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Summit Report

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Right2Know Vision

"We seek a country and a world where we all have the right to know – that is to be free to access and to share information. This right is fundamental to any democracy that is open, accountable, participatory and responsive; able to deliver the social, economic and environmental justice we need. On this foundation a society and an international community can be built in which we all live free from want, in equality and in dignity."

Right2Know Mission

- ✓ To co-ordinate, unify, organise and activate those who share our principles to defend and advance the right to know.
- ✓ To struggle both for the widest possible recognition in law and policy of the right to know and for its implementation and practice in daily life.
- ✓ To root the struggle for the right to know in the struggles of communities demanding political, social, economic and environmental justice.
- ✓ To propagate our vision throughout society.
- ✓ To engage those with political and economic power where necessary.
- ✓ To act in concert and solidarity with like-minded people and organisations locally and internationally.

1. Introduction

The Right2Know Campaign held its sixth National Summit in Glenwood, Durban, from 26 to 28 February 2016.

The Summit comprised delegates elected at the Provincial Summits held in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, and the Western Cape, as well as members of the outgoing National Working Group and a number of observers from supporting organisations (see participants listed in APPENDIX 1).

Delegates adopted a 2015 Narrative Report and assessed the progress made since the fifth National Summit in FEburary 2015 as well as the challenges and opportunities facing the campaign in the coming year (see Narrative Report in APPENDIX 2).

Delegates then developed and adopted the resolutions detailed below and elected a 2016/17 National Working Group.

The Summit programme is included as APPENDIX 3.

2. Summit Resolutions

2.1. Secrecy and Surveillance

Noting the increasing reach of securocrats in closing democratic spaces, and noting that these issues are central to the challenges facing activist struggles across South Africa, R2K resolves to make the following interventions:

1. Adopt 'secrecy and surveillance' as the popular term for this leg of the campaign;
2. Prioritize the building of a popular campaign against surveillance of activists.

2.1.1 Surveillance

The campaign against surveillance will include:

1. Engaging and pressuring surveillance watchdogs, including the Inspector General of Intelligence and the RICA Judge, and campaigning for the appointment of an independent and credible Inspector General of Intelligence;
2. Doing Popular Education on how surveillance affects community activists, and giving workshops on surveillance self-defense;
3. Launching a joint call against mass surveillance, with wide endorsement, together with public action by PWGs;
4. Popularizing stories and materials from "Big Brother Exposed" and giving activists a platform to tell their stories of surveillance;
5. Targeting the private sector and communication service providers **such as** MTN, Vodacom, Cell C and Telkom to demand they protect us against surveillance;
6. Linking these issues to our continued work against the draft Cybercrimes Bill.

2.1.2 Corporate and political secrecy

The campaign against secret deals and political corruption must highlight the issue of secret donations to

political parties, including:

1. Identifying local struggles against political secrecy and drawing links between corruption and service delivery issues;
2. Using Local Government Elections to raise awareness of how companies and rich individuals can 'buy' the support of political parties through secret funding, undermining the public's right to know and our democracy;
3. Using PAIA requests, open letters and other campaigning tools to demand transparency from political parties and target private-sector donors to reveal their donations;
4. Engaging allies and stakeholders to put this issue at the centre of their work, especially Corruption Watch;
5. Engaging whistleblowers within political parties to raise concerns about this as part of the internal democracy of their organisations;
6. Supporting My Vote Counts to drive this work.

2.1.3 Additional campaign issues

1. Deepening R2K's focus on the non-payment of tax and the flow of money out of South Africa by the very wealthiest corporations and individuals. R2K must delegate a team to take this forward and propose further action;
2. Preparing for the release of the report of the Seriti Commission on the Arms Deal. This will include highlighting how the Commission failed to expose the secrecy and corruption of the Deal.

2.2. Access to Information

Noting that our priority in relation to Access to Information lies in sustained local solidarity and support, R2K resolves to make the following interventions:

2.2.1 Sustained local solidarity and support

1. Use popular education and mobilisation to deepen understandings of the tools and importance of access to information as the bedrock of all local struggles;

2. Continue to develop and deepen our "basket" of strategies beyond the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA) to also include the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act (PAJA);

3. This will be done through small provincial focus groups whose capacity to lead on access to information issues will be strengthened.

2.2.2 Local government & 2016 Local Government Elections

1. Root our work in the right to public participation;

2. Campaign for open meetings and open processes, with specific attention to local tender processes and ward committee processes;

3. Campaign for free Wi-Fi for all;

4. Campaign for transparency of political party finances;

2.2.3 At a national level

1. Working with allies in the environmental justice sector, we demand transparency in the Nuclear Deal. Our actions will include a greater emphasis on popular education at a grassroots level;

2. We must demand the appointment of an independent champion (the equivalent of the Information Regulator as the new access to information watchdog), and demand that this body has a sufficient mandate to protect our environmental rights;

3. We must support the campaign for the release of **all** apartheid secret records;

4. We must increase our focus on accessing private sector information and identifying specific struggles and demands for information from private sector;

5. We must campaign for the amendment and strengthening of PAIA to promote the right to know and ensure access to information;

6. We must engage critically on the implications of the proposed Procurement Bill and the e-tender portal that will become operational this year;

7. R2K must support the #HandsOffOurGrants campaign nationally.

2.3. Media Freedom & Diversity

R2K resolves to make the following interventions in 2016/7:

2.3.1 Regional Solidarity:

1. R2K will continue to support regional allies' campaigns for media freedom, in the interest of a free and independent media sector in Africa.

2.3.2 Digital Migration

1. R2K will continue to push for **all** set-top boxes to be made free and will continue to oppose means testing;

2. R2K will partner with Corruption Watch and investigative journalists to monitor the roll-out of Digital TV for corruption and malpractice, including in the manufacture of the set-top boxes;

3. R2K will continue to organize popular education and round tables with communities to build understanding of Digital TV issues and to better understand the grassroots impact of Digital TV and digital migration;

4. R2K will continue to campaign for high quality, locally produced content to be provided free-to-air after digital migration happens.

2.3.3 Channel Free – Social Justice TV Channel

1. R2K will continue with a consultation process with various organisations and an endorsement drive for Channel Free, the proposed social justice TV channel;

2. We undertake to resolve outstanding matters of governance and funding for Channel Free;

3. R2K will ensure that R2K members, community organisations and activists continue to have access to participate in the setting up of the Social Justice channel;

4. R2K will raise awareness of the planned Channel Free as part of R2K's Digital TV popular education process.

2.3.4 Community Media

In relation to community media, R2K resolves to:

1. Strengthen partnerships with community media and the National Community Radio Forum (NCRF);

2. Build on connections and relationships between R2K and community media workers established at the 2015 Media Freedom and Diversity summits;

3. Identify and target key community media outlets in each region and work closely with these to build solidarity with the community media sector and spread awareness of R2K issues to their audiences.

2.3.5 Media Freedom

In relation to media freedom, R2K resolves to:

1. Continue to campaign for free, independent and diverse media, including, and especially, in the community media space;

2. Respond to legislative and regulatory threats, including the Secrecy Bill, the Broadcast Amendment Bill, and the proposed Media Appeals Tribunal;

3. Engage on the Department of Communications' proposed media transformation discussion document;

4. Campaign for the right to film and photograph the police and ensure the rights of ordinary people and citizen journalists to record the police is protected.

