

# 2<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT 15 – 17 August 2018

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# PROGRAMME

## 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

15 – 17 AUGUST 2018

UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

### CONFERENCE CONVENERS:

**Dr Carol C Ngang**

*Post-Doctoral Researcher,*

*Free State Centre for Human Rights, University of the Free State*

**Prof Serges A Kamga**

*Associate Professor*

*Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, University of South Africa (UNISA)*

### DAY I: WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2018

08:00 – 08:40

**Welcome and Registration**

08:40 – 08:50

**Welcome Statement**

**Prof Frans Viljoen**

*Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria (UP)*

08:50 – 09:20

**Keynote Address**

**Prof Michelo Hansungule**

*Professor of Human Rights Law, Centre for Human Rights (UP)*

### PRESENTATION OF CONFERENCE PAPERS

09:20 – 09:40

What is development?

**Prof Vusi Gumede**

*Head of Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, UNISA*

09:40 – 10:00

The right to development as a human right

**Prof Serges D Kamga**

*Associate Professor, Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, UNISA*

10:00 – 10:20

Right rhetoric: Africa and the ideological debate on the right to development

**Dr John-Mark Iyi**

*Associate Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law,  
School of Law, University of Venda – South Africa*

10:20 – 10:40

Assessing the right to development as a human right and a means of economic integration in Africa

**Ms Kudzai Mhepo**

*Masters Student, University of Cape Town, South Africa*

10:40 – 11:10 A pragmatic insight into the right to development governance for Africa  
**Dr Carol C Ngang**  
*Post-Doctoral Researcher, Free State Centre for Human Rights,  
University of the Free State, South Africa*

11:10 – 11:30 **Tea/Coffee Break**

## PANEL DISCUSSION

11:30 – 13:30 **TOPIC 1:**  
**Making the right to development a reality: Challenges and prospects**

**Chair:** **Prof Serges D Kamga**

**Panelists:** Dr Babalula Abegunde  
Ms Kudzai Mhepo  
Dr Isaac Shai  
Dr Peter Wandwasi  
Ms Yuri Ramkissoon

13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**

## PRESENTATIONS OF CONFERENCE PAPERS

14:30 – 14:50 Finding value for the right to development in international law  
**Dr S A Igbiniedion**  
*Senior Lecturer, Department of Jurisprudence and International Law,  
University of Lagos, Nigeria*

14:50 – 15:10 Development of a new human rights-based development evaluation  
toolkit for the United Nations system within the context of the right to  
development in developing countries  
**Dr Peter Wandwasi**  
*Postdoctoral Fellow, Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, UNISA*

15:10 – 15:30 The enduring relevance of the right to development for extraterritorial  
human rights  
**Dr Ralph Wilde**  
*Member, Law Faculty, University College London, United Kingdom)*

15:30 – 15:50 **Tea/Coffee Break**

16:10 – 16:30 Children's right to development in Africa: A user perspective of rights  
approach  
**Dr Elvis Fokala**  
*Lecturer, Institute for Human Rights – Åbo Akademi University, Finland*

16:30 – 16:50 Recognition of traditional practices on African medicinal plants as a right  
to development in a sustainable economic society  
**Mr Patrick Agejo Ageh**  
*LLD Student, Department of Private Law, UP*

16:50 – 17:10 Tax justice and the realisation of the right to development in Africa  
**Prof Serges D Kamga**  
*Associate Professor, Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, UNISA*

## CONFERENCE DINNER

**Venue:** Adler Restaurant  
**Time:** 19:00  
**Dress code:** Formal or Traditional  
**On the Agenda:** Book/journal launch – Outputs of the 2017 conference

