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The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, is both an academic department and a non-governmental organisation.

The Centre was established in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, in 1986, as part of domestic efforts against the apartheid system of the time.

The Centre for Human Rights works towards human rights education in Africa, a greater awareness of human rights, the wide dissemination of publications on human rights in Africa, and the improvement of the rights of women, people living with HIV, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, sexual minorities and other disadvantaged or marginalised persons or groups across the continent.

Over the years, the Centre has positioned itself in an unmatched network of practising and academic lawyers, national and international 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.

Today, a wide network of Centre alumni contribute in numerous ways to the advancement and strengthening of human rights and democracy all over the Africa continent, and even further afield.

In 2006, the Centre for Human Rights was awarded the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education, with particular recognition for the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition and the LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa. In 2012, the Centre for Human Rights was awarded the 2012 African Union Human Rights Prize.

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THE CENTRE WAS FORTUNATE
TO ENJOY AN EXCELLENT WORKING
RELATIONSHIP WITH A NUMBER
OF THE SPECIAL MECHANISMS OF
THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON
HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

2015 was another full and fulfilling year



**Prof Frans Viljoen, Director,
Centre for Human Rights**

The year 2015 was another full and fulfilling year at the Centre for Human Rights.

IDLU and ICLA

The Centre comprises a core and two 'satellites'. The one is the International Development Law Unit (IDLU) which operates as part of the Centre. The Centre was very fortunate to welcome back Prof Danny Bradlow in 2015, as head of this Unit. He also holds the SARChI Chair on International Development Law and African Economic Relations in Africa.

The Centre also continued to support the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA), which is also organically linked to the Centre. Through its Unlawful Killings Unit, the Centre supported the work of the UN

Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, Prof Christof Heyns.

Academic highlights

On the academic front, the highlight certainly was the ten doctoral degrees awarded to candidates registered in the Centre.

This record number reflects one of the Centre's aims, which is to contribute to the academic discourse and academic capacity in Africa. The Centre further runs four Master's programmes, of which the LLM/MPhil in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa has been in place the longest, with 455 alumni across the continent. It also has had the widest reach and deepest impact on the continent and beyond, with chief justices, cabinet members, deans of law faculties, and chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies, counted among its graduates

– alongside many others making a difference in their professional engagement with life on the continent. It gave us great joy when David Padilla was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Pretoria on 10 December 2015, in recognition of his selfless career in service of human rights in the Americas and beyond.

Moot court competitions

For good reasons, the Centre is often associated with 'moot courts'. As has been the case in the last few years, the Centre was the main organiser of three Moot Court Competitions in 2015 – the Nelson Mandela World Moot Court Competition, the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition and the African Disability Rights Moot Court Competition. The African Moot Court Competition, which was held in Lusaka, Zambia, provided a memorable moment when Zambia's Independence President, Kenneth Kaunda, arrived at the final round and personally greeted all the participants.

Thematic activities

The Centre strengthened its activities on numerous thematic issues of concern to Africa and Africans. The Business and Human Rights Unit became the secretariat for the African Coalition for Corporate Accountability (ACCA). The Disability Rights Unit continued its ground-breaking work in research, advocacy and publications on the rights of persons with disabilities in an African context.

Special mechanisms

As in the past, the Centre was fortunate to enjoy an excellent working relationship with a number of the special mechanisms of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. The Centre's Gender Unit continued its work in support of the Commission's Special Rapporteur on Women's Rights, by training

government officials for state reporting and preparing a general comment and thematic report on child marriage.

The Centre also continued its support of the African Commission's Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information, by facilitating country visits to advocate for the adoption of national legislation in line with the Commission's Model Law on Access to Information.

The Business and Human Rights Unit supported the mandate of the Working Group on Extractive Industries and Human Rights, by facilitating sub-regional consultations. The Centre further presented one of its short courses in collaboration with the Working Group on Indigenous Communities.

Advocacy, research and publications

Combining the advocacy, research and dissemination of publications objective of the Centre, it organised a Colloquium on Soft Law, with a focus on the Model Law on Access to Information.

Eritrea

The Centre is also supporting one of its doctoral candidates, Ms Sheila Keetharuth, who holds the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights Situation in Eritrea, and is a member of the UN Human Rights Council's Commission of Inquiry on Eritrea.

Training and awareness-raising

The Centre's aims of broadening human rights training and awareness-raising is accomplished through a series of advanced short courses presented on a variety of topics. Among the many thematic concerns covered, the course on sexual minority rights, indigenous peoples'

rights and disability rights stand out as making singular and unique contributions to human rights training on the continent.

Partnerships

Much of the Centre's work involves engagement at the regional and global levels. We treasure and are dependent on our international partnerships, in particular with other law schools around the continent, and universities in Belgium

Research outputs

A significant number of research outputs emanated from Centre staff, and were published by the Pretoria University Law Press.

Thanks

The Centre is proud of its small and dedicated staff, who do great things with great aplomb.

In 2015, one of the Centre stalwarts, Dr Martin Nsibirwa, left us after 15 years of dedicated and much appreciated service.

We thank all our many collaborators, and supporters – including those who provide resources to turn the ideals and ideas into concrete projects and activities.

