

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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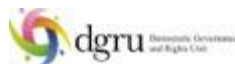
22-24 August 2017

“Collaboration between the Judiciary and Community Justice Institutions for Access to Justice”

The main theme is derived from our vision for a three-fold transformation of **Practice, Policy** and **Perceptions** in judiciary /CJI collaboration. The Conference aims to influence **attitudes** and **behaviours** across the entire value-chain of justice delivery from the community to the highest courts of the land in order to foster greater **synergy, mutual support, and collaboration**. It will focus on existing practices (especially good practices) and policies; lessons learnt across different legal jurisdictions; gaps; opportunities; solutions and innovations. Each session will feature-as far as reasonably practicable- a CJI practitioner, a judge and other key stakeholders (e.g. policy makers, representatives of lawyers, police, development partners, academics, traditional or faith leaders)

Conference Programme Director: *Brian Tamuka Kagoro*

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DAY 1: 22 AUGUST 2017

07:30-08:30 Breakfast, coffee and registration

08:30-09:30: OPENING REMARKS

Moderator

- Mr. Andrews Kananga, Legal Aid Forum, Rwanda

Respondents

- H. E. Chief Justice Abdulai Charm, Sierra Leone
- HE. Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, South Africa
- Ms Irene Khan, Director General IDLO

Official opening by HE CJ Sam Rugege- Chief Justice Rwanda

09:30-10:30: PANEL ONE

Framing the Issues, Content and Context of Community Justice Initiatives in Africa

Moderator

- Justice Monfred Sesay: Supreme Court of Appeal- Sierra Leone

Presenters:

- Ms. Janet Love: National Director, Legal Resource Centre, South Africa
- Ms. Anyango Yvonne Oyieke: Lecturer at the School of Law, Univeristy of Nairobi, Kenya

The objectives are to highlight the key conceptual programmatic and operational issues, trends and challenges, paying particular attention to the constitutional, legal, policy and political context as well as the socio-economic realities. The framing session should highlight best practices in the judiciary and community justice system collaboration. Ultimately, it must be both future-focused and historically conscious. Innovation, sustainability, relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and transformational impact are key concerns in the holistic delivery of justice. This session must therefore begin to point to the means and ways of achieving these as well as the respective roles of policy makers, the judiciary, academics, funders and the broader civil society.

Respondents

- Deputy Minister John Jeffery- Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Development, South Africa (7 minutes)
 - Judge President Dunstan Mlambo- North Gauteng High Court, South Africa and Chairperson of Legal Aid Board, South Africa (7 minutes)
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- Ms. Charity Kagwi, UNODC- Head of Criminal Justice Programme- East Africa (7 minutes)
 - Ms Irene Khan- Director General: IDLO (7 minutes)
 - Justice Luka Kiprotich Kimaru- Judge of the High Court of Ken
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10:30 -11:30: PANEL 2

Theme: “*Delivering quality justice services to the broadest possible range of African citizens in rural and urban areas.*”

The session seeks to answer the question why the collaboration between the judiciary and community justice institutions is important? How it happens or does not happen; what can be done to make it happen; its value added to access to justice, especially for the poor; eradicating corruption in justice delivery; and increasing citizen voice and participation. The session will also look at critical issues such as women’s rights and gender justice in community justice institutions; the rights of children and other marginalised groups; the subjective and objective interests of the legal profession, issues of legal training and quality assurance.

Moderator

- Ms Nikwigize Novella-Journalist and Consultant in Media and Development issues, Rwanda

Respondents

- Ms. Caroline Amondi- Ag Executive Director, National Legal Aid and awareness Programme
 - Justice Edward Twea: Supreme Court of Appeal, Blantyre, Malawi
 - Ms Vidhu Vedalankar: CEO Legal Aid, South Africa
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11:30-11:55: TEA

11:55: 12:55 Breakaway Groups for Panel 1

“The case for strengthening collaboration between the Judiciary and Community Justice Institutions”

These will help to deepen issues raised in the framing and opening panel paying particular attention to the legal and policy issues, including compliance with international human rights standards. The session will also look at specific human rights issues in the context of community justice. Finally, the session will focus on performance management, impact and results of community justice and judiciary collaborations, how this is conceptualized and implemented in practice.

Group 1: Performance management, impact and results in Community Justice Institutions and Judiciary collaboration

Moderator: Ms. Getrude Angote: Executive Director, Kituo Cha Sheria, Kenya

Group 2: Legal and Policy Frameworks for Collaboration (scalable practices and trip wires)

Moderator: Musa Mewa- TIMAP for Justice

Group 3: Choice of Law, forum shopping and compliance with International Human Rights standards (addressing inconsistencies, contradictions and different evidentiary standards)

Moderator: Mr. Andrews Kananga: Executive Director, Legal Aid Forum, Rwanda

Group 4: Gender equality, Rights of Minors, Minorities and other marginalized communities

Moderator

Mr. Bechir N'Daw- UNAIDS-Eastern and Southern Africa

12: 55-13:30 Plenary feedback from groups and discussions

Moderator: Clifford Msiska

13:30-14:30: LUNCH

PANEL 3: 14:30- 16:30

Theme: “*The role of the Judiciary in strengthening linkages, synergies and collaboration with alternative justice initiatives*”

The session is a reflection of the practical means and ways by which the judiciary can enable linkages, synergies and collaboration with alternative justice systems. The session will also reflect on the capacity development needed on both sides.

