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Real Talk, Real Change

Putting Children's Issues on the 2014 National and Provincial Elections Agenda

During the 2011 Municipal elections, only **three** stories were about children and/or children's issues, with virtually no children's voices being accessed on the elections. With this in mind, Media Monitoring Africa (MMA) in partnership with the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism (IAJ) invites you to a discussion on Children and Elections. The discussion will put children's issues on the 2014 National and Provincial elections agenda by raising questions that will be put to political parties.

Why Children and Elections?

Given that children will be expected to vote in the future, to ignore them would only discourage their interest and participation in future elections. Further, given that the solutions to almost all of the challenges being faced require long term plans and strategies, and given that children are the ones who will be most adversely affected by failures at all levels it is crucial that children's issues are firmly addressed by political parties and by media in their elections coverage.

Speakers: **Karabo Ngidi**, Child Law Expert, Centre for Child Law
Joan van Niekerk, Child Expert, Childline South Africa
Giuliana Bland, Early Childhood Development Expert, Jim Joel Fund

Date: Tuesday, 15 April 2014

Time: 10:00hrs – 12:00hrs

Venue: Institute for the Advancement of Journalism, 1 Richmond Forum, Ground Floor, Cedar Street, Richmond, Johannesburg

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