## DAY II: THURSDAY 16 AUGUST 2017

08:00 – 08:30 Welcome and Registration

## PRESENTATION OF CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 08:30 – 08:50 Are the Sustainable Development Goals human rights-based?  
**Ms Yuri Ramkissoon**  
*Senior Researcher, South African Human Rights Commission*
- 08:50 – 09:10 Agenda 2063: Reviving the right to development by challenging the current practices and policies in the multilateral trade framework for African countries  
**Ms Clydenia E Stevens**  
*Lecturer, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*
- 09:10 – 09:30 The right to development, sustainable development and G77: A decolonial prognosis  
**Prof Siphandla Zondi**  
*Institute for Strategic and Political Affairs, UP*
- 09:30 – 09:50 Maximizing synergies among the Sustainable Development Goals: Linking society, economy and environment  
**Mr Dotun Folarin Olatubosun**  
*HYBRID Health Safety and Environment Limited, Nigeria*
- 09:50 – 10:10 Gender justice and sustainable development in Africa: Developing appropriate response to SDG7  
**Dr Rita N Ozoemena**  
*Researcher/Advocate, Johannesburg Bar, South Africa*
- 10:10 – 10:30 Sustainable Development Goals and the human rights-based approach to development: Compatible or missing the point?  
**Dr Annelie de Man**  
*Advocacy Division, Free State Centre for Human Rights, University of the Free State, South Africa*
- 10:30 – 10:50 Out of the closet into the SDGs: No LGBTI person will be left behind  
**Ms Daniela Santana Silva**  
*LLM Student, Leiden University, The Netherlands*

10:50 – 11:30      **Tea/Coffee Break**

## **PANEL DISCUSSION**

11:30 – 13:30      **TOPIC 2:**  
**Sustainable Development Goals and the realisation of the right to development: What is the connection?**

**Chair:**                      **Ms Clydenia E Stevens**

**Panelists:**              Dr Rita N Ozoemena  
                                Prof Siphandla Zondi  
                                Dr S A Igbiniedion  
                                Ms Sekai Furaha-Joy Saungweme  
                                Dr Annelie de Man

13:30 – 14:30      **Lunch Break**

## **PRESENTATION OF CONFERENCE PAPERS**

14:30 – 14:50      Accessing the right to development amid Africa's challenges to good governance

**Mr Mbanje Shephard Tendai**

*LLM Student, University of Cape Town, South Africa*

14:50 – 15:10      The right to development of indigenous peoples in Africa: A quest for adoption of resource control mechanism for effective protection

**Dr Osuntogun Abiodun Jacob**

*Senior Lecturer, Department of Commercial and Industrial Law, University of Ibadan, Nigeria*

15:10 – 15:30      Sustainable Development Goals and the right to development: Moving from power maintenance to transformation in the global political economy

**Dr Samuel O Oloruntoba**

*Faculty Member, TMALI, UNISA*

15:30 – 15:50      **Tea/Coffee Break**

15:50 – 16:10      Advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights in Africa: A key to realising sustainable development

**Prof Ebenezer Dorujaye**

*Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape, South Africa*

16:10 – 16:30      Policies and practices on the right to development in the tourism industry in Africa

**Ms Sekai Furaha-Joy Saungweme**

*Legal Researcher/Practitioner, Zimbabwe*

- 16:30 – 16:50      Our common future: The right to development in an era of climate change  
**Dr Bright Nkrumah**  
*Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Political Studies,  
University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa*
- 16:50 – 17:10      Is Africa biased on the right to development?: A comparative appraisal of women's right to culture in selected African countries  
**Dr Olayinka Adeniyi**  
*Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre for Human Rights, UP*

