

## CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Centre for Human Rights is located within the Faculty of Law, at the University of Pretoria. The Centre was established in 1986 and was part of the movement to eliminate the apartheid system of the time. Members of the Centre participated in meetings with the liberation movements outside the borders of South Africa, organised conferences and participated in efforts to promote human rights in South Africa, and, when the transition came, served as technical advisers to both the interim and final constitution writing process. Over the years, the Centre has positioned itself in an unmatched network of practising and academic lawyers, international and national civil servants and human rights practitioners across the entire continent, with a specific focus on human rights law in Africa, and international development law in general.

The activities of the Centre include four continental Master's programmes in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa, International Trade and Investment Law in Africa, Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa, and Multidisciplinary Human Rights; short courses for civil servants and others from all countries of Africa; an annual African Human Rights Moot Court Competition which is attended by the vast majority of law faculties on the continent and the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition; publishing the leading publications in the field of human rights law in Africa, including the *African Human Rights Law Journal* and the African Human Rights Law Reports; and an academic press that publishes leading texts on public law in Africa (PULP).

The Centre has 30 staff members from 15 countries.

For more details on the Centre, visit [www.chr.up.ac.za](http://www.chr.up.ac.za)

## WOMEN'S RIGHTS UNIT

The Unit was initially established in 1993 as the Gender Unit and has since evolved to focus on the improvement of the quality of life and the status of women (and the girl child) in Africa. Consequently, in 2017 it was renamed the Women's Rights Unit.

The Unit approaches women's rights holistically and uses inter-disciplinary approaches to address women and gender issues. Consequently, it draws from disciplines such as sociology, anthropology in addition to (human rights) law. The Unit conducts research, training and advocacy to promote implementation and popularisation of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol) and other international instruments related to the rights of women. The Unit aims further to support the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa and strengthen regional mechanisms with a commitment to the advancement of women's rights. It promotes gender sensitive policies and practices as well as strategies for the provision of equal opportunities for women in Africa.

