

# Consultancy to deliver a case study for the Commonwealth Foundation's *Putting Culture First* Report

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For its forthcoming report on the role of culture in development, the Commonwealth Foundation is looking for a consultant to draw on existing expertise to write a case study, to be included in the final report.

## Topic

"The vanguard of social transformation? Creators during South African apartheid."

## Terms of reference

1. The case study will be around **2,000 words in length** and on the topic outlined above.
2. The case study will be completed and with the Commonwealth Foundation by **Monday 1 September 2008**. The project is running to a tight timeline, so this deadline is not subject to change or negotiation.
3. The Commonwealth Foundation will assume all subsequent rights to use and replicate the material of the case study, in edited and replicated forms. The case study is expected to be used in up to three different forms – as a stand-alone resource, as an edited version in the longer version of *Putting Culture First*, and as a quoted resource in the summary version of *Putting Culture First*. The Commonwealth Foundation will assume responsibility for editing of the case study after the deadline has passed.
4. The consultant will liaise with staff at the Commonwealth Foundation to discuss in more detail the exact approach, topic and focus of the case study. Foundation staff may ask to comment on a draft of the case study and make suggestions before its finalisation.
5. This case study would look at the role of creators and cultural practitioners during transformative moments in society, by exploring in particular their role during the struggle against apartheid. While culture is sometimes portrayed as a drag on progress (e.g. local traditions holding back gender equality), this case study would consider the case that cultural practitioners can be at the forefront of social reflection and criticism, and can be at the heart of civil society's contribution to democracy during political shifts and critical junctures. It will look at how they interact with other aspects of civil society, and with political institutions and structures.
6. The case study should be structured in three broad components:
  - Context, including relevant background and history.

- Actual developments and changes that have occurred, and the impact and consequences that these have had. This would be the principal content of the case study.
  - Key lessons that can be extracted from the developments and their consequences, along with possible implications that these lessons might have for other situations.
7. The case study should not require any original research, and material should be drawn from existing expertise and experience. It is envisaged that the case study should not take more than 3-4 days of desk-based work to prepare.
  8. Upon delivery of a satisfactory case study by the deadline, **a fee of £1,000** will be paid to the consultant.

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