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## **Mercenaries and Millionaires: A Closer Look at Central Africa**

The Ceasefire Campaign and the ACTION Support Centre will be co-hosting a seminar on the deeper geopolitical dynamics and shifting international power relations that inform the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) involvement in the Central African Republic (CAR).

Richard Smith, Steering Committee Representative to the ACTION Support Centre and Corlett Letlojane, Director of the Human Rights Institute of South Africa, will be making presentations and responding to questions.

In an attempt to contextualize the mainstream media efforts to explain the role of the SANDF in the CAR this seminar will explore the underlying shifts in global power and the African Union and South African International Relations agendas.

### **11am - Tuesday 14 May 2013 - Ceasefire Campaign Boardroom**

This is an opportunity to explore the International and African agendas at play in Central Africa and the underlying principles and responsibilities that inform the South African and African Union international relations and human security agenda.

### **About the Ceasefire Campaign and the ACTION Support Centre**

The **ACTION Support Centre** is the Africa regional hub of a global network of individuals and organisations committed to transforming conflict, ACTION for Conflict Transformation. At the centre of the ASC's work is a strong focus on relationship building within and between organisations, movements and individuals. Through our work we have learned that robust and durable relationships are essential to the long-term transformation of communities. Innovative learning processes use a conflict transformation framework to link personal, relational and systemic forms of change, connecting practitioners and organisations across multiple levels.

**The Ceasefire Campaign** has its roots in the anti-apartheid struggle and has been in existence since 1993, just before the first democratic elections. The organization aims to promote non-violence, peace, arms reduction, and demilitarization. Our programme includes participation in local and international campaigns against violence, arms and war. The organization does nonviolence training and regularly holds seminars, workshops and film screenings as part of its advocacy programme and efforts to share information

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