

The African human rights system @ 30: Taking stock, moving forward
Friday, 7 October 2016

Reflections on the work of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, 09.00-09.30

Chair: Frans Viljoen

Bahame Tom Nyanduga, chairperson, Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance, Tanzania, former member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, 2003-2009

Reconciling women's rights and culture, 09.30-10.45

Chair: Michelo Hansungule

Reconciling cultural practices with sexual rights
Pachalo Nomsa Mwenelupembe, Malawi

Protection of rights of women in Tanzania: Challenges and prospects of implementing the Maputo Protocol
Hilda Tizeba, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

The African Women's Protocol and the right to life for older persons: When older women are called witches and murdered
Simon Ngalomba, University of Dar es Salaam, and Paul Harpur, University of Queensland

Religion, culture and the realization of women's rights in Africa
Olanike Adelakun-Odewale, University of Pretoria

Interpreting the African Charter and Maputo Protocol, 10.45-12.00

Chair: Magnus Killander

Rewriting the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights based on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: A critique
Abdi Jibril Ali, Addis Ababa University

The right to dignified life and ESCR adjudication under the African Commission's General Comment No 3: a legal theory perspective
Paul Ogendi, University of Pretoria

Evaluating the trends in the jurisprudence of the African Commission regarding evidence obtained through human rights violations: a need for reform?
Robert Doya Nanima, University of the Western Cape

The creation of a human rights institution at the African Union level to oversee the implementation of the Maputo Protocol
Ashwanee Budoo, University of Pretoria

Lunch / information session on master's programme in human rights and democratization in Africa, 12.00-13.30

Impact of the African human rights system, 13.30-15.00

Chair: Victor Ayeni

Focus on impact in the institutional evolution and development of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, 1987-2016
Japhet Biegon, Amnesty International, Kenya

30 years of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights: Challenges, progress and prospects for Portuguese speaking African countries
Emerson Lopes, lawyer, Maputo Mozambique

Protecting women human rights defenders, achieving women's rights: An analysis of the necessity for national legislation
Camile Cortez, attorney, Brazil, and Lauren Nel, attorney, Johannesburg

La protection juridique des talibès au Sénégal
Abdou Khadre Diop, Université de Bordeaux

Conflict resolution and accountability, 15.00-16.00

Chair: Bahame Tom Nyanduga

Implications of the immunity clause for senior government officials on conflict resolution in Africa: The case of South Sudan and lessons from Habré's case
Ndubisi Christian Ani, Institute for Security Studies, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Too little too late: The role of the African Union in ensuring peace in South Sudan
Jane Patricia Bako, Uganda Christian University

Article 22 of the African Charter: a way forward to repair historical wrongs in the Mauritian context
Didier Michel, University of Mauritius

Closing remarks, 16.00-16.30

Chair: Frans Viljoen

Mumba Malila, Judge of the Supreme Court of Zambia, former member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (2005-2015)