Moderator

- Justice Luka Kiprotich Kimaru- Judge of the High Court of Kenya

Panelists

- Chief Justice Sam Rugege- Rwanda
 - Chief Justice Abdulai Hamid Charm- Sierra Leone
 - Justice Edward Twea-Malawi
 - Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, South Africa
 - Justice Joel Ngugi- High Court of Kenya, Kiambu
 - Justice Jones Chinyama- Zambia (Briefing Justice Chinyama)
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16: 30-16:45: TEA

18: 00- 19:00

Cultural Event, Public Lecture and Launch of the African Centre of Excellence for Access to Justice

Please see separate programme : The event will be held at the swimming pool, Park Inn Hotel

Drinks will be provided

19:00- 21: 00

Dinner convened by Chief Justice Prof. Sam Rugege and Legal Aid Forum Rwanda

Speaker: Advocate Abdul Tejan Cole: Executive Director: OSIWA

Respondent: Professor Anastasie Shyaka: CEO: Rwanda Governance Board

(Public Lecture)

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2: 23 AUGUST 2017

7:30-8:30: Breakfast

Panel 4: 8:30- 10:00

“Case Studies of Successful collaborative efforts between the Judiciary and Alternative Justice Initiatives”

10 Minutes Video (Rwanda): (Snapshots of Community Justice Institutions in Rwanda)

The objective of this session is to highlight successes from different countries and themes in the collaboration between judiciary and alternative justice systems. The session will look at penal and civil themes, it will also reflect on the unique approaches as well as challenges and innovations.

Moderator

- Dr. Winnie Martins: Director and founder of the Centre for Community Justice and Development: KwaZulu Natal: South Africa

Presenter

- Mr. Seth Mnguni- Founder of the Ntsu Advice Office and Chairperson of the Association of Community Advice Offices (ACAOSA)

Panelists:

- Mr Johan Jantjies: Senior Magistrate Garankuwa Magistrate Court :South Africa,
 - Dr Livingstone Sewanyana: Executive Director, Foundation for Human Rights Initiatives, Uganda
 - Ms Kimberley Marie Brown: Programme Manager, Access to Justice and Gender Reforms, IDLO, Nairobi
 - Mr Bernardo Espanhola Deve: Community Judge, Maputo, Mozambique
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10:00 - 10:30: TEA

PANEL 5: 10:30-12:00

Theme: “*The role of Community Justice Institutions, Traditional, Customary and Faith-based Justice Systems in building an inclusive and integrated ecosystem for justice transformation*”

- This Panel will focus on the following aspects of the ecosystem: Traditional Courts; Islamic Family Law Courts; Diversion within the Justice System; Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and Complimentary Justice initiatives. It will highlight the synergies, divergences, contradictions, gaps and opportunities drawing
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on successful experiences in different countries, It will also discuss the respective roles of traditional authorities and faith/spiritual leaders

Moderator:

- Alison Tilley

Presenter

- Advocate Mathole Motshekga- Chairperson, Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services, Parliament- South Africa

Panelists:

- Mr Abdulkadir Hashim: Expert on Khadi Courts, Kenya
 - Ms Pamela Kovacks: Research and Learning Unit, IDLO
 - Ms Joseffa Ferreira: Provincial Director for Justice Zambezi Province, Mozambique
 - Mr Enock Kamundi Phiri: Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace, Malawi
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12: 00-13:30: PANEL 6 AND 7 RUN IN PARALLEL

12: 00- 13: 30: PANEL 6

Theme: “Criminal Justice experiences and Penal Reform: Potential and Implications for Judiciary and CJI collaboration”

This panel will discuss the experiences, challenges, innovations and possibilities presented by community justice initiatives in strengthening national penal reform effort. It will also reflect in the unique challenges presented by violent extremism, trafficking of persons and organized crime.

It will explore how community justice mechanisms could strengthen the capacity of the penal system to address these growing challenges. The panel will also reflect on the contribution of CJI and judiciary collaboration in addressing transitional justice needs in societies emerging from conflicts.

Moderator:

- Chief Justice Abdulai Charm- Sierra Leone

Presenter

- Mr Clifford Msiska- Director of PASI, Malawi

Panelists:

- Honorable Hassan Haji -Minister of Justice, Somalia (7 minutes)
 - Dr. Charity Wibabara- Lecturer at the University of Rwanda (7 minutes)
 - Mr. Franck Kamunga- Team Leader: Rule of Law, Access to Justice and Human Rights, Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (7 minutes)
 - Minister of Justice South Sudan
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12: 00- 13: 30: PANEL 7

How to Make CJI work?

Theme: ***“Empowerment of the poor and marginalized people to access justice and realize Human Rights”***

This session will focus on how collaboration between traditional/faith-based CJI and judiciary could be used to strengthen socio-economic, environmental and civil and political rights of the poor and vulnerable as well minorities

The Panel is expected to focus on:

- Approaches, tools and processes
- Resourcing (human, financial and material)
- Engagement and Synergies with State and other public institutions (including parliaments, judiciary, prosecutorial, and investigative authorities, constitutional bodies for the protection and promotion of Human Rights)

Presenter/ Moderator

- Ms. Nolundi Luwaya- Researcher, Centre for Law and Society: UCT, South Africa

Discussants:

- Mr Brian Penduka: Legal Consultant, International Commission of Jurists, Africa Regional Office
- Ms Gertrude Angote: Director, Kituo Cha Sheria: Kenya
- Mr Philip Sabuni: National Coordinator, Paralegal Alliance Network: Zambia
- Dr. Henry Mbawa- Coordinator Justice Sector Office: Sierra Leone

