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# FAKE NEWS, LOCKDOWN AND UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

## BY JUDGE ZAKERIA MOHAMMED "ZAK" YACOOB

Retired Judge Zakeria Mohammed "Zak" Yacoob has been blind from infancy. He studied at a school for the blind and is married to Ms Anu Yacoob. He has two adult children.

Judge Yacoob completed his LLB Degree at the former University of Durban-Westville (now UKZN). Whilst there, he joined the African National Congress (ANC) underground.

As Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa from 1998 to 2013, Judge Yacoob has become known nationally and internationally for his contribution to the socio-economic rights jurisprudence of South Africa.

Before he was appointed as Justice of the Constitutional Court, he participated in the negotiation process, and played a role in finalising the Bill of Rights in the 1993 Interim Constitution; the Independent Electoral Commission responsible for South Africa's first democratic election in 1994 and formed part of the Independent Panel of Experts that advised the Constitutional Assembly in preparing the 1996 final Constitution. Judge Yacoob was appointed as Chancellor of the former University of Durban-Westville (now UKZN) from 2001 - 2003. After retiring, he received the 2013 Felicia and Sydney Kentridge Award for service to the law in Southern Africa and honorary doctorates from universities of Fort Hare, KwaZulu- Natal, Witwatersrand, Stellenbosch and Pretoria.

He has served as Visiting Professor at local and international law schools; on the SANAC Trust as Chair; on boards of various civil society organisations; and as Ombudsman at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He also participated in various commissions including the one tasked with looking into a former SARS Commissioner's fitness to hold office and another which assessed the correctness of the conviction of the Cuban Five by the USA in London (March 2014). In 2015, he chaired the People's Tribunal in the Netherlands into atrocities committed in 1965 by the then Government of Indonesia, as well as the People's Tribunal into Economic Crimes in South Africa in 2018.

#### Facilitated by Professor Francesco Petruccione

**Pro Vice-Chancellor :** Big Data and Informatics and South African Research Chair in Quantum Information Processing and Communication at the University of KwaZulu-Natal

## DATE | WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL 2020

#### TIME | 16H00 - 17H00

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### We look forward to seeing you there!

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