 1993 which also included then Presi-  
dent of the ANC, Nelson Mandela.

Ms Anli Serfontein, the South African freelance journalist and filmmaker who edited and pro-  
duced both the 1987 and the 1993 film will moderate the discussions. She will be joined by some  
of the protagonists of the film and other contemporary witnesses and observers of the Dakar  
meeting who will share their personal experiences and memorable moments in a subsequent  
panel discussion. A representative of the Born Free generation will question the lessons of the  
past and take the discussion into the present.

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018**

**STIAS, 10 Marais Street, Stellenbosch**

**17h30 for 18h00- 20h00**

**RSVP by 18<sup>th</sup> August to Ms Doris Roth-Thomass**

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