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The Department of Political Sciences and The Centre for Mediation in Africa

invite you to a seminar on the topic of

Twenty Years of South African Involvement in Conflict Resolution: Lessons Learned and the Case of Syria

presented by

Mr Ebrahim Ebrahim

Deputy Minister of International Relations and Co-operation joined the liberation movement as a youth activist in 1952, and participated in the Congress of the People Campaign, which drew up and adopted the Freedom Charter in 1955. In 1960, Ebrahim joined the armed wing of the ANC, Umkhonto We Sizwe in 1961. He was arrested in 1963 and charged under the sabotage act with eighteen other accused in the Pietermaritzburg Sabotage Trial. He was sentenced to 15 years on Robben Island. He was released in 1979, was banned and restricted to his home town in Durban. In 1980, as per instruction of the ANC, he went into exile. He operated from the frontline states bordering South Africa and was responsible for the political underground. In July 1991, he was elected to the National Executive Committee of the ANC and became a member of the National Working Committee and participated in the CODESA negotiations. Ebrahim was elected a member of the National Assembly of Parliament in 1994. In August 1997, he was elected Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee and became a member of the Joint Select Committee on Intelligence. In July 2002 he took up the position of the Senior Political and Economic Advisor to the Deputy President of South Africa. Since 2002 Ebrahim has been actively involved in conflict resolution efforts between Israel and Palestine, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), as well as in Burundi, Kosovo, Bolivia, and Nepal. In 2006 Ebrahim was appointed as Head of International Affairs at the African National Congress Head Office. In May 2009 he was appointed as Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation. He continues to serve as a member of the ANC's National Executive Committee.

Date: Monday 24 February 2014
Venue: University of Pretoria Senate Hall
Time: 18.00 for 18.30
RSVP: On or before 20 February — Mrs Wilma Martin (wilma.martin@up.ac.za)