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## **South Africa in Africa workshop and seminar series Co-hosted by SIGLA, the Danish Embassy in South Africa and RDDC**

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**The Residence of the Danish Ambassador to South Africa  
369 Lawley Street, Waterkloof**

### **South African leadership in Africa – from ideas to actual implementation**

Since the transition from Apartheid in 1994, South Africa's role and foreign policy towards Africa have been key areas of investigation by both policy think-tanks and the academic community in general. The changing administration policies have been called all from 'normative multilateral' to 'schizophrenic' and are being plagued by double standards. The Zuma administration's handling and balancing of its BRICS, IBSA and AU membership, and South Africa's commitment to institutions like the ICC and to concepts such as R2P, human security and human rights in general, have often been found to be at odds. These principles and agendas are not always complementary, and the Pretoria government has been criticised for sending mixed signals on its foreign policy priorities. It was argued in the White Paper on Foreign Policy that the interest of Africa is prioritised. The question however is what the interests of Africa are. There is for instance not consensus in Africa on South Africa's call for AU member states to leave the ICC, and the Zuma government has been met with strong opposition when it championed the establishment of the ACIRC.

This seminar therefore focuses on that which characterises contemporary South African foreign policy, and the kind of role the country could be expected to play in the future, Due to South Africa's dominant role in Africa, this will have an effect on the future development of the AU, and its role as the security government manager of the continent. The seminar has, due to the size of the venue, a limited number of seats open, and brings together a selected number of academics, practitioners and decision-makers for a day of open and free discussion under Chatham House rules.

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