2.3.6 Internet Freedom (#HandsOffOurInternet!)

In relation to internet freedom, R2K resolves to:

1. Campaign for a free and open internet;

2. Fight back against attempts to censor the internet. This includes opposing the Regulations and Amendment legislation proposed by the Film and Publications Board and the draft Cybercrimes Bill.

2.4. Access to Telecoms

In relation to Access to Telecoms, R2K resolves to:

1. Reinvigorate the Vula'ma Connexion campaign by advocating against expiring data and airtime at the expense of consumers;

2. Promote community-owned telecommunications (the Zenzeleni model) as a way of connecting poor rural communities and as a model to promote the right to communicate;

3. Engage provincial and municipal government over roll-out of broadband services (especially free Wi-Fi services) to ensure that the greatest number of poor households have access to free, quality internet and data services as an enabler for a better quality of life.

2.5. Right to Protest

Recognizing that the right to protest is a growing and increasingly urgent part of the campaign's work on the ground, R2K resolves to make the following interventions:

2.5.1 Legal support

1. R2K should ensure that the proposed Protest Hotline and dedicated protest attorney hosted by the Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS) is up and running in 2016. This also includes a strong legal support network of lawyers for protesters facing charges;
2. R2K must investigate what existing bail funds are available for arrested protesters, and what steps need to be taken to ensure that arrested protesters have access to bail when needed. This must be finalized by the NWG's mid-term review in 2016;
3. We must also challenge the use of excessively high bail amounts that keep protesters in detention.

2.5.2 Challenging anti-protest laws and policies

1. Push for progressive amendments to the Gatherings Act by supporting the legal challenges of the Act
2. Challenge municipal bylaws that undermine our right to protest
3. Collect and publish evidence of abuses of the right to protest, and submit this as a complaint to the Cooperative Governance Ministry

2.5.3 Action on the ground

1. Continue popular education through the new handbook, and produce a simplified pamphlet on the 'Section 4' meeting;
2. We must challenge the dominant narratives in the media that seek to undermine the right to protest;
3. R2K must seek a partnership with the NCRF for regular slots on community radio stations across the country to discuss the right to protest in communities;
4. Support struggles on the ground; each province should develop teams of activists who are experienced at Right to Protest issues, including engaging the 'Section 4' process and monitoring protests for police brutality and other abuses;
5. Develop expertise on challenging the use and conduct of private security against protesters;
6. Campaign against clampdowns on protest in the lead-up to the Local Government Elections.

2.6. Building the Right2Know

2.6.1 Internal Democracy and Enabling Activism

1. Make R2K more approachable to youth, students, and people who speak language other than English - including making PWG meetings more welcoming and inclusive;
2. Identify all potential allied organisations and explore synergies;

3. Maintain a record of support organisations and identify those organisations that could benefit from R2K support within our limited capacity and resources;
4. Give more specific attention to ensuring that all R2K supporters know the procedures and policies of Campaign. Each PWG must workshop the induction publication;
5. Ensure each campaign focus has a 'champion' at provincial level who will serve as the main conduit for information and for driving the work around that focus. Focus Organizers must share relevant information, plans and reports with PWGs.
6. Ensure Advocacy Coordinator circulates an update on Campaign focuses that includes an assessment of political developments before the monthly PWG meetings and ensure reports from provincial staff, PWG activists, and the NWG are a standing item on PWG agendas;
7. Improve record-keeping and accountability, especially with regards to reporting on tasks and when comrades represent R2K;
8. Reaffirm that PWGs are the body that hold the provincial staff accountable organizationally and politically;
9. Ensure NWG members hold one another accountable to their agreements and are active in their PWGs and selected Focus Groups taking on specific responsibilities. A report from the NWG on its performance must be tabled at the National Summit.

2.6.2 Building Local Struggles

1. Continue to identify key local struggles and commemorations throughout the year and work alongside, and in solidarity with those communities and organizations in relation to the Campaign's focuses;
2. Expand the reach of the R2K progressively and proactively within the metropolitan (urban) areas and surrounding peri-urban and rural areas;
3. Strengthen our presence at sites of protest and struggles to demonstrate our support for fraternal organisations;
4. Use the 2016 local government elections as an opportunity to support community struggles to develop their capacity for engagement at local government level.
5. Continue to enable the deepening of democratic practice within the R2K and local struggles and structures through sharing experiences and appropriate skills development as requested and within available resources
6. Profile struggles in the media and tell success stories of local struggles in order to celebrate and learn from one another.
7. Consolidate and maintain a database of support organisations and individuals and their respective struggles, areas of experience and expertise and their constituencies.
8. Undertake ongoing reflection and learning on different approaches to organizing including how we enter communities and how we sustain our engagement;
9. Ensure that campaign activists undertake local organizing work with the support of staff.

2.6.3 Fighting Patriarchy

1. Amended, approve and adopt the sexual harassment policy before April 2016;
2. Link gender oppression to other forms of exploitation thereby respond to our social realities in a more effective way. This necessitates us to work with existing social movements, women's movements, LGBTIQ movements, gender organisations etc.;
3. Ensure R2K is a safe space for women characterized by equality, dignity and respect;
4. Undertake the following programme priorities be implemented in provinces:

a. Each province reflects and report on at least two efforts to integrate a gender sensitive and feminist perspective in the thematic areas of our work;
b. Each province conduct popular education workshops that deal with feminist and gender issues. This should include assertiveness training, gender awareness and understanding patriarchy workshops;
c. That a gender balance be promoted in our work by giving more women activists leadership development opportunities and support.

2.6.4 Beyond Urban Nodes

1. Continue to build a network of R2K supporters that ensure a R2K presence in provinces beyond KZN, Gauteng & Western Cape;
2. Recommit to support the principle of "struggle before structure" – to develop sustainable relationships of mutual solidarity that are action-orientated rather than bureaucratic;
3. Draw on relevant capacity across the campaign – in PWGs and Focus Groups – to support the struggles in the other provinces.

2.6.5 Front & Coalitions

1. Reaffirm previous resolutions, we will develop clear guidelines for engaging in coalitions, including ensuring coalitions practice accountability and transparency, and that R2K's participation is periodically assessed;
2. Reaffirm our commitment to strengthening the United Front as an initiative rooted in local struggles, unless it decides to contests elections.

2.6.6 Popular Education & Mobilisation

1. Prioritize creative forms of popular education, for example drama, street art, and songs
2. Intensify community campaigning, including door-to-door campaigns
3. Create opportunities within campaigns for strategic reflection and learning
4. Prioritize engagements with young people and students.
5. Produce shorter simple language multi-lingual publications and materials (like pamphlets, posters, stickers and buttons), and ensure their effective distribution.
6. Intensify leadership development with online courses, film screenings workshops, Schools, and partnerships with other training institutions
7. Encourage all R2K activists use their social media presence to advance the right to know.

2.6.7 Finance & Staffing

1. Aim to raise 'core' funding, as opposed to project funding, to enable the democratic control of resources;
2. Ensure a greater shared understanding of the our finances across the campaign by presenting uniform monthly financial reports to PWGs, sharing NWG minutes across the Campaign, and ensuring NWG members report to their Working Groups and Focus Groups;
3. Reaffirm our decision not to pay our elected leaders;
4. Reaffirm that R2K staff are accountable to activists in PWGs and the NWG. Activists with line-manager responsibilities must manage the performance of staff and, if performance and/or conduct is unsatisfactory, take any necessary corrective action as per our policies;
5. Ensure national staff capacity serves all provinces equitably.

