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All those interested in South Africa, civic activism, new social movements, global action networks, health and social justice issues, HIV/AIDS policies and politics, welfare politics, solidarity work, and campaigning on global issues

are warmly welcomed to join us for the

Founding Meeting

of the

New York Friends of TAC at the New School Network

The award-winning **Treatment Action Campaign** (TAC) is a major grassroots campaign organization and innovative social movement in South Africa, working on HIV/AIDS issues that today transcend their health implications and reach global dimensions as questions of social, economic, and political rights. Through mass mobilization, civil disobedience, legal action, extraordinary personal sacrifice, and visionary leadership, TAC and its leader **Zackie Achmat**, a 2004 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, have helped to galvanize a global movement to provide hope and gain access to treatment for those with HIV/AIDS. TAC had also contributed to an overhaul of global trading rules to give precedence to the protection of public health over the protection of intellectual property rights. Today, the repercussions of TAC's work are starting to be felt in areas as diverse as cultural politics, social reform, and socioeconomic development, well beyond the boundaries of its country of origin. The New York Friends of TAC at the New School (FoTAC-NS) aims at setting up a network of interested members of the New School community as part of the independent U.S.-wide FoTAC network, to join in and support forthcoming TAC initiatives and campaigns in the U.S. and internationally. In the meeting, we will learn more about TAC, its work in South Africa and globally, and what we as concerned citizens can do to participate and help. If you cannot attend but are interested in further information, please contact FoTAC-NS coordinator Jessica Blatt at blattj775@newschool.edu or TCDS offices.



Date & Time: Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Place: Wolff Conference Room, 65 Fifth Avenue
between 13th & 14th Streets (2nd floor)

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