13:30-14:30: LUNCH

14:30-16:00: PANEL 8

Theme: “Defining the Value-Added & Pillars that Need Strengthening in CJI Ecosystem”

Break Away Groups

Group 1: *Community Justice in Conflict and Post-Conflict Settings, violence and extremism. The group will also reflect on the inter-sectionality between CJI and Transitional (Restorative) Justice*

Moderator/ Presenter

- Martha Mutisi Senior Programme Governance and Justice, IDRC

This group will explore continental linkages amongst others: African Governance Architecture and AUTGP relating to the collaboration in post-conflict setting. How the African transitional justice policy framework aims and objectives relate to strengthening the collaboration between CJI and the judiciary.

Respondents:

- Honorable Hassan Haji- Minister of Justice Somalia
 - Professor Dieudonné Kalindye Byanjira: Law Faculty, University of Kinshasa and Director, Centre for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Central Africa (CRIDHAC): Democratic Republic of Congo
 - Hon. Justice Dr. James Alala Deng -Justice of the Supreme Court Judiciary of South Sudan (JOSS)
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Group 2: *Community Justice Institutions, Socio-Economic Rights, cultural and environmental rights: Focus on land rights, natural resources and the class biases in justice delivery system.*

Moderator:

Mr. Simbongile Kamtshe, ACAOSA, South Africa

Presenters:

- Ms Nolundi Luwaya: Researcher, Centre for Law and Society, UCT, South Africa: Focus on Case Study
- Getrude Angote: Director Kituo cha Sheria

Respondents:

- Hon. Paulino Wanawilla Unango- Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, South Sudan
 - Dr. Alphonse Muleefu, Senior Lecturer, School of Law & Ag. Director of Research and Post-Graduate Studies, Rwanda.
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Group 3: *Capacity development and knowledge management within the collaborative process (who, how and when?) and the use of data for policy reform: Case management, data and/or legal needs data*

Moderator:

- Ms. Alison Tilley: Co-ordinator: Judges Matter Campaign

Presenter

- Mr. Musa Mewa- Deputy Director, TIMAP for Justice, Sierra Leone

Respondents:

- Mr. Peter Chapman: Policy Officer, Open Society Justice Initiative
 - Dr. Henry Mbawa- Coordinator Justice Sector Office: Sierra Leone
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Group 4: *Resourcing ICJ: The role of donors and intermediate support organisations in strengthening linkages, synergies and collaboration between formal and informal justice systems*

Moderator

- Dr. Winnie Martins: Director and founder of the Centre for Community Justice and Development, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa

Presenter

- Mr Pieter Dorst: Head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Rwanda

Respondent

- Ms Linda Ochiel: Ford Foundation
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16:00- 16:15: TEA

16:15-16:45: GROUP REPORT BACK PLENARY DISCUSSION

Moderator:

Concetta Lorizzo: Researcher, Mozambique

16:45-17: 45

IDLO Roundtable and follow up on development since the Africa Rule of Law conference held in Dar es Salaam (2016)

Purpose: Link the ACE and the Rule of Law: Crystallisation of some resolutions.

Amongst which:

- Demonstrate the progression since Dar es Salam and Kigali conference
- Highlight synergies and complementarities
- Reaffirm responsibilities vis-à-vis the follow ups
- Frame how Dar es Salaam resolutions and initiatives will feed in the ACE

Conveners: IDLO

Moderator

- Adam Shirwa Jama: IDLO-Somalia

Presenter

- Enid Muthoni: Regional Manager Africa, IDLO
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END OF DAY 2

DAY 3: 24 AUGUST 2017

07:45-9:30

Concurrent Networking Breakfast Meetings

(Invited Guests Only)

Room A

The Judiciary and Ministers of Justice (Anchored by DGRU, Nadcao and Legal Aid Forum Rwanda)

Moderator:

Mr. Andrews Kananga-Executive Director: Legal Aid Forum: Rwanda

Presenter:

HE Judge President Dunstan Mlambo

This is intended to achieve the following;

- Offer a private space for judges and representatives of ministries of justice to reflect on the implications of the policy and operational implications of effective collaboration between the judiciary and community justice initiatives
- Reflect on common trends, challenges and opportunities
- Map out ways and means of supporting intra and inter agency collaboration
- Map out mutual support needs between the different countries represented
- Map out means and ways in which the African Centre of Excellence for Access to Justice could be supported, as well as propose potential focus for the its work

Room B

Development Partners and African Centre of Excellence (Anchored by CS Mott, OSIWA, IDLO, Nadcao)

Moderator:

Ms. Vuyiswa Sidzumo, Director, Mott Foundation South Africa

Presenters

- Linda Ochiel: - Ford Foundation, Kenya
- Peter Chapman: Policy Officer, Open Society Justice Initiative
- Abdul Tejan Cole: Executive Director, Open Society for West Africa

Attendees also comprise: GIZ, Representatives of Diplomatic Missions in Kigali

This session is intended to achieve the following;

- Offer a private space for development partners to reflect on the trends, common challenges and

- opportunities
- Map out ways and means of supporting intra and inter agency collaboration
- Map out means and ways in which the African Centre of Excellence for Access to Justice could be supported in its work and programmes
- Answer questions of uncertainty