3. Election of 2016/7 National Working Group

The following comrades where elected to serve as the 2016/7 National Working Group:

1. Alison Tilley
2. Asha Moodely
3. Cleopatra Shezi
4. Ghalib Galant
5. Godfrey Phiri
6. Meshack Mbangula
7. Mhlobo Gunguluzi
8. Nonhlanha Chanza
9. Percy Nhau
10. Philisiwe Dladla
11. Precious Mazibuko
12. Siviwe Mdoda

APPENDIX 1: Summit Participants

KZN Delegation

Name	Surname	Org
1. Megan	Lewis	Grondworks
2. Nkanyiso	Mthombeni	R2K
3. Percy	Nhau	R2K
4. Precious	Mazibuko	SDCEA
5. Sbusiso	Nzama	R2K
6. Sne	Manqele	R2K
7. Sthembiso	Khuluse	R2K

Gauteng Delegation

Name	Surname	Org
1. General	Moyo	MACODEFO & DLF
2. Cleopatra	Shezi	Marikana Solidarity Campaign & DLF
3. Dale	Mckinley	R2K
4. Eunice	Manzini	VPCR
5. Julie	Reid	R2K
6. Aubrey	Lengane	R2K
7. Khomotso	Ntuli	350.ORG
8. Mpho	Mofokeng	TCC
9. Peter	Zulu	SPYEO
10. Philisiwe	Dladla	GCR
11. Stena	Molepo	Ex-Midreand Workers & DEMAWUSA

Western Cape Delegation

Name	Surname	Org
1. Ashley	Louw	R2K
2. Ghalib	Galant	R2K
3. Joyce	Malebo	R2K
4. Khaya	Xintolo	Mandela Park
5. Mhlobo	Gunguluzi	GBD
6. Michael	Graaf	R2K
7. Mkhululi	Sijora	Soundz of the South
8. Nokuthenjwa	Bulana	R2K
9. Siviwe	Mdoda	Channel Free

Name	Surname	Org
10. Zukisa	Fumba	Concerned Community Movement

Outgoing National Working Group

Name	Surname	Org
1. Alison	Tilley	ODAC
2. Asha	Moodley	R2K
3. Godfrey	Phiri	Amnesty International
4. Hennie	Van Vuuren	Open Secrets
5. Karabo	Rajuli	AmaBhungane
6. Meshack	Mbangula	MACUA
7. Nonhlanha	Chanza	R2K
8. Thabane	Miya	R2K

Guests & Observers

Name	Surname	Org
1. Patrick	Bond	Centre for Civil Society
2. Ronald	Menoe	Corruption Watch
3. Ntuthuz	Ndzomo	Equal Education
4. Keren	Ben-Zeev	Heinrich Boell Foundation
5. Oupa	Lehulere	Khanya College
6. Janine	Ogle	My Vote Counts
7. Refilwe	Mashaba	NPA
8. Michael	Marchant	Open Secrets
9. Mervyn	Abrahams	PACSA
10. Dugan	Fraser	Raith Foundation
11. Liz	McDaid	SAFCIS
12. Catherine	Kennedy	SA History Archive
13. James	Ekron	SA History Archive
14. Chumile	Sali	Social Justice Coalition
15. Dalli	Weyers	Social Justice Coalition
16. Vanessa	Burger	Independent Activist
17. Zandile	Nsibande	Abahlali
18. Sihhle	Dlandla	R2K Activist
19.	Modise	National Community Radio Forum
20. Asanda		North Coast Radio
21. Amina	Kirk	Nfuna Nkwazi
22. Rod	Morgan	R2K Activist

23. Richard	Nzama	R2K Activist
24. Rabbit	Nzama	R2K Activist
25. Sibusiso	Khanyile	PACSA
26. Zandi	Mtolo	PACSA
27. Thina	Goba	R2K Activist
28. Thabo	Maile	R2K Activist

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6. Mark	Weinberg	National Coordinator
7. Micah	Reddy	Media Freedom & Diversity Organiser
8. Murray	Hunter	Advocacy Coordinator
9. Nomacebo	Mbayi	Administrator: Western Cape
10. Ntombi	Tshabalala	Organiser: Gauteng
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2016 Summit: Narrative Report

1. INTRODUCTION

When we launched the Right2Know five years ago to fight the Secrecy Bill many commentators said the Bill was the result of incompetent drafting. The R2K asserted that with the unfolding economic and social crisis South Africa the compromise negotiated in 1994 was reaching its limits and the Secrecy Bill formed part of a broader agenda of Securocrats preparing to rule by repression – determined to rule by any means necessary. Watching at the upheavals across the country today and the violent response of the State, it is safe to say the Campaign has been vindicated in our assessment.

2015 was the year of the student added their voice to the growing movement for justice in South Africa. We were moved by their militancy and courage, inspired by their ability to achieve results through direct action – struggling on a terrain of their own choosing and refusing to be drawn into processes of potential co-option.

The student struggle reaffirms the power of people organizing on their own terms, framing their issues in their own voice, and refusing to back down until their demands are met.

Right2Know can take some pride in the small contribution we made to the student struggle: We spoke out to defend their right to protest, assisted on coordinating legal support, offered direct support and solidarity on a number of campuses and ran a series of digital security workshops with student leaders. This is testimony to the responsiveness and capacity that resides within the Campaign, though more needs to be done.

2015 marked the [5th anniversary](#) of the Right2Know and saw the Campaign continue to flourish as a vibrant democratic activist-driven organisation. In the course of the year we have organized over 76 public meetings and protests, hosted 41 activist workshops and trainings, and produced and distributed 15 publications (all listed in Appendix 1).

While the nature of much of our advocacy work makes it difficult to establish direct causality between R2K's interventions and social outcomes, 2015 has seen a number of important victories for the Campaign and our allies. Highlights include:

1. The release of the list of National Key Points;
2. A defense of democracy in Parliament in the wake of the State of the Nation address;
3. A partial victory on Digital TV when government announced that 5 million households would receive free Set Top Boxes;
4. Ensuring transparency in court processes by joining a challenge against court secrecy imposed by SANRAL;

Other highlights in 2015 include:

1. A spirited public campaign for the withdrawal of the Film and Publication Board's (FPB) efforts to censor the internet;
2. Our "2015 Freedom Week" that saw 31 events around the country, many hosted by supporting organisations.
3. The publication of Big Brother Exposed, our report on the surveillance of activists ,and a number of activist trainings in surveillance self-defense;
4. The release of the Marikana Report and on-going popular education and solidarity work to promote the right to protest including demanding action be taken against police implicated in the Marikana massacre.
5. Hosting a series of Media Transformation Summits that brought together working journalists, community media and civil society to build alliances to advance a just media transformation
6. Promoting the Zenzeleni model of democratic 'bottom -up' community driven development of telecommunications infrastructure and internet access. .

2. CAMPAIGN FOCUS AREAS

2.1 Challenging Securotisation

The issue of securitization featured large in 2015, with the security agencies playing an increasingly visible role in policing the boundaries of democratic politics. Last year this manifested in a series of chaotic events in Parliament, and several public complaints of surveillance of activists, unionists, journalists and political figures.

