



Northern Cape: Launched in 2011, the Forum represents 26 Community Advice Offices in 5 regions.



The regions include:

- Namakwa
- Pixley ka Seme
- Siyanda
- Frances Baard
- John Taolo Gaetsewe

Mission

To establish a healthy working relationship with CAOs in the province; to serve as a coordinating body and advance the welfare and interest of advice offices; and to ensure access to justice and human rights for all.

Vision

To promote and uphold uniform standards of professional competence amongst community-based paralegals and CAOs.

Objectives

- To represent advice offices and paralegals when engaging with national, provincial and local government.
- To lobby all levels of government to recognise the role of paralegals and advice offices in supporting poor and marginalised communities.
- To enforce a code of ethics and conduct on service delivery and to protect the interest of involved parties.

Aims

- Establish, promote and uphold a uniform standard of professional competence among community-based paralegals and advice offices.
- Serve as coordinating body and to protect the interest and welfare of CAOs.

- Establish an on-going relationship with organisations and institutions working towards access to justice and human rights for all.
- Serve as mouth-piece for CAOs and paralegals on policy issues or in discussions with donors and levels of government.

Prevalent issues

- Domestic violence
- Labour issues - unfair dismissals, unfair labour practices
- Eviction
- Social service issues
- Home affairs and identity documents
- Consumer problems/ violation of consumer rights

Structure Operation

The Executive Committee is made up of 7 individuals, 3 of which are additional members who maintain and oversee the operations of the Forum.

Partnerships

- Provincial Human Rights Office
- NADCAO
- SCAT
- Other government departments i.e. DoJ; Social Development etc.

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