

WHAT IS CORMSA?

The Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa (CoRMSA), formerly known as the National Consortium for Refugee Affairs, is the national network of organisations working with refugees and migrants in South Africa. CoRMSA is tasked with promoting and protecting refugee, asylum seeker and migrant rights. It is comprised of member organisations including legal practitioners, research units, and refugee and migrant communities.

The Consortium's mandate involves strengthening the partnerships between refugee and migrant service providers to provide improved co-ordination of activities.

This includes developing working relationships with other concerned organisations to provide an effective forum for advocacy and action. The Consortium liaises with government and other stakeholders to keep them informed of the views of its members. The Consortium also provides a centralised referral system for the media and other practitioners through which it can refer those dealing with specific aspects of the sector to the organisations and individuals most qualified to assist.

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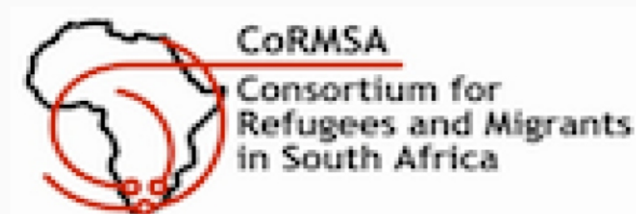
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WHO ARE CORMSA'S MEMBERS?

- African Centre for Migration and Society, Wits University
- African Disabled Refugee Organisation
- African Migrants Solidarity (AMIS)
- Amnesty International
- The Black Sash
- The Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation
- Christians for Peace in Africa
- The Coordinating Body of Refugee and Migrant Communities
- Jesuit Refugee Service
- Lawyers for Human Rights
- Messina Legal Advice Office
- Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Refugee Rights Centre
- ProBono.org
- Refugee Children's Project
- Refugee Ministries Centre
- Refugee Pastoral Care
- Refugee Social Services
- Scalabrini Centre of Cape Town
- Sonke Gender Justice
- Sophiatown Community Psychological Services
- South African Red Cross Society
- UCT Law Clinic
- Wits Law Clinic
- Unity for Tertiary Refugee Students

WHAT DOES CORMSA DO?

ADVOCACY & LOBBYING

This involves engaging government, international organisations and other stakeholders to enact new or amend existing legislation and policies that promote and protect the rights of non-South Africans in the country

CAPACITY BUILDING

CoRMSA builds capacity of member organisations to ensure sustainability of organisations in the sector and also to equip them with the needed skills and knowledge to be effective advocates on migration, human rights, social justice and development issues.

NETWORK BUILDING AND INFO SHARING

CoRMSA facilitates the creation and maintenance of provincial, national and regional networks and working groups to promote collective engagement on issues and limit duplication of work being done so resources can be optimally used to cover gaps in the sector.