It was alleged in media reports that a State Security official had accused R2K of espionage in a briefing to Parliamentary staff. R2K's response – to picket Parliament and the State Security Agency and send a message through the media that we will not be intimidated – put securocrats on the back foot as the SSA scrambled to explain itself. When similar allegations were leveled against #FeesMustFall protesters, R2K's statement of support was endorsed by a number of organisations and unions who have also been slandered with these labels. In 2016 it is likely that we will see even more use of this securocratic language to deal with dissent.

The securitization of Parliament was an especially visible example of the impact of security agencies intruding on democratic spaces. The events of 2015, with "signal jamming" at the State of the Nation Address, riot police in the National Assembly, and Parliamentary staff undergoing invasive 'security vetting' to raise their security clearance to "Top Secret", are a concern both for Parliament's workers who fear intimidation, and for the broader public who need an democratic and open Parliament. R2K has taken a leading role in responding to these abuses, holding a mass rally in support of an open Parliament after the SONA, and partnering with the Legal Resources Centre to challenge the use of signal jamming

and censorship of the Parliamentary television feed. Though the Western Cape High Court dismissed this challenge, we are confident of winning on appeal at the Supreme Court of Appeal in 2016.

2.1.1 National Key Points

The year began with a major victory when R2K and the South African History Archive forced the Minister of Police to release the list of National Key Points – special zones, often in public places, designated to be critical to state security. This was a significant gain for transparency over a much-abused security policy.

R2K was able to use this list, and other information we have gathered on the Act, for regular advisories to journalists and activist organisations who face challenges to their rights in relation to National Key Points.

While we continue to call for the scrapping of the National Key Points Act (NKPA), the promised Parliamentary Review of the Act has yet to materialize. We have also campaigned for access to the list of Strategic Installations, an apparently unregulated category of secret 'security' sites.

R2K also weighed in on a deeply flawed Bill proposed by the Democratic Alliance to replace the National Key Points Act. R2K's submission on the DA Bill and its implications for freedom of expression and the right to protest helped develop a framework for future submissions on legislation to repeal the Act.

2.1.2 Secrecy Bill

We welcomed the leaking of the Spy Cables that exposed the excessive and unacceptable secrecy adopted by South Africa's state-security structures.

We have ensured the Secrecy Act remains a political hot potato unsigned on the President's desk. And yet, it is of great concern that the State continues to use the Apartheid secrecy law to classify information. We have continued to sustain pressure and vigilance, demanding the President refuse to sign the Bill and refer it to the Constitutional Court. In late 2015 the President committed to reviewing the Secrecy Bill, which could see the Secrecy Bill back in Parliament and returning to be a key feature of our campaign in 2016.

2.1.3 Surveillance of Activists

Our work in the securitization of the State has taken on a strong focus on the surveillance of activists with the launch of Big Brother Exposed– a handbook on surveillance of activists, documenting the experiences of unionists and community activists who have been spied on by state intelligence. In addition to publicizing these abuses, and giving individual advisories to organisations and activists who are having surveillance concerns, we have submitted a number of these cases as complaints to the Inspector General of Intelligence.

For most of 2015, we were engaged in a frustrating effort to bring attention to the fact that there has been no surveillance watchdog (the Inspector General of Intelligence) for nearly a year. When Parliament tried to appoint a new Inspector General of Intelligence behind closed doors, R2K intervened to ensure both greater transparency in the process and that the most draconian of candidates was not appointed. However, going into 2016 we still do not have an Inspector General of Intelligence.

R2K has hosted several workshops towards the end of 2015 on surveillance self-defense, advising activists of the risks that they face and steps that can be taken to protect ourselves and our organisations.

We also used PAIA to [demand information about the government's use of 'grabber' devices](#), which are capable of mass, unregulated surveillance of mobile devices.

Internationally we have [challenged British surveillance](#) of South African civil society and developed a close working relationship with Privacy International and helped to draft a brief on privacy and surveillance issues in South Africa for the United Nations Human Rights Commission. We have also participated in a number of screenings of the award-winning surveillance documentary, Citizen Four, and addressed many public meetings on the problems of surveillance.

2.1.4 Corporate Secrecy

Our work on corporate secrecy has focused on highlighting corporate tax evasion of Lonmin and supporting the My Vote Counts (MVC) campaign for greater transparency of political party funding.

MVC's Constitutional Court challenge resulted in a disappointing judgement in October that dismissed the challenge on a technicality. An excellent minority judgement, supported by four Constitutional Court justices, gave a clear articulation of why our constitution demands that voters have a right to know where political parties get their money. The judgement also gave a clear path forward – MVC must go to the High Court and begin its challenge anew. We will continue to support My Vote Counts in shaping the campaign and promoting it in popular struggles. We will challenge secret political party funding in the run-up to the 2016 Local Government elections and must link this issue of political corruption to bread-and-butter issues at a local level (see 1.2.1 below).

R2K participated in the Unite Against Corruption march, issuing pamphlets and statements that attempted to bring an increased focus on corporate secrecy and the intersection between the state and private sector. This was topped off by a rally against corporate corruption at the JSE and against MTN in Cape Town.

2.1.5 Right to Protest

The #FeesMustFall movement, though by no means the only site for serious clampdowns on protest in 2015, certainly brought protest issues to national prominence. The right to protest is continuing to grow an area of the Campaign's work as people are increasingly seeing R2K as a resource when their right to protest is frustrated.

In 2015, we distributed nearly all the remaining copies of our popular Activist Guide to the Gathering Act and have developed a new, expanded edition for 2016 which includes a focus on police brutality. We ran numerous workshops and screenings of "Miners Shot Down" with communities engaged in protest, and provided advisories and solidarity to students of the #FeesMustFall movement. Together with the United Front we undertook 21 pickets against police brutality on Human Rights Day.

In the latter half of 2015, the Gauteng and Western Cape working groups turned their attention to the bylaws used by [Johannesburg](#) and [Cape Town](#) metros to further undermine the right to protest, hosting protests for the right to protest! While this advocacy has led to a shift in some policies in those metros, more work needs to be done to tackle municipal bylaws on protest in 2016.

In April, R2K produced a [submission on the draft White Paper on Policing](#), with a focus on protecting the right to protest and clamping down on police militarization. R2K activists also presented this submission to Parliament's police committee.

We've also issued [an advisory](#) informing journalists of their legal right to film and photograph the police and we are engaging the review of these regulations with a view to ensure that ordinary people, not just professional journalists, are protected when they exercise their right to film and photograph the police.

In 2016, two legal challenges against the Regulation of Gatherings Act are likely to come to court, through the Social Justice Coalition in the Western Cape and the Treatment Action Campaign in the Free State. We are committed to support these legal challenges to the Regulation of Gatherings Act, and work towards a more just framework for the right to protest.

After months of planning, the vision of a Right to Protest Hotline and legal referral network came to near fruition in 2015, with an agreement between R2K and allied organisations that the Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS) would host a hotline to advise protesters on their rights, and establish a legal referral network to assist those who face arrest. The project includes hiring a dedicated attorney to deal with the criminalization of protest.

2.2. Access to Information

We continue to promote the importance of accessing information as a mobilization and advocacy tool for social justice struggles.