09:30 - 10:30: Reading and Adoption of Conference Resolutions

Moderator

- Judge President Dunstan Mlambo

Presentation: Representative of the Conference Resolutions Committee

Panelists: Joint Panel of All Chief Justices and Judges of the Supreme Court of Appeal

10:30-10:45: TEA

10:45- 12:30 NEXT STEPS /ROAD MAP

Moderator

- Brian Tamuka Kagoro, Conference Programme Director

This session will seek to define concrete next steps after Kigali including:

- Key issues that arose out of the Conference that require to be taken forward by the judiciaries
- A Communication strategy
- A Resource Plan for work that needs to be done within and across countries

12:30-12:45 OFFICIAL CLOSURE OF THE CONFERENCE

Chief Justice Sam Rugege

Vote of Thanks : Brian Kagoro

13:00-14:00: CLOSED MEETING

Roundtable of ACE-AJ with representatives of judiciary, governments, core partners and development partners. The roundtable will focus on the following:

- Establishing an African Centre of Excellence for the formalization of the collaboration between the Judiciary and Community Justice Institutions
 - Institutional form, location and governance
 - Programmes and activities of ACE-AJ
 - Draft annualized working plan for ACE-AJ, 2017-2020
 - Draft budget of ACE-AJ
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Moderator

- Judge President Dunstan Mlambo, South Africa/Chief Justice Charm, Sierra Leone

Presenter

- Brian Tamuka Kagoro, Kigali Conference Programme Director

Panelists:

- Mr. Langa Mtshali: Ag. Director and Chairperson of the National Alliance for the Development of Community Advice office (Nadcao): South Africa
- Dr. Winnie Martins, Centre for Community Justice and Development, South Africa
- Justice Joel Ngugi- Kenya

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Clifford Msiska (Chairperson)

Mr. Boroto Ntakobajira,

Ms. Alison Tilley,

Mr.Musa Mewa ,

Mr. Romualdo Mavedzenge,

Ms. Nolundi Luwaya

Bios

Host of the conference

Chief Justice Sam Rugege



Prof Sam Rugege is the Chief Justice of Rwanda. He started his law career as a lecturer in law at Makerere University in Uganda before being forced to flee the terror of the Idi Amin regime. He then taught at the National University of Lesotho and University of Swaziland rising to the position of Associate Professor. He has also been the Principal Judge of the First Instance Division of the Court of Justice of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) since 2005 and was appointed to the Supreme Court of Rwanda in 2004 as the Deputy Chief Justice. Prof Rugege was educated at Makerere University in Uganda, Yale Law School in the United States of America and Oxford University in England where he obtained the LLB, LLM and D.Phil. degrees respectively.

Conveners

Chief justice Abdulai Hamid Charm



Abdulai Hamid Charm is a Sierra Leonean judge, who is currently the Chief Justice of Sierra Leone. He is the first Chief Justice of Sierra Leone born outside of the capital Freetown since the establishment of the Supreme Court in 1960. Abdulai Hamid Charm has worked as a judge at the Court of Appeal in 2014 and a Judge of the High Court in 2011. Between 2003-2010, he worked for Sierra Leone's National Revenue Authority as Principal Collector, Board Secretariat. Furthermore, he worked as a Deputy Commissioner, Board Secretariat, and Board Secretary from 2005 to 2007; and as Director of Policy and Legal Affairs from 2007 to 2010. Justice Charm received a Master of Laws in Human Rights and Democratization in Africa from the University

of Pretoria in 2000. He also received a Bachelor of Laws with Honours in 1990 from Fourah Bay College, and a Certificate for Call to the Bar in October 1991 from the Sierra Leone Law School.

Judge President Dunstan Mlambo



Judge President Dunstan Mlambo is the Judge President of the Gauteng Division of the High Court of South Africa and the Chairman at Legal Aid Board. Judge President Mlambo is also a member of the National Bar Examination Board. He started his law career in the 1980s and has since held different positions within the judicial sector. In 2003, he was an Acting Judge at the Supreme Court of Appeal and prior to that, he was judge for the Witwatersrand Local Division at the High Court of South Africa. Between 1997-1999, he worked as a Judge at the Labour Court of South Africa. Prior to that, he worked as an Articled Clerk at Bowman Gilfillan Hayman Godfrey Incorporated. He also was a Legal Assistant at the Department of Justice, Kangwane Government. Judge President Mlambo completed his B. Proc Degree in 1983 at the University of the North.

Chief Justices

Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng



Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng is the Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa. Mogoeng started his professional career as a Supreme Court prosecutor in Mafikeng in 1986, before becoming a judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa in 2009. Previous positions that Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng held include being a Judge President at the North West High Court (2002-2009); Judge at Labour Appeal Court (2000-2002); Chairperson at Metropolitan Life Limited (1994-1997); Chairperson at Dirapeng (Pty) limited, to name a few. Mogoeng Mogoeng obtained a LLM (Master of Laws) in 1989 from the University of South Africa. He completed his LLB (Bachelor of Laws) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (1984-1985) and a B Juris (Bachelor of Law) at the University of Zululand (1983).

Judges

Justice Luka Kiprotich Kimaru: Judge of the High Court of Kenya



Justice President Edward Twea

Justice Edward Twea SC, is Judge President (JP) of the Supreme Court of Malawi.

He has Over 38 years of experience at the bar and bench.

He is the Judge President of the Supreme Court of Malawi, Chairperson of the National Child Justice Forum, Board member Paralegal Advisory Services Institute and actively involved in the development of diversion for children and adults.

