

AFRIFORUM

Profile summary



With more than 235 000 individual members who make monthly contributions in support of its work, AfriForum is the largest civil rights organization on the African continent.

As a civil society pressure group, AfriForum aims to promote freedom and liberty in South Africa. The organization is involved in a variety of campaigns, including its campaigns for the protection of property rights and a more effective government reaction to farm murders.

The South African government is currently in the process of changing the property rights clause in the South African Constitution to empower the state to expropriate private property without compensation. Representatives of the South African government have said that they are inspired by the land reform policies of Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe and Hugo Chavez in Venezuela. Of particular interest to the United States (US) in this regard is the relationship between the South African and Chinese governments, the increasing role that China is playing in Africa, the growing informal alliance of anti-Western sentiment and the potential consequences

of these issues for the Western world and the US in particular.

AfriForum believes that it is in the interest of the US to take note of what is currently happening in South Africa, for a variety of reasons. These include:

- » The increasing anti-US sentiment expressed by the South African government.
- » South Africa's voting record against the US at the United Nations and its stance on other international platforms.
- » The targeting of property rights in South Africa and the negative impact that this could have on US interests – with reference to the global rise in socialism, but more particularly the diplomatic leverage that the US has to prevent this.
- » The role the Chinese government is playing in South Africa and the potential consequences thereof.
- » The treatment of minority communities by the South African government.



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As Head of Campaigns, Monique Taute leads the National Campaigns department at AfriForum. This includes coordinating the various campaigns that AfriForum is involved in, including its campaigns for the protection of property rights and raising awareness about the treatment of minority communities in South Africa.