2.2.1 National Advocacy

In 2015 we have campaigned successfully to ensure access to the National Key Points and the release of the full Marikina Commission report as well as ensuring information submitted to court remains in the public domain. We have called for information regarding the deployment of the army in communities, and information regarding the police implicated in the Marikana massacre. We challenged the credibility of the Arms Deal Commission and made a call for a substantive budget to be allocated to the soon-to-be-established Information Regulator and for the process of the appointment of the Information Regulator to be fair and transparent.

Right2Know has also formed part of a coalition of civil society organisations that provided suggestions and input into the proposed Supply Chain Management Bill (or Procurement Bill), of which a draft is set to be released in early 2016.

In 2015 we also challenged Energy Minister's plans to keep details of the proposed Nuclear Deal secret. We worked with a coalition of organisations to hold public actions and mobilisation in response to the nuclear procurement process, and will continue to campaign against nuclear secrecy.

Also on the energy/extractives front, we welcomed the release of the steelmaker ArcelorMittal South Africa (AMSA) 2003 Environmental Master Plan for its Vanderbijlpark steel plan and will continue to support to the Steel Valley communities in taking this matter forward and holding AMSA to account for the hard they have caused communities.

On the international front, at the International Open Government Partnership (OGP) Summit in Mexico, South Africa became the chair of the OGP, leading 51 countries that have put forward commitments to open governance. Right2Know participated in the Summit and highlighted the hypocrisy of the South African government leading on openness and accountability while promoting secretive and corrupt processes within the country.

2.2.2 Local Government & Service Delivery

This year R2K worked on a much more consistent and focused basis in several communities, promoting Access to Information as a tool to assist in local struggles. We worked with 10 communities across South Africa, initially on awareness raising around various strategies to demand access to information, and linking support organisations and community based organisations working on similar issues.

The programme resulted in several victories resulting from a wide range of strategies, including direct engagements with city and private officials, protest action, PAIA requests, media attention and various mobilisation and solidarity efforts.

The year culminated in a national meeting, where community leaders from the 10 communities and representatives from the support organisations came together to discuss successes and failures and the way forward for using both access to information campaigning and the information itself to forward local struggles.

The local government focus of our access to information work provided a great platform to begin preparing our response to the Local Government elections in 2016. We hosted a national meeting to explore a range of possible interventions around the 2016 election promoting participatory democracy.

2.2.3 The Promotion of Access to Information Act

In 2015 R2K joined the PAIA Civil Society Network to collect and distribute data around PAIA use and campaigning for the better implementation of PAIA across municipalities and other public and private bodies.

Right2Know has supported in PAIA applications and advocacy around several information requests for community organisations, including PAIA requests for housing information for the Fountainhead community residents in Blue Downs, with the community based organisation Gugulethu Backyarders and with workers organisations at the University of Johannesburg.

We have also participated in the South African History Archive's data capturing and information distribution project relating to different municipalities' compliance to PAIA – both with respect to proactive release of information and information requests.

In 2016, the CSN has committed to focusing information requests on the increasing trend of surveillance of activists and journalists, and the threat this poses to the free flow of information.

2.2.4 Whistleblowers

As our 2015 Whistleblower Calendar confirmed, Whistleblowers continue to take courageous stands under very precarious conditions. A Bill to amend and strengthen South Africa's whistleblower law, the Protected Disclosures Act, has been tabled in Parliament and requires our vigilance.

We've reflected on our strategy of celebrating individual whistleblowers who – by virtue of their circumstances – often do not want to be highly publicized. We agreed to rather focus on promoting the importance of whistleblowing in all the other aspects of our work, but not to focus on individual whistleblowers.

We continue to promote the Open Democracy Advice Centre's Whistleblowers Helpline and give direct solidarity where we can.

2.3. Advancing the Right to Communicate

As per our strategic framework we continue to work towards ensuring that South Africa enjoys a free and diverse range of public, and private non-profit media and open and affordable access to the internet and telecommunications.

We published Media Transformation and the Right to Communicate taking stock of the full range of challenges and opportunities confronting communication system in South Africa. The publication served as the basis for a series of Media Transformation Summits in KZN, Gauteng, and the Western Cape late in the year. The Summits brought together working journalists, community media and civil society to build alliances to advance a just media transformation (a report on the Summits will be distributed early in 2016).

2.3.1 Media Freedom

Tensions between government and the media have begun worsen with Government again talking about the need for statutory regulation of journalism in the form of a Media Appeals Tribunal. On Black Wednesday and throughout the year we have participated in very lively media debates on topics such as media regulation, threats to media freedom and diversity, and the saga at the SABC.

When the securocrats censored the TV feed to the 2015 State of the Nation address in Parliament, we held a mass rally and took the matter to court. Though the Western Cape High Court dismissed this application (with two judges upholding Parliament's right to censor its broadcast feed, and one judge supporting the public's right to know), we are confident we will win on appeal.

In response to a high level of recorded incidents of police harassment, R2K issued an advisory informing journalists of their legal rights when filming/photographing the police. After the #FeesMustFall protests R2K was invited to a journalism training workshop at Wits University to advise journalists on covering protests.

Our 2016 Champions of the Right to Know Calendar highlighted attacks on Tom Nkosi, the community journalist and publisher harassed by state security in Mpumalanga.

Our media freedom work has had an international focus this year with a public meeting on the attack on Charlie Hebdo's offices in France, and solidarity with journalists criminalized under defamation laws in the Southern Africa region. Together with the Southern African Litigation Centre and FXI, we hosted a public discussion on media freedom in the region with Angolan journalist Rafael Marques who has been persecuted by his country's ruling elite for exposing human rights abuses and corruption. We continue to work closely with regional rights groups and civil society in exposing and highlighting abuses against the media and to participate in the international Decriminalization of Expression (DoX) Campaign.

2.3.2 Media Diversity

Our march on Budget Day included the call for public funding for community and public media. Our Media Transformation Summits brought together working journalists, community media and civil society to build alliances to promote a media diversity agenda and two-day workshops were held in KZN, Gauteng and the Western Cape to engage the capacity of R2K activists to engage their community media.

We anticipate that engaging community media at a local level as well as campaigning for a national social justice TV station will be a major focus in coming years.

As the country moves towards the era of digital TV in fits and starts we have continued to campaign to ensure the cost of digital migration is not paid by the poor and that no one is prevented from receiving television. We have continued to draw attention to the role of Naspers – and the relationship between

Naspers, the SABC and the State – in undermining the future of free-to-air TV. We won a partial victory when government announced that 5 million households would receive free Set Top Boxes – however concerns remain about the remaining boxes and the methods that will be used to identify who will benefit from these free boxes, as well as costs and corruption.

Our focus has shifted from the technical aspects of digital migration to questions of how users will be affected, particularly with regard to content. We hosted a workshop exploring strategies to ensure that new channels, which are enabled by digital TV, contribute to greater media diversity. In the final months of 2015 we began consultations on the possibility of launching a national social justice TV station.

2.3.3 Internet Freedom

Over the past year we have devoted much time, energy and resources to campaigning against the Film and Publication Board's (FPB) efforts to censor the internet. We conducted a sustained media campaign to raise awareness about the FPB's draft regulations for censoring the net, held workshops to prepare activists to participate in FPB public hearings in Johannesburg, central Cape Town and Khayelitsha, picketed at the FPB offices, gathered about 10,000 signatures on a petition, partnered with the Legal Resources Centre to develop a legal opinion on the regulations, worked with international internet freedom groups like the Electronic Frontier Foundation, and made a formal written submission. This campaign has had significant impact on the national discourse and we are confident the FFB will have a very difficult time attempting to implement a censorship policy. Late last year, however, the Film and Publications Amendment Bill, which would pave the way for the regulations, was tabled in Parliament.