Before his appointment to the Supreme Court he was JP of the High Court, Registrar of the High Court, Supreme Court of Appeal and Sheriff of Malawi; Chairperson of the Tasks Force on Judicial and Legal Reform; chaired several Law Reform Commissions including the review of the Traditional Courts Act among other responsibilities.

Justice Joel Ngugi : Judge, High Court of Kiambu, Kenya.



Justice Joel Ngugi is the a judge at the High Court in Kenya. Before, was Professor at the school of law of the University of Washington. Ngugi joined the faculty in 2004. His research interests include the role of law in economic development, the role of governments in market regulation and wealth allocation, and legal reforms in transition and developing economies. He teaches Contracts Law and Contracts Theory, Public and Private International Law (including courses in Law and Development, International Business Transactions, Human Rights and Indigenous Peoples Rights, International Economic Law), and Business Organizations. Professor Ngugi was selected by the students as a Philip A. Trautman Professor of the Year for 2004-05 and was selected as Small Section Professor of the Year for 2010-11. He also practiced law with the Kenyan firm Kariuki Muigua & Company Advocates. Professor Ngugi has worked with the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and conducted research work for the Global Coalition for Africa/World Bank, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research (HPCR) at Harvard University and at the Global Trade Watch Division of the Public Citizens, Inc. in Washington, DC. At Harvard University, he was one of two recipients of the John Gallup Laylin Prize in International Law in 2002

Ministers, Deputy Ministers, government officials and MPs

Hussein Haji- Minister of Justice Federal Republic of Somalia

Hussein Haji, was a practicing Solicitor and a member of Law Society in England and Wales. Before his appointment, Minister Hassan was appointed as a Senior Policy Advisor on Justice and Rule of Law to former President of Somalia and a member of Policy Unit in January 2013. In this role, he organized and successfully executed the first ever Somali National Dialogue reform on judiciary in April 2013 and with support and collaboration of international partners. The national dialogue resulted in development of the National Justice Strategy Plan which spells out the roadmap for rebuilding the justice sector and constitutionally mandated institutions in Somalia. On 29th May 2014 he was appointed as a member of the Constitutional Review and implementation commission. In this role he acted as Deputy Chair and acting Chair responsible for a technical drafting and the Review of the provisional constitution. They produced option paper which proposed three system for Justice and Corrections Model. Before he even joined the Ministry, he laid the foundation for our top priority – reaching political agreement on Justice and Corrections Model. Minister Hassan has a LLB Honours', Masters Degree in International Law and Human Rights (LLM) from Hull University, Postgraduate Diploma in Law/Common Professional Examination (CPE) from University of West London, Legal Practice Code, University of West London.

Honorable John Jeffery (MP) : Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development-South Africa



John Jeffery is South Africa's Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development. Mr Jeffery is an admitted attorney and a member of the ruling party, the African National Congress (ANC). Mr Jeffery was a member of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature from 1994-1999. He holds BA and LLB degrees, as well as a postgraduate diploma in Environmental Law from the University of Natal.

Anastase Shyaka : CEO of the Rwanda Governance Board



Anastase Shyaka is currently the CEO of the Rwanda Governance Board, a newly established national institution that serves as a one stop centre for governance matters. Dr. Shyaka is a former Fulbright scholar in residence at George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College, where he taught Social and Political Change in Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa in 2007. He is also former director of the Centre for Conflict Management at the University of Rwanda, where he initiated two

master's programs focusing on peace and conflict transformation studies and genocide prevention studies. He is a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the UN affiliated University for Peace's Africa Program based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the chairman of the governing board of the Institut Politechnique de Byumba in Rwanda. He is a board member of the Global Centre for Public Service Excellency jointly established by the UN Development Program and the government of Singapore. Professor Shyaka holds a PhD in political science

Dr. Mathole Motshekga (MP)



Dr Mathole Serofo Motshekga is a member of the South African Parliament, for the African National Congress (ANC), and Chairperson of the Justice and Correctional Service Committee. Elected ANC leader in 1997, and Chief Whip from 2008-2013, he was also Premier of the Gauteng Provincial Government. Dr Motshekga has been lecturing Law at various universities, including the Albert-Ludwigs University in Freiburg am Breisgau, Germany, as well as Universities of South Africa (UNISA), of Pretoria (UP) and of Durban-Westville (UKZN). At the University of Cape Town (UCT) he has been a visiting professor for Religious Studies. Dr Motshekga has a doctorate in law from UNISA, LLBs from the University of South Africa (UNISA), and Harvard (USA) – with distinction. He is the author of numerous publications on African renaissance, philosophy, heritage and religion.

Senior Magistrate Johan Jantjies: Senior Magistrate at the Garankuwa Magistrate Court: South Africa

Academic and Civil Society

Irene Khan (DG-IDLO)



Irene Khan is Director-General of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO). The first woman to hold this office, she was elected by Member Parties on November 17, 2011 and took up her position formally on January 1, 2012. An international thought leader on human rights, gender and social justice issues, Irene Khan was Secretary General of Amnesty International from 2001 - 2009. Prior to that, she worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees for 21 years at headquarters and in various field operations. She was Visiting Professor at the State University of New York Law School (Buffalo) in 2011. Ms. Khan sits on the boards of several international human rights and development organizations. She is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and prestigious awards, including the City of Sydney Peace Prize in 2006 for her work to end violence against women and girls. Her book, *The Unheard Truth: Poverty and Human Rights*, has been translated into seven languages. Born in Bangladesh, Irene Khan studied law at the University of Manchester and Harvard Law School.

