



SASOL: Stop Environmental Degradation and Human Rights Violation

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Friday, 16th November 2018, **Sasol** is holding its AGM (Annual General Meeting) in **Johannesburg, Gauteng**. Center for Environmental Rights (CER) [1], Vaal Environmental Justice Alliance (VEJA) [2], groundWork [3], South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA) [4], Justiça Ambiental [5] and other community and organisations are protesting outside the **Sandton** Convention Center where the AGM is taking place. They are directly confronting Sasol about its **environmental crimes and human rights violations**. These organisations support and represent communities around the country and in Mozambique. Sasol's Secunda facility is the world single largest source of Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Sasol along with Eskom are responsible for delivering most of the dirty, toxic, and deadly air into our natural spaces. Recent studies in the Highveld have revealed clear linkages between air pollution and ill-health.

The sad truth and reality of it all is that it is the poor black majority who are greatly affected by these unconstitutional deeds. The negative health impacts of air pollution require immediate attention and accountability.

Members of the coalition are delivering the voices of the aggrieved communities and call for Sasol to:

- To disclose all the pollution per operation;
- Come up with tangible and practical solutions in reducing their emissions to acceptable standards;
- Take into consideration the negative health impacts and environmental damages arising from its operations;
- Make commitments and show the willingness to transform into a better future, a future of clean and renewable energy and production away from coal and fossil fuels;
- Acknowledge its destruction of the environment and the well-being of affected communities;
- Commit to social and economic development in all the communities, which are environmentally disadvantaged by its activities, especially in Mozambique.

The continue killing of poor people through dirty air and environmental degradation must stop now.

Footnotes:

[1] The Centre for Environmental Rights (CER) is a non-profit organisation and law clinic. A team of activist lawyers who help communities and civil society organisations in South Africa realise our Constitutional right to a healthy environment by advocating and litigating for environmental justice.

[2] Vaal Environmental Justice Alliance (VEJA) is an alliance of 9 environmental organizations with our focus on air quality, waste, water pollution & climate change in the Vaal Area.

[3] groundWork (gW) is a non-profit environmental justice and developmental organization working primarily in Southern Africa in the areas of Climate & Energy Justice, Coal, Environmental Health, Global Green and Healthy Hospitals, and Waste. groundWork is the South African member of Health Care Without Harm and Friends of the Earth International.

[4] South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA) is an environmental justice organization based in South Durban, South Africa. It is made up of 16 affiliate organizations and has been active since its formation in 1995.

[5] Justica Ambiental (JA) works very closely with communities on environmental issues such as the cutting down of forests, pollution, dams, oil exploration and people's access to clean water. It is a member of Friends of the Earth International based in Mozambique.