We aim to build on the achievements in 2015 to make 2016, the year in which the Centre celebrates 30 years since its establishment, even more memorable in the pursuit to improve the promotion and protection of human rights on our continent.

Prof Frans Viljoen

Director, Centre for Human Rights



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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

LLD, LLM and MPhil degree programmes

LLD/DPhil Programme

More than thirty students were registered for the LLD (Human Rights) in the Centre, under the supervision (or co-supervision) of Professors Christof Heyns, Erika de Wet, Frans Viljoen, Michelo Hansungule, Charles Fombad, Charles Ngwena and Magnus Killander. Monthly doctoral meetings were held, at which doctoral candidates present their work in progress.

In 2015, ten candidates completed their studies and graduated: Willem Gravett (South Africa), Thompson Chengeta (Zimbabwe), Azubike Onuora-Oguno (Nigeria), Romola Adeola (Nigeria), Enga Kameni (Cameroon), Mkhululi Nyathi (Zimbabwe), Faith Kabata (Kenya), Jimcall Pfumorodze (Botswana), Patricia Achan (Uganda) and Gift Manyatera (Zimbabwe).

LLM/MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa)(HRDA)

In 2015, non-law students were admitted to the programme for the second year. In total twenty-nine students from 17 African countries and 2 European countries were admitted to the HRDA in 2015. There were 15 women and 14 men.

Students spent a successful first semester at the University of Pretoria. During the first semester the students attended classes, visited the Constitutional Court and wrote a shadow judgment that formed part of their grading. The class was divided into small groups for study visits, with groups going to Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Venda and Zimbabwe. At these destinations students undertook research on various issues dealing with human rights or democracy. Some of the topics which they investigated dealt with protection of human rights defenders, traditional leadership, women's rights and elections.

During the first semester the class participated in the Centre's Human rights Clinics. The Human Rights Clinics dealt with: women's rights, communications (to the African Commission,

African Children's Rights Committee, African Human Rights Court and sub-regional Courts), human rights advocacy, access to information, disability rights, filming of a documentary, extrajudicial executions, state reporting, access to medicines and HIV.

For purposes of placement in the second semester, the class was divided into groups of between two to three students each. Each group was then sent to spend a semester at one of the twelve partner universities.

Twenty-seven students graduated on 10 December 2015. Prof Damalie Naggita-Musoke, the Principal of the School of Law, Makerere University, Uganda, and Chair of the Council of Directors (2015) delivered an address on behalf of the Council of Directors of the HRDA programme. Dr Geraldine Reymenants, the General Representative of the Government of Flanders (a principal donor of the HRDA programme) addressed the students about the challenges that exist for human rights defenders in the current global landscape.

An honorary doctorate was also awarded to Prof David Padilla, international civil servant, academic and human rights defender.

The partner universities involved in the HRDA are: Université d'Abomey Calavi (Benin), Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), American University in Cairo (Egypt), Catholic University of Central Africa (Cameroon), Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique), Université Gaston Berger de Saint Louis (Senegal), University of Ghana (Ghana), University of Lagos (Nigeria), Makerere University, University of Mauritius (Mauritius), University of Venda (South Africa) and the University of the Western Cape (South Africa).

The HRDA Alumni Association is now fully operational with a database of HRDA graduates.

The Master's programme received generous financial support from the following funders: European Union (main funder), Deutscher

Visiting Professor Rebecca Cook,
from the University of
Toronto, Canada



Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), the Royal government of the Netherlands and the Royal Norwegian government through their Embassies in Pretoria.

LLM/MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights)

This course is offered on a part-time basis to accommodate people who are working full-time. During 2015 six students graduated.

LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa)

This programme is presented at the Centre every second year. During 2015 the programme was presented at the University of Pretoria and 23 students began their studies in July.

The Centre has established an LLM in Trade and Investment Alumni Network, an alumni data-base and an alumni newsletter. An effort is being made on getting all the mini-dissertations converted into publishable articles.

The LLM programme was financially supported by ABSA and the National Research Foundation.

LLM/MPhil (Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa)

In 2015, the Centre instituted its first on-line Master's programme, the LLM/MPhil (Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa). The programme is delivered on-line, as well as through in-class block weeks. Nine students have completed the first year, and are scheduled to complete the degree in 2016.

The LLM/MPhil is funded by Open Society Foundations (OSF) and an anonymous donor.

Visiting Professor

The Centre was very fortunate to be hosting the renowned visiting scholar Prof Rebecca Cook under the University of Pretoria Visiting Professors Programme. Prof Cook is Professor Emerita and Co-Director of the International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Programme at the University of Toronto in Canada. Prof Cook lectured on three of the Centre's Master's programmes: LLM/MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa), LLM/MPhil (Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa) and the LLM/MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights).



COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ON THE HRDA PROGRAMME IN 2015

BOTSWANA	1
BURKINA FASO	1
BURUNDI	1
ETHIOPIA	2
FRANCE	1
GERMANY	1
GHANA	1
KENYA	4
LESOTHO	1
MALAWI	2
NIGERIA	3
SENEGAL	1
SOMALIA	1
SOUTH AFRICA	3
TANZANIA