Vidhu Vedalankar: Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid South Africa



Ms Vidhu Vedalankar is the CEO of Legal Aid South Africa, managing a national network of 6 regional offices and 64 Justice Centres that deliver professional legal aid services to the poor. Legal Aid SA is a national public entity established in terms of the Legal Aid SA Act. Ms Vedalankar has in the past few years established Legal Aid SA as a very high performing organisation ensuring that poor and vulnerable South Africans are able to access justice. Legal Aid SA has a budget of approximately R1.8billion and employs over 2,750 staff. The organisation provided legal aid assistance in 445,000 legal matters as well as legal advice to 322,600 clients in 2016/17. It ensures the quality of its legal services through its development programmes, legal quality programmes and monitoring. Legal Aid SA has a strong governance ethos with sound financial management which has resulted in sixteen successive unqualified audit opinions from the Auditor General.

Ms Vedalankar has over 20 years of senior management experience and has operated at a national and metropolitan level, in local government and public entities, enabling her to address management challenges in a sound and effective manner. She has a Masters degree in Town and Regional Planning positioning her to tackle developmental and strategic challenges. Her strength is her strategic capability enabling her to define a clear vision and strategic direction within an organisational context. She has experience in delivering services at scale in a sustainable manner and within a clearly defined strategic approach. She is committed to the developmental agenda of improving the quality of life of all South Africans.

Advocate Abdul Tejan Cole: Executive Director of Open Society for West Africa (OSIWA): Sierra Leone



Abdul Tejan-Cole is a lawyer with more than 20 years' experience supporting rule of law and accountability institutions. He is a results-driven leader who has proven skills in policy analysis, law reform and managing successful programs. He has extensive knowledge of the issues, context and challenges relating to accountability, human rights, transitional justice, rule of law and in leading organizational change. Abdul holds a L.L.B. and LL.M. from the University of Sierra Leone and University College London, respectively; and is a Yale World Fellow (2002) and recipient of the Human Rights Watch Award (2004). He has published in various areas of law. He is executive director of the Open Society Initiative for West Africa. He served as Commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission in Sierra Leone; Appellate Counsel in the Special Court for Sierra Leone; Acting director for the International Center for Transitional Justice's (ICTJ) Cape Town Office; and President of the Sierra Leone Bar Association. He is a member of the Africa Group for Justice and Accountability.

Janet Love: National Director- Legal Resources Centre since 2006: South Africa



Janet Love is National Director of the Legal Resources Centre since 2006. An anti-apartheid activist involved in the union movement and in the ANC from the 1970s, from 1991, she worked in negotiations until appointed Deputy Executive-Director of TEC which facilitated the transition. Elected in May 1994 as an ANC Member of Parliament, Janet was extensively involved in the drafting of the South African Constitution as part of the 22-person Constitutional Committee which directed the process of the Constitutional Assembly. She also chaired the National Assembly's Committee on Water, Agriculture and Forestry and served on Public Service and Local Government Committees. After six years in Parliament and one as the Special Advisor to the Minister of Water Affairs, she served as head of strategic analysis in the currency department of the South African Reserve Bank for five years. She was appointed Commissioner of the South African Human Rights Commission from 2009-2016 and, in May 2016, took up her current position as part-time Commissioner of the Independent Electoral Commission. Following a BA from Wits in Political Science and Industrial Sociology, Love obtained postgraduate qualifications from Wits in Public Administration and Development Management, and Economics from the University of London. Janet is a member of the MiM Association of Mediators and believes that mediation is a critical tool to advance justice, equality and development

Professor Dieudonné Kalindye Byanjira: Director of the Centre for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights



Professor Dieudonné Kalindye is an academic and a Human Rights Activist from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is an ordinary professor in the law faculty of the University of Kinshasa. He holds a PhD in Human Rights from the Catholic University of Lyon (France), completed in 1994. He is the first to obtain a doctorate in Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

He has been teaching law and Human Rights in various universities for more than 21 years.

He is part of various global networks on Human Rights. He has worked as an expert and a consultant in various commissions nationally and in the Great Lake Region.

He is currently the Director of the Centre for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

He has published various articles in accredited journals and is the author of 7 books.

Peter Chapman: Leader of the legal empowerment Project at OSJI



Peter Chapman leads the legal empowerment project at the Open Society Justice Initiative which focuses on strengthening basic justice services for underserved communities. The Justice Initiative uses law to protect and empower people around the world, supporting the values and work of the Open Society Foundations.

Prior to joining the Justice Initiative, Peter worked on governance and justice reform in Africa and East Asia with the World Bank's Justice for the Poor program. He previously worked on legal empowerment and access to justice with the Carter Center in Liberia and the Public International Law & Policy Group in Uganda and Washington, D.C. Peter holds a Juris Doctor from the Washington College of Law, American University; an MA in international affairs from the School of International Service, American University; and a BA in political science and peace studies from Colgate University.

Mr. Clifford Msiska : Founding Director PASI-Malawi



Mr. Clifford Msiska is a human rights lawyer (LLM) based in Lilongwe, Malawi. He is the founder of Paralegal Advisory Services in Malawi-May 2000. He uses his legal expertise to help the poor and vulnerable people to access justice in Malawi, Africa and beyond through training and mentoring paralegals working at the frontline of criminal justice systems.