## DAY III: FRIDAY 17 AUGUST 2018

- 08:00 – 08:30      Welcome

### PRESENTATION OF CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 08:30 – 08:50      Extractives corporations, corporate social responsibility and the realisation of the RTD in local communities: The case of DRC  
**Mr Marcel Mangu**  
*PhD Candidate, UNISA*
- 09:00 – 09:20      The developing narrative on the right to development and access to justice in Africa  
**Prof Robert K Home**  
*Emeritus professor, Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford, United Kingdom*
- 09:20 – 09:40      Ensuring the development of indigenous peoples through access to justice in Africa: Reflections on government policies and practices  
**Dr Esther E Njieassam**  
*Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Johannesburg, South Africa*
- 09:40 – 10:00      Human rights and development in Ethiopia: Taking the constitutional right to development seriously  
**Dr Yonas Tesfa Sisay**  
*Senior Technical Officer, African Child Policy Forum, Addis Ababa*
- 10:00 – 10:20      Closing the constitutionalism gap for the enjoyment of the right to development in Africa: The case of DRC  
**Mr Dieudonne Tumba Tuseku**  
*Doctoral Student, University of South Africa*
- 10:20 – 10:40      Making the right to development a reality in Nigeria: Policies, strategies, priorities, targets and challenges  
**Mr Eric Ojo**  
*Independent Researcher, Abuja, Nigeria*
- 10:40 – 11:00      Measuring the socio-economic impact of illegal demolitions: A comparative study between displaced and existing informal settlements  
**Ms Rebecca Enobong Roberts**  
*Policy Advocacy Lead, Justice & Empowerment Initiative*

11:00 – 11:30      **Tea/Coffee Break**

## **PANEL DISCUSSION**

11:30 – 13:30      **TOPIC 3**  
**Policies and practices on the realisation of the right to development at the regional and domestic levels**

**Chair:**                      **Dr Bright Nkrumah**

**Panelists:**              Dr Yonas Tesfa Sisay  
                                 Ms Rebecca Roberts  
                                 Mr Anthony W Munene  
                                 Ms Paidamwoyo Mukumbiri  
                                 Mr Mofihli Teleki

13:30 – 14:30      **Lunch Break**

## **PRESENTATION OF CONFERENCE PAPERS**

14:30 – 14:50      The Southern Cameroons conflict: A consequence of the denial of the right to development  
**Mr Milton Taka**  
*Managing Director, Camblish Training Institute, Johannesburg, SA*

15:10 – 15:30      Implementing the right to development in Kenya through public participation  
**Mr Anthony W Munene**  
*Lecturer, Moi University School of Law, Kenya/PhD Candidate, University of the Witwatersrand, SA*

15:30 – 15:50      A survey of the efforts geared towards the actualisation of the right to development: Nigeria in perspective  
**Dr Babalola Abegunde**  
*Senior Lecturer, Department of Public Law, Ekiti State University, Nigeria*

16:10 – 16:30      The polemics of advancing the right to development amidst a complex macro policy framework: A South African case study  
**Mr Mofihli Teleki**  
*Masters Student, Stellenbosch University, SA*

15:30 – 15:50      **Tea/Coffee Break**

15:50 – 16:10      Realisation of freedoms as a conveyor to the implementation of the right to development with specific reference to water access and water governance in Zimbabwe  
**Ms Paidamwoyo Mukumbiri**  
*Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Human Rights, UP*

- 16:10 – 16:30      Implementing the Right to Development at a domestic level through legal and policy interventions: An analysis of measures to promote parental involvement in Zimbabwe's education system  
**Mr Mgcini Ndlovu & Others**  
*Education Practitioner, Ministry of Education, Zimbabwe*
- 16:30 – 16:50      Government policies as a tool for implementing the RTD at a domestic level: An analysis of the Zimbabwe agenda for sustainable socio-economic transformation  
**Mr Kucaca I Phulu & Prof Serges D Kamga**  
*Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, UNISA*
- 16:50 – 17:10      The right to development, transformative constitutionalism and radical transformation in South Africa: postcolonial and decolonial reflections  
**Dr Isaac Shai & Prof Serges D Kamga**  
*Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, UNISA*

## CLOSING STATEMENT

**Mr Patrick Agejoh**

*Co-chair – African Interest Group, American Society of International Law*

## VOTE OF THANKS

**Ms Sekai Furaha-Joy Saungweme**

*Legal Researcher/Practitioner, Zimbabwe*

### ANNOUNCEMENT

**Next Conference:**

**Theme:**

**Host:**

**Date:**

**Partner Institutions:**

3rd International Conference on the Right to Development  
 The right to development and natural resource ownership  
 Free State Centre for Human Rights, University of the Free State-  
 Main Campus, Bloemfontein  
 14 – 16 August 2019 (Tentative)  
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