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Program to Celebrate the South Africa Freedom Day and the South Africa Youth Day

The Southern Africa Liberation Committee, a task force of the Peace Education Center, in co-sponsorship with the African Studies Center, the Departments of Political Science; History; Anthropology; and the United Ministries in Higher Education, plus the Metroplex Newspaper, is organizing a program to mark the occasion of two important events in the history of the struggle for liberation in Southern Africa.

The program will be held on Thursday June 22, 1989 at 12:00 noon, and will include an address by Mr. Senti Thobejane, the Chairperson of the Regional Youth Committee of the African National Congress of South Africa Youth Section (USA Region). It will be held at 201 International Center at Michigan State University.

The historic days are the South African Youth Day, which commemorates the June 16, 1976 uprising by the Youth of South Africa against the imposition of the Afrikaans language on them, to which the government responded by the shooting deaths of several thousand students. June 26th marks the celebration of the day in 1955 that the Congress of the People in Kliptown adopted the Freedom Charter, which is envisioned as the alternative to the racist apartheid program of government, and which is accepted today by the Mass Democratic Movement inside South Africa.

Mr. Thobejane will be available for media interviews.