Our internet freedom work expanded to challenge the draft Cybercrimes and Cybersecurity Bill where we coordinated a joint effort with a number of local and international rights groups and civil society organisations to make submissions and launched a petition against the Bill. While R2K was successful in a short space of time in drawing public attention to a very long and complicated Bill, more needs to be done to popularize this issue going forward.

2.3.4 Access to Telecommunications

In 2015 we resolved that rather than getting drawn into highly technical and legal debates that dominate the telecommunications sector we would focus on popularizing and politicizing the provision of telecoms as a right, utility, and basic service.

We launched two publications to underpin our campaign for more democratic access to telecommunications. The Lived Cost of Communications illustrates the impact of cell-phone profiteering in the lives of poor South Africans, and Alternatives to Privatized Telecommunications, presents international alternatives to South Africa's commercialized provision on internet and phone services. We also published an Activist Guide to Internet Access which served as the basis of activist workshops and advocacy.

We also published Zenzeleni: Do it Yourself (an introduction to community-run local telecommunications networks) in partnership with UWC and held a number of workshops aimed at promoting a democratic 'bottom-up' community-driven approach to the development of telecommunications infrastructure.

Critical issues on the horizon include the allocation of the spectrum freed up by digital TV migration (sometimes called 'the digital dividend') and attempts to privatize Telkom.

We are working with the Legal Resources Centre to develop a targeted legal strategy in pursuit of our telecoms objectives.

3. STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT2KNOW

2015 has demonstrated yet again the remarkable capacity of the Campaign to engage on a wide range of issues make a wide range of interventions from organising direct action and supporting local organising to undertaking high level research and making detailed policy submissions.

This volume and diversity of work is only possible because of the energy of the diverse network of activists and organisations that give their time collectively to build the Campaign. We can all take pride in the fact that we continue to build the Right2Know Campaign as a free, independent, vibrant and supporter-driven coalition that exemplifies our values of democracy, openness, and accountability.

3.1 Democratic governance & participatory structures

The Campaign remains democratic and activist-driven – with our programmes driven by Provincial Working Groups in KZN, Gauteng and the Western Cape, supported by a core staff and activists with thematic expertise. Our National Summit adopted a strategic framework for the year that we have begun to review at the 2016 Provincial Summits. In the next days we will produce a set of 2016 National Summit resolutions that will serve as our shared strategic framework for the coming year.

We remain committed to rooting the Campaign in poor and working-class communities. To this end we continue to offer solidarity to community-based struggles, focusing our popular education and mobilisation work at the grassroots. In doing so we must reflect on the difficult conditions under which comrades are struggling and the fragile state of many of our organisations. We need to honestly own our limitations so that we can develop strategies and democratic organizing practices to overcome them. R2K must ensure that the work of the Campaign does not draw comrades away from the vital task of building local organisations and other movements of the poor.

Our three Provincial Working Groups (PWGs) remain the engine of the Campaign's programme while thematic Focus Groups offer supporters with interest in specific issues a space to inform and shape the Campaign's perspective.

The National Working Group (NWG) – compassed of leaders elected at National and Provincial Summits, and all Staff - takes legal and fiduciary responsibility for the Campaign and works to give strategic oversight and direction to the various components of the organisation. In the course of 2015 Nomvula Sikakane resigned from the NWG, Carina Conradie stepped down to join the staff, and Colin Haskins was removed after a disciplinary procedure in the Gauteng PWG. Asha Moodley was co-opted to replenish our capacity.

As the scope and scale of the Campaign has grown the workload on the NWG has increased dramatically. We must pride ourselves on being an organisation that democratically elected our national leadership each year. Our participatory democracy requires leaders that are willing to do the hard work of stating informed on many issues and actively participating in PWGs and Focus Groups. When electing the 2016/7 NWG we appeal to this Summit to consider the capacity and significant time commitment we require from our NWG. (Please read the NWG Agreements only accept nomination of you can meet these commitments).

In the spirit of critical self-critique this Summit must ask probing questions about our own democracy. On one hand our structure enables activist participation and democratic accountability rooted in PWGs,

on the other it allows activists that share a common interest to take initiatives in the name of the R2K. This structure has enabled the relatively high levels of participation and ownership that R2K activists feel. However there is a mountain of capacity and passion within the Campaign that we are not drawing on. Too often too few voices dominate discussion. Too often while participation in Working Groups is broad, the task implementation falls to a core (and over-burdened) group of activists.

At our Mid Term Review in July we reviewed the various campaign structures and capacities to assess if they are effectively enabling activism and ensuring synergies across the campaign. We identified the need for more proactive engagement between thematic Focus Groups and Provincial Working Groups. This is to ensure that thematic priorities are shaped by supporters on the ground and that campaigns at a provincial level receive greater support from national staff and Focus Group activists.

We also identified the need to support newer activists in campaign structures offer more support to integrate and get up to speed on the issues. To this end we published an activist induction manual to orientate newer activists within the Campaign.

This Summit must identify other interventions that can deepen our internal democracy and unlock the passion and energy of comrades across the Campaign.

3.2 Combating Patriarchy

Patriarchy – together with racism and exploitation – makes up the soil in which authoritarianism grows. Our society is steeped in patriarchy and it affects almost every aspect of our lives, and R2K is no exception. As a Campaign that stands for democracy and equality we must consciously challenge patriarchal practices and relations. We must transform R2K into a feminist organisation.

The 2015 National Summit resolved to take up this fight and over the course of the year we made a good start, holding discussions and workshops in Provinces to make patriarchy visible and workshop a draft sexual harassment policy that this Summit must amend and adopt.

Sexual harassment is one of the most explicit expressions of patriarchy. This Summit has the challenging task of identifying strategies that can uproot the more systemic and implicit manifestations of patriarchy and promote a feminist practice.

3.3 Beyond Urban Nodes

Even the poorest communities in our cities have better access to solidarity networks, the media, and other resources than most communities in small towns, on feudal farms, and living under the undemocratic rule of traditional leaders.

In the course of 2015 our efforts to expand the Campaign's presence beyond our current urban nodes to include rural and peri-urban communities in all provinces, has seen us engage 33 organisation, signed 10 MOUs and supported 14 actions in the Eastern Cape, North West, Mpumalanga and Limpopo, Northern Cape, and Free State.

We've reiterated that it is not the intention to have fully functional democratic R2K structures in other provinces at this point. We've aimed to enable action and provide practical solidarity where possible, especially in relation to the right to protest and access to information. Our guiding slogan has been 'struggle before structure'. The need for coordinating structures should emerge from collaboration.

We have just appointed a full time National Outreach Organiser who will increase our capacity to advance on this front. This Summit must reflect on this emerging area of work and identify strategies

that do not create paternalistic dependencies but offer the support of the Campaign to comrades struggling outside our major urban centres.

3.4 Coalitions and Fronts

As we have resolved before, the right to know cannot be won without a realignment of broader social and political forces. In the context of major upheavals in the trade union movement, and the emergency of a militant student movement, R2K remains committed to exploring greater unity forged in action within civil society.