## OTHER ADVANCED HUMAN RIGHTS COURSES

### Race and Common Citizenship in a South African context

9 - 12 April 2018

### Judicial Enforcement of Socio-economic Rights

14 - 18 May 2018

### Civil Society Law in Africa

4 - 6 July 2018

### Business and Human Rights

16 - 19 July 2018

### Children's Rights in Africa

23 July - 27 July 2018

### The Right to Development in Africa

20 - 24 August 2018

### Police Oversight and Accountability in Africa

10 - 14 September 2018

### Indigenous Peoples' Rights

24 - 28 September 2018

### African Human Rights System in Comparative Perspectives

22 - 26 October 2018

### Gender inequalities: rights, roles and responsibilities

5 - 9 November 2018

## CONTACT DETAILS

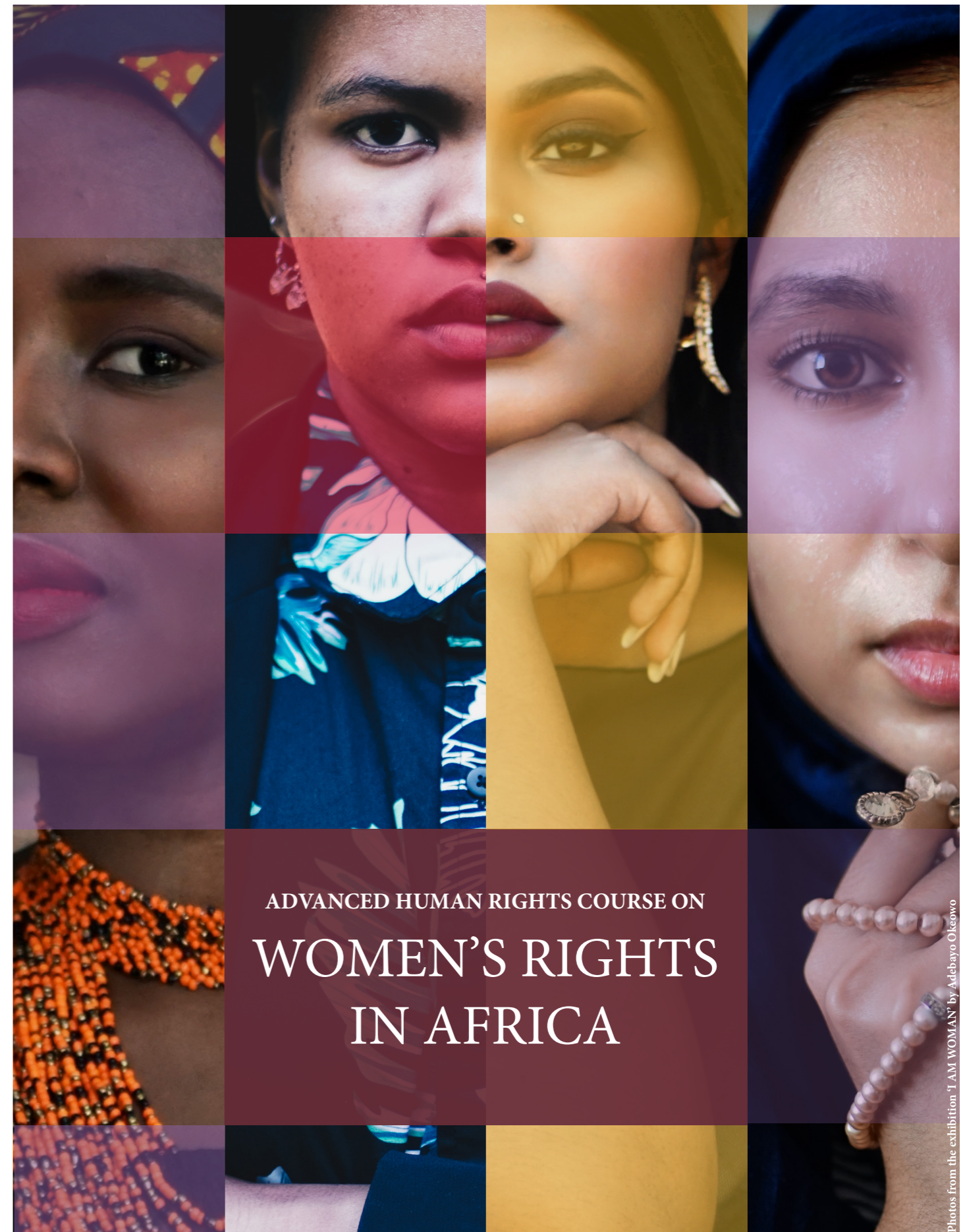
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## ADVANCED HUMAN RIGHTS COURSE ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN AFRICA



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# PROGRAMME

## Advanced Human Rights Course on Women's Rights in Africa

### Day 1: Monday 26 March 2018

|                |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|
| 08:00 -- 08:30 | Arrival and registration  | Women's Rights Unit<br>Centre for Human Rights  |
| 08:30 -- 08:40 | Course logistics  | Dennis Antwi,<br>Programme Manager<br>Advanced Human Rights Courses<br>Centre for Human Rights  |
| 08:40 -- 08:55 | Introductions and welcome                                       | Patience Mungwari Mpani<br>Programme Manager,<br>Women's Rights Unit<br>Centre for Human Rights |
| 08:55 -- 09:00 | Opening remarks   | Norman Taku<br>Assistant Director<br>Centre for Human Rights                                    |
| 09:00 -- 10:45 | Women rights law: An African perspective                        | Prof Fareda Banda<br>School of Oriental and African Studies                                     |
| 10:45 -- 11:00 | Tea break   |   |
| 11:00 -- 13:00 | Men and Masculinities: Implications on gender equality          | Pierre Brouard<br>Co-Director<br>Centre for Sexuality, Aids and Gender                          |
| 13:00 -- 14:00 | Lunch   |   |
| 14:00 -- 16:30 | Culture, tradition, religion and women's human rights in Africa | Prof Michelo Hansungule<br>Centre for Human Rights  |