Mr. Msiska worked as a legal officer for a local human rights organization in Malawi for over five years before joining Penal Reform International (PRI) from 2000 to 2006 as a Regional Coordinator responsible for paralegal services in Eastern and Southern Africa. While working for the Penal Reform International, Mr. Msiska developed paralegal training courses and conducted paralegal trainings in Malawi and other countries. He also helped countries to introduce paralegal services in their countries. With PASI interventions, conditions in Malawi prisons have greatly improved over the years. Due to its success, PASI Paralegal Advisory Service has been adapted and replicated in numerous countries, including Benin, Kenya, Uganda, Niger, and Bangladesh.

As a legal expert, he develops paralegal training courses, and trains paralegals and village mediators working for the Paralegal Advisory Service Institute and any other governmental and non-governmental institutions in Malawi and abroad. He has also conducted evaluations of Paralegal Projects as well as Village Mediation Projects in Kenya, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. He has presented papers on the role of non-lawyers in the justice system at various international conferences and workshops across the globe.

Dr Busiwana Winnie Martins-Founding Director of CCJD



Dr. Martins is a lawyer, activist and a social entrepreneur. In 1999 she was elected to the Ashoka Fellowship for her work in the field human rights and social justice. Ashoka is a global association of and for leading social entrepreneurs (www.ashoka.org). Dr. Martins worked at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (formerly University of Natal) Law School for 18 years where she received a special award for a graduate and employee of the University of Natal who has contributed significantly to the field of work she engaged in at the University in 2002.

Dr Martins is a founding Director of the Centre for Community Justice and Development, which provides funding, training, research and other support services to fifteen community-based advice offices in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. Dr Martins promoted community-based restorative justice administered by community-based paralegals for 20 years as an alternative approach to access justice for those whose justice needs were not met by the criminal justice system. Dr Martins has worked with various national organisations and funding agencies on an advisory and consultancy capacity and assisted with programme assessment, documentation, situational analysis and pre-programme implementation, including mentoring of community –based organisations.

Pamela Kovacks: Research and Learning Officer : IDLO



Pamela Kovacks is currently a Research and Learning Officer at the International Development Law Organization (IDLO). She holds a Masters in International Law and Human Rights as well as degrees in Law (LLB/JD) and Commerce (B.Com) with concentrations in International Business and Strategic Management. Prior to joining IDLO, Pam was involved in development projects in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Peru, Thailand, and Venezuela. She practiced law with a firm in Canada and was the founding Executive Director and In-House Counsel at a pro bono clearinghouse with a focus on access to justice and poverty law reform. Pam also worked as a Research Assistant with the Restorative Circles Initiative, supporting coordination of restorative justice programming for Aboriginal youth implicated in criminal law matters. Pam has written and presented on issues relating to the rule of law and development, access to justice reform, transitional justice, legal representation for children and youth, pro bono legal services, and the operation of law clinics. She is currently an officer of the International Bar Association Pro Bono Committee

Enid Muthoni: IDLO Regional Program Manager for Africa



Enid Muthoni Ndiga is the IDLO Regional Program Manager (RPM) for Africa. Prior to assuming this role, IDLO worked as the IDLO Country Director for Kenya a position she held since 2011. Enid has over 18 years' experience in both humanitarian and Development work having held senior technical and managerial positions with national, regional, international and inter-governmental organizations including the United Nations Kenya and Somalia offices, Norwegian Church Aid Eastern Africa, the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights and the Federation of Women Lawyers among others. Her experience spans the field of Human Rights advocacy, Governance, Gender and Development, Research, programming and institutional capacity development and in designing programs to advance human rights and address discrimination in culturally sensitive settings, and high security areas in Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia, DRC among others. She holds a Master of Arts in Gender and Development from the University of Nairobi, a Bachelor of Laws from the same university and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law.

Franck Kamunga : Team Leader: Human Rights, Justice and Law Cluster at Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa OSISA



Franck, from the DRC, is a human rights lawyer, Stanford University Fellow on Democracy, Development and Rule of Law,

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With over 15 years' experience in human rights and rule of law, governance, gender equality at global and continental levels, Franck has previously held several key positions including serving as Coordinator of the African Democracy Forum in Nairobi; Legal Advisor to the Electoral Commission in Kinshasa; Communication and Fundraising Specialist of the UN Women Country Office in the DRC, Senior Legal Advisor to the Office of the Representative of the President of the DRC on the Fight Against Sexual Violence and Child Recruitment in the Armed Groups and Forces. Franck has played a strong role in promoting democracy and governance in Africa through the World Movement for Democracy (NED Washington DC), African Democracy Forum, Affiliated Network for Social Accountability (ANSA Africa), Coalition for International Criminal Court, Pan-African Lawyers Network, Freedom House, Global Rights, Human Rights Council Advocacy Network, and International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect. He holds awards from IDASA and New School University of New York, and 2008 Justice Makers Honour Award from the International Bridge to Justice in Geneva, Switzerland

Enock Kamundi Phiri- Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace: Malawi



Enock Kamundi Phiri works with the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP), one of the leading Human Rights Civil Society Organizations that has been very instrumental in Malawi towards issues of social justice, democracy, governance, and human rights, particularly of the marginalized. He is a Regional Coordinator for the Malawi Primary Justice Programme, the largest custom based informal justice programme in Malawi funded by DFID. After spending nearly a decade working in the informal justice sector (2007-17), Enock knows what truly drives the informal justice service providers, especially the village tribunals. He has carried out researches in Access to Justice and perception surveys in the informal justice sector in Malawi. He is also a member of the Malawi Consortium on Pre-Trial Detention. He holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Management from the University of Derby, UK.