In 2015 we've engaged in processes to shape the United Front, participated in various United Front protests and marches, and played a central role in driving the Unite Against Corruption initiative in KZN, Western Cape and Gauteng.

Our primary contribution has been in building the United Front (UF). Highlights of our work have included participating in joint march on Budget Day, various pickets against police brutality on Human Rights Day, partnering to launch our research on surveillance of activists that profiles a number of organisations and activists from the UF, and working with the UF to ensure our Freedom Week included a range of activities in provinces where R2K is not yet active. We have also participated in the process of shaping the UF founding documents in the run-up to their postponed launch in June.

In the course of 2015 we have worked with OUTA and the Nine+ Unions and formally joined the PAIA Civil Society Network and remained active in the SOS Support Public Broadcasting Coalition and Marikana Support Campaign.

R2K has also been invited to join the Privacy International Network, a global network of South-aligned organisations working on surveillance issues.

This Summit must take stock of the UAC and the United Front initiatives that many would argue have not met our expectations. We need to identify the barriers to unity in action and the contribution R2K can make to overcome these. Our deliberations should be guided by the discussion document on coalitions and fronts produced for this Summit.

3.5 Media and Communications

The Campaign remains one of the higher profile popular civil society organizations in South Africa. We maintain an active social media presence and produce regular press statements that our growing team of spokes people have articulated through a wide range mass media platforms

In 2015 we redesigned the front page of our website, produced and distributed 15 publications (listed in Appendix 1) including our 5 Year Anniversary Timeline, two editions of our popular tabloid Your Right to Know and our 2016 Champions of the Right to Know calendar.

Regarding internal communication we piloted a weekly events calendar, developed a contact database and reporting system (including our mobile activist app), and continued to maintain our range of information-sharing and discussion email lists.

Given the breadth and complexity of many issues the campaign tackles, many activists experience an overwhelming information overload. This Summit should consider innovative ways to package and

distribute Campaign information so that they have the desired impact both on external and internal stakeholders.

3.6 Popular Education & Mobilisation

Informed activism and popular mobilisation are at the centre of the Campaign's advocacy strategy. To this end, beyond the communications and 15 publications detailed above, in 2015 the Campaign organized over 41 Workshops and 76 public meetings and protests.

We completed the year with a review of our three-month 2015 leadership school programme delivered at Provincial level and our pilot online political education course. The review raised serious concerns about the impact of a School that only reaches a few comrades who can spare a series of days and attempts to address the breadth and depth of R2K's substantive and organisational issues. The model of a single residential Leadership School is an expensive and blunt Pop Ed tool given our leadership development challenges.

This Summit must consider alternative and innovative approaches to leadership development. These must include a more diverse set of interventions that speak to the developmental needs of different comrades grappling with different challenges in the Campaign.

3.7 Campaign Finances

The Campaign's finances continue to be well managed with oversight of the NWG and Finance Team. We completed another clean audit for the 2015-year. Our programme budgets are set in Provinces ensuring maximum responsiveness and activist control of resources. The NWG and Provinces continue to receive monthly financial reports tracking expenditure and indicating funds available for Provincial programmes.

Our budget has grown considerably over recent years (with the 2015 Summit approving a 25% growth in campaign costs for 2015). We successfully raised our full budget with the support of seven donors and have prepared a 2016-18 three-year fundraising budget that anticipates the campaign's growth in the coming years. A more detailed 2015 Financial Report will be presented to the Summit including a 2016 Budget with a further growth projection of 16.2%.

This growth of expenditure has placed additional burden on our financial management systems and everyone involved - especially Provincial Staff who have the responsibility of accounting for most cash expenses – should be acknowledged for the impeccability of our financial records. In the last months of 2015 the NWG adopted a number of special projects to maximize funding opportunities. These included hosting our Provincial Media summits and promoting Channel Free. This increased activity over a short period of time resulted in an over expenditure because budgets where not adequately monitored. While we had to abandon some of the special projects, all funds have been accounted for.

3.8 Campaign Staffing

R2K remains an activist-driven campaign and employs a limited staff complement that perform critical tasks and enable activism. Staffers are themselves activists and drive their respective campaign work areas in conjunction with – and with democratic oversight from – volunteer activists.

Our staff capacity has expanded in the course of 2015. As per the mandate of the 2015 Summit we have employed three Provincial Administrators to support the growth of Provincial programmes and free up Organizers to spend more time engaging supporters. We introduced two new Focus Organizers to support the thematic areas of our work around access to information and the right to communicate. The NWG chose not to renew our National Organizer's contract. After a review of R2K's organisational structures, we removed the post of National Organiser and have recently appointed a National Outreach Organiser to build a network of solidarity in our other six provinces and a National Advocacy Coordinator to drive greater strategic cohesion and synergy across the different capacities in the Campaign. We have also maintained our performance management system and aligned staff contracts to apply with relevant labour law.

4: IN CONCLUSION

While we should all take great pride in what we have achieved together after five years of fighting for the right to know, we must use this Summit to take stock of our organization and answer some challenging questions as we map the way forward.

Perhaps the most important set of questions relate to our sustainability and impact. While our open democratic structures and activist-driven practices enable us to be impressively productive and highly flexible and responsive, we must consider what impact we achieve as we tackle the wide range of issues on our agenda.

Processes of popular education, mobilization, alliance building and achieving changes in law all require a long-term and sustained commitment.

Many of us can see that we could achieve more by taking on less and working in a more systematic way on priority issues. But our organisation relies on the energy of a very diverse group of activists and organizations – can we agree on a narrower set of priorities without smothering the activism that drives the Campaign? This is a key challenge to all of us that call for wisdom and discipline as we move into the various Summit Commissions.

Five years of struggle have taught us that we can trust the collective wisdom dispersed across the Campaign. This Summit will conclude with a renewed strategic framework and democratic leadership to guide our action in our various Working Groups and Focus Groups. And next year we will gather again to reflect on the Resolutions we adopt here, the changing context, and drew a new set of conclusions to take us into the next phase of our struggle.

That is participatory democracy!

Narrative Report Appendix 1: Workshops, Public Meetings, Protests & Publications.

These lists are incomplete because of the quantity of activist across the Campaign and weaknesses in our documentation systems.