### Day 2: Tuesday 27 March 2018

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| 08:30 -- 08:45 | Recap and introduction to the day   | Mariam Kamunyu<br>Women's Rights Unit<br>Centre for Human Rights                            |
| 8:45 -- 10:45  | Gender equality and women's rights in the UN system:<br>Normative standards, enforcement mechanisms and avenues for entry for practitioners | Karen Stefiszyn<br>Independent gender equality consultant                                   |
| 10:45 -- 11:00 | Tea Break   |   |
| 11:00 -- 13:00 | The Maputo Protocol and women's rights in Africa:<br>Normative standards, soft law and enforcement mechanisms                               | Dr Ashwanee Budoo<br>Centre for Human Rights  |
| 13:00 -- 14:00 | Lunch   |   |
| 14:00 -- 15:00 | Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and women's rights protection<br>in Africa: Focus on SADC, EAC and ECOWAS                              | Laura Nyirinkindi<br>Regional human rights lawyer   |
| 15:00 -- 17:00 | Feminist analysis of international human rights law (moderated panel)   | Moderator: Laura Nyirinkindi<br><br>Discussants:<br>Prof Fareda Banda<br>Prof Sylvia Tamele |
| 17:00 -- 17:15 | Reflections   | Women's Rights Unit   |

### Day 3: Wednesday 28 March 2018

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| 8:30 -- 8:45   | Recap and introduction to the day  | Satang Nabaneh<br>Women's Rights Unit<br>Centre for Human Rights                                  |
| 8:45 -- 10:45  | Frameworks for understanding oppression:<br>theoretical and practical perspectives                               | Prof Sylvia Tamale<br>University of Makerere  |
| 10:45 -- 11:00 | Tea break  |   |
| 11:00 -- 13:00 | Using human rights principles to realise sexual and reproductive health<br>rights: legal and advocacy approaches | Tabitha Saoyo Griffith<br>Deputy Executive Director<br>KELIN                                      |
| 13:00 -- 14:00 | Lunch  |   |
| 14:00 -- 15:00 | Litigation of women's rights in Africa: Strategic litigation and feminist<br>judicial practice                   | Sibongile Ndashe<br>Executive Director<br>Initiative for Strategic Litigation<br>in Africa (ISLA) |
| 15:00 -- 17:00 | Women's rights in practice: Creative activism and moving from the law  | Ishtar Lakani<br>Human Rights Defend and Advocacy<br>Manager, SWEAT                               |
| 17:00 -- 17:15 | Reflections  | Women's Rights Unit   |

### Day 4: Thursday 29 March 2018

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| 08:30 -- 08:45 | Recap & introduction to the day  | Ibunkunoluwa Oluwatomi Okeowo<br>Women's Rights Unit<br>Centre for Human Rights  |
| 08:45 -- 10:45 | Sexuality and the law  | Prof Sylvia Tamale<br>University of Makerere   |
| 10:45 -- 11:00 | Tea break  |  |
| 11:00 -- 13:00 | Women's rights in practice: Advocacy and lobbying strategies on<br>ending Female Genital Mutilation and child marriage | Musu Bakoto Sawo<br>2017 Vera Chirwa Co-Recipient Award  |
| 13:00 -- 13:45 | Course evaluations, certificates and farewell  | Norman Taku<br>Assistant Director<br>Centre for Human Rights<br><br>Patience Mungwari Mpani<br>Programme Manager<br>Women's Rights Unit<br>Centre for Human Rights<br><br>Dennis Antwi<br>Programme Manager<br>Advanced Human Rights Course<br>Centre for Human Rights |
| 13:45 -- 2:45  | Lunch & departure at pleasure  |  |

Nothing can stop us from breaking the cultural barriers that hold us down. We make no apologies for our strength

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