

Cosatu, R2K, SANEF to work together against Secrecy Bill

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Cosatu, the Right2Know Campaign and the South African National Editors' Forum (SANEF) have announced a coalition against the [Protection of Information Bill](#). Though loosely based, the coalition between the groups will pool efforts to lobby the National Council of Provinces and other parties of interest, and if all else fails, will present a united front against the bill at the Constitutional Court.



Cosatu secretary-general Zwelinzima Vavi [met with SANEF](#) on Wednesday morning, 30 November 2011, to plan a way forward on the opposition to the Protection of State Information Bill.

The two organisations agreed that the major hurdle is that the public doesn't seem to know what the bill is all about, and why it is a threat to everyone's freedom and not just the media's. The focus in the coming weeks is going to be on a public-awareness campaign aimed at teaching the public what threats the bill poses.

The strategy formulated by the loose coalition between Cosatu, SANEF and Right2Know can be described as three-pronged: education, petition and litigation.

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