41 Workshops & Activist Trainings

- 2 x Combatting Patriarch – Gauteng & Western Cape
- 3 x Developing a Sexual Harassment Policy - KZN, Gauteng, Western Cape
- 6 x Leadership School Sessions - KZN, Gauteng, Western Cape
- 2 x United Front Orientation workshops – Gauteng & Western Cape
- 3 x Media Transformation Activist Workshops - KZN, Gauteng, Western Cape
- Briefing session on Climate Justice issues by SAFCEI and Green Peace – Western Cape
- Anti-Corruption Activist Training - Western Cape
- 3 x FPB Online Regulations workshop - Western Cape & Gauteng
- Campaign Cafe to reflect on implications and lessons learnt from #FeesMustFall campaign - WC
  Campaign Cafe to reflect on engaging the youth – WC
- Making Local Government Work (national meeting) – GP
- Sharing Access to Information lessons (national meeting) – GP
- Briefing on the public hearing on the appointment of the Intelligence Inspector General – WC
- 2 x Workshops with #FeesMustFall on digital surveillance – Gauteng & Eastern Cape
- 2 x Activists workshops on Internet Access – KZN and Western Cape.
- 3 x Right2Know Reflection Workshops – KZN, Gauteng, Western Cape
- Workshops on surveillance took place at Stellenbosch University – WC
- Digital security training workshop – GP
- Workshop held for AIDC Right to Protest – WC
- Orientation workshop in Newcastle – KZN

- Challenges facing the media, at the Institute for the Advancement of
- Journalism to the University of Venda's students – Gauteng
- Orientation workshop in community of KwaNyuswa - KZN
- Workshop with Black Sash on unlawful deductions of SASSA Grants in Mitchell's Plain – Western Cape
- Right to protest workshop at Philippi High School – Western Cape
- Right to protest workshop with the Marikana community – Western Cape
- Right to protest workshop in Blue Downs – Western Cape
- Meeting on Glebelands killings - KZN

76 Public meetings & Protests

- Public meeting on Freedom of expression: Je Suis Charlie? – Western Cape
- 2x Marches Against Xenophobia – KZN & Gauteng
- Picket at My Vote Counts Court Case – Gauteng
- Hands Off Parliament Rally – Western Cape
- Picket at SANRAL court case – Western Cape
- Budget Day March – Western Cape
- Picket at Film & Publication Board – Gauteng
- 12 x pickets against police brutality on Human Rights Day
- Mass meeting against Xenophobia – KZN
- Launch of Big Brother Exposed – Gauteng
- Public meeting on migration to digital TV – Western Cape
- Freedom Day public meeting – Western Cape
- Thembelihle Screening of Crumbs – GP
- Mitchells Plain Screening of Miners Shot Down – Western Cape

- Orlando West Screening of Miners Shot Down – Gauteng
- Greenpoint screening of Crumbs – Western Cape
- KwaMakhutha Screening of Miners Shot Down – KZN
- Soweto screening of Crumbs – Gauteng
- Schubert Park screening of Crumbs – Gauteng
- Austerville Screening of Miners Shot Down – KZN
- Orange Farm screening of Crumbs – Gauteng
- Solidarity protest at Gelebland Hostel – KZN
- Anti- corruption 14 October picket outside ANC office – WC
- Picket at SAPS Pretoria, following PAIA request related to Farlam Commission report - GP
- March in Eshowe to protest against corruption by the SASSA - KZN
- Picket in front of SAPS headquarters protesting surveillance of activists and organisations - KZN
- 2x International Right to Know Day Pickets at the City of Cape Town – WC, GP
- Picket at MTN offices – GP
- Launch of Zenzeleni publications – WC
- Launch of two research reports on access to telecommunications - Gauteng
- 3 x United Against Corruption Marches – KZN, Gauteng, Western Cape
- Stall at the Consciousness Café - Gauteng
- Picket in commemoration with Marikana victims - KZN
- Solidarity picket with Apollo Tyres workers, who were arrested after protesting for a lack of information on pension payouts - KZN
- Protest against the JMPD checklist – GP
- picket to protest against slow process of employing Inspector General of Intelligence – Western Cape
- Quality Housing Picket in Blue Downs - WC
- Film screenings of Citizen Four in Melville, GP
- R2K Ixopo public meeting - KZN
- Screening of film, Citizen Four – KZN
- Public meeting held in Gingindlovu on Access to Information – KZN

- Seminar with Rafael Marques and on criminalization of journalists - GP
- Big Brother South Africa: what you need to know about surveillance and the right to privacy - GP
- Greater KwaMakhuta Community Forum on issue of demarcation –
- KZN R2K Youth in communities of Illovu and Umnini - KZN
- Marikana commemoration: Screening of Miners Shot Down followed by a candle lit vigil at the Lenasia police station – GP
- Presentation on media freedom in South Africa at the Vega School of Photography – GP
- MTN Corruption picket at ANC offices – Western Cape
- Numsa lead anti-corruption march - Gauteng
- Access to information meeting at Philippi High School - WC
- Nkanini community on ongoing water crisis – KZN
- R2K meeting with civil society organisations at Civicus House - GP
- 3 x Provincial Media Transformation Summits - KZN, Gauteng, Western Cape
- Stall at the Open Book Festival – Western Cape
- Community seminar on corruption in Delft on SASSA grants with participants from Blikkiesdorp and Delft – Western Cape
- Picket at SSA – Gauteng
- SSA picket at Parliament – Western Cape
- Panel discussion on media freedom and diversity at the Jozi Book Fair – GP
- Community seminar on corruption in Delft on SASSA grants with participants from Blikkiesdorp and Delft – Western Cape
- Solidarity at General Moyo's Right to Protest court case (Boipatong 4) - Gauteng

15 Publications

1. 2015 Whistleblower Calendar
2. Discussions on a Disk
3. Expanding the Right to Communicate: an Activist Guide to Internet Access

4. Zenzeleni: Do it Yourself is an introduction to Community Telecommunications Networks
5. Big Brother Exposed
6. Zenzeleni.net website
7. Right2Know Five Year Time Line
8. Your Right to Know (May Tabloid)
9. The Lived Cost of Communications
10. Alternatives to Privatised Telecommunications
11. Activist Guide to the Right to Protest (revision)
12. Media Transformation & the Right to communicate
13. We have the Right2Know
14. Your Right to Know (September Tabloid)
15. 2016 Right to Know Champions Calendar

R2K 2016 NATIONAL SUMMIT PROGRAMME
26 – 28 February, Glenmore Pastoral Centre, Durban

	9h00 – 10h30 1.5h	11h00- 12h30 1.5h	13h30 – 15h00 1.5h	15h30 – 17h00 1.5h	18h30 – 20h30 2h
FRI 26 FEB	TRAVEL, ARRIVE REGISTER & LUNCH		**13h30: Adopt programme, introductions & credentials** **13h45: Presentation & Adoption of Organizational Report** **14h30: Presentation & Adoption of Financial Report**	**15h30: Plenary discussion on the broader context**	**18h30: Presentation of the IEC and Electoral Procedure** **18:45: Plenary discussion on State of our Struggles**
SAT 27 FEB	**8h30: Solidarity Pitch's & panning commissions** **9h00: Thematic Commissions** (90 min): 1. Securitization 2. Access to Information 3. Media Freedom & Diversity 4. Access to Telecoms 5. Right to Protest	**11h15: Thematic commission reports for discussion** (15min/commission)	**13h30: Movement Building Commissions** (90 min): 1. R2k internal democracy & enabling activism 2. Building local struggles 3. Fronts, coalitions, 4. Fighting Patriarchy 5. Building R2K beyond the urban nodes 6. Popular education & capacity development 7. Finances & Staffing	**15h30: Movement building Commissions reports for discussion** (10min/group) **16h40: Nominations for the National Working Group**	SOCIAL
SUN 28 FEB	**9h00: Solidarity Pitches** **10h00: Present & adopt 2015 resolutions on Building the R2K**	**11h00: R2K Pitches** **12h00: Present & adopt 2015 resolution on thematic areas** (VOTING DURING LUNCH)	**13h30: Present & adopt 2015 resolutions (continued)** **14;15: Announcement of 2015/6 NWG** **14h20: Closing remarks from 2016/17 NWG.** **14h30: Closure**	DEPART & TRAVEL	

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