

Justice Through Mediation

AFSA leads the way in making mediation accessible for all

"Creating a pathway to faster, fairer, and more accessible mediation, while building the next generation of mediators under the mentorship of South Africa's most experienced legal professionals."

Andile Nikani,
CEO of AFSA

A Faster, Fairer Path to Resolution

South Africa's courts face significant backlogs, leaving many without timely access to justice. The Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA) launches **Justice Through Mediation**, a campaign to expand access to mediation for individuals and small businesses.

Transformative Mediation Initiative

AFSA's model is anchored in mentorship, quality, and inclusivity. At its core, the campaign aims to:

- **Offer free* mediation services** to the public and small business owners for disputes within a defined financial threshold, and the discretion of the retired judges and lawyers.
- **Support and develop young, trained mediators** by giving them opportunities to mediate real cases under the supervision of retired judges and lawyers.
- **Ensure high standards** of professionalism, ethics and educational value embedded in the judicial and legal mentorship.

Join AFSA's Initiative - contact Petro van Wyk - petro@arbitration.co.za today.

*Disclaimer: Free mediation services are provided within a defined financial threshold and are subject to eligibility criteria and the discretion of participating retired judges and lawyers. Not all disputes may qualify. AFSA reserves the right to assess each case individually.

Why it matters

- **For individuals and small businesses:** Resolve disputes quicker, at no cost.*
- **For young mediators:** Build skills under expert guidance.
- **For retired judges and lawyers:** Extend a legacy of justice through mentorship.

ANSWER THE CALL & BE THE CHANGE!

"Justice Through Mediation is more than a campaign - it's AFSA's call to action," says Andile Nikani, CEO of AFSA. "We have asked retired judges and advocates and attorneys to continue their lifelong commitment to justice by mentoring young mediators."

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