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The already fragile **state of human rights worldwide** has suffered greatly due to covid-19, a pandemic that has pushed millions into more precarious living conditions, affecting disproportionately certain social groups. Few countries have as strong of a bond with the question of human rights as **South Africa**.

Every year since 1994, South Africa commemorates the nation's struggle for human rights on **Human Rights Day**, which takes place on March 21 in memory of the tragic events that took place in Sharpeville in 1960. To mark such an important date, Fundación Alternativas and the South African Embassy **organize this event** to put the spotlight on the issue of how covid-19 is affecting the state of human rights, with on-the-ground perspectives from South Africa and Spain.

The speakers will discuss the economic and **social impact of covid-19** on human rights, especially gender rights, and explore effective and equitable solutions for **socio-economic recovery**.

Human rights in a time of crisis: finding solutions, from South Africa to Spain

OPENING REMARKS:

Diego López Garrido, executive vice-president of Fundación Alternativas

Thenjiwe Ethel Mtintso, Ambassador of South Africa in Spain

PERFORMANCE:

Tu Nokwe and youth group

ROUND TABLE:

Dr. Hlengiwe Mkhize, South Africa's Deputy Minister for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities

Fernando Fernández-Arias, Director General for the United Nations, International Organizations and Human Rights at the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Union and Cooperation

Rev. Bafana Khumalo, co-founder of Sonke Gender Justice

Elsa Aimé González, expert in African affairs at Fundación Alternativas

[To access the event via Zoom - click HERE](#)

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Tuesday, 23rd of March 2021

12:00 AM (CET)

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