Nolundi Luwaya- Researcher at the Centre for Law and Society: University of Cape Town



Nolundi returned to the Centre as a researcher in 2017. She has a BA (English, Sociology and Law) and an LLB from the University of Cape Town. In 2012 she joined the Law, Race and Gender Unit (LRG) as a junior researcher where she worked on the Unit's campaign on the Traditional Courts Bill. The LRG then became the Centre for Law and Society and from 2013 – 2015 Nolundi was the Programme Coordinator of the Rural Women's Action Research Programme (RWAR) based within CLS. In this position she worked extensively with rural community based organisations and NGO's on issues connected to citizenship rights, land rights and nuanced understandings of Customary Law within our Constitutional Democracy. In 2016 the RWAR became the Land and Accountability Research Centre (LARC) where Nolundi was the Deputy Director. Her work at LARC focussed on providing support to the Alliance for Rural Democracy, a loose alliance of community based organisations and NGO's working on issues of land and traditional governance impacting on the rights of rural South Africans. Nolundi has a particular interest in the struggles and strategies of women living in rural South Africa, and in what these strategies for transforming their particular circumstances can teach us about transformation and change on a societal level.

Brian Penduka

Brian Penduka, is a Zimbabwean lawyer who has been working in the human rights and rule of law field in various roles since 2005. He worked initially in the Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs as part of the secretariat for the "Interministerial Committee on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law". During his time in the Ministry Brian coordinated the process of drafting of several state party reports to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the UN Treaty Bodies. Brian left the government in 2006 to join the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum (the Forum),

where he worked progressively in different capacities. His initial role at the Forum was to litigate cases of organised violence and torture (OVT) in the domestic and international courts. Brian has represented victims of OVT in the High Court & Supreme Court of Zimbabwe, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the SADC Tribunal, as it was then constituted. In 2008 Brian was appointed to the role of Programmes Coordinator/Deputy Director for the Forum. As the Programmes Coordinator he directly supervised managers in four diverse Units, a Legal Unit, Transitional Justice Unit, an International Lobby Office and a Research and Documentation Unit. At the beginning of 2011 he was a visiting scholar to the University of New York at Buffalo. During his three-month tenure at the University he conducted research on the African Unions (AU) and how the human rights culture within the AU had been affected by Pan-Africanism. Brian has completed LLM courses with the University of Nottingham and the University of South Africa. He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management from the Edinburgh Business School.

Kimberly Brown: Field Program Manager IDLO



Ms. Kimberly Brown is a Field Program Manager with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) in Nairobi, Kenya where she supports their work towards implementation of the 2010 Kenyan Constitution, specifically on issues pertaining to access to justice and gender reforms. She holds a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from Case Western Reserve University School of Law (with a concentration in International Law, with Honors), and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from Fordham University (*cum laude*). Ms. Brown is an avid human rights and rule of law advocate, and has been published on issues including international criminal law, human rights, and women's rights within the African context. Prior to joining IDLO, she worked with Equality Now's Nairobi office on their Justice for Girls projects in the region and provided support to Solidarity of African Women's Rights Coalition initiatives. In this capacity, she contributed to a broad range of projects relating to women's rights, sexual violence, FGM, legal research, advocacy, and human rights litigation (including at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights). Countries of focus included Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, Sudan, Mauritania, Nigeria, and Ethiopia. Ms. Brown also served from August 2013 to August 2015 as co-chair for the American Bar Association-Section of International Law's Africa Committee, where she spearheaded the award-winning *Doing Business in Africa* programming series in 2014. She also helped orchestrate the Section of International Law's first regional forum in 2015 on *Legal & Policy Frameworks Surrounding the Energy and Extractive Industries in Africa, with a Focus on East Africa*.

Simbongile Kamtshe : Chief Executive Officer of the Association for Community Advice Offices on South Africa(ACAOSA)



Simbongile Kamtshe joined ACAOSA in January 2015. Simbongile strives to make a recognizable input into the rebuilding of South African civil society organizations by leading and facilitating strategic dialogues and enhancing the institutional viability of the sector. Additionally, through carefully selected and responsive programming and strengthening accountability structures, he works to ensure that processes lead to informed grassroots action.

Seth Mnguni: Founder of the Ntsu Community Advice Office and Chairperson of the Association for Community Advice Offices in South Africa (ACAOSA)



Langelihle Mtshali – Chairperson of the National Alliance for the Development of Community Advice Offices (Nadcao)



In 1989, Langa Mtshali worked at Mdletshe Paralegal Office as a trainee paralegal. For three years, Mtshali immersed himself in community-based work before pursuing a law degree at the former University of Natal. Following graduation with a B.Proc. Degree, Langa became a trainer at the Community Law and Rural Development Centre (CLRDC), an organisation that trained Mtshali as a paralegal in 1989. Though no longer with CLRDC, Mtshali served as the organisation's Executive Director from 2004 - 2012, where he gained immense community development and organisational skills. He serves on a number of boards as a non-executive member - including Nadcao and Peace Players International-SA - using his legal and technical expertise for oversight responsibilities. Mr Mtshali is extraordinarily passionate about human rights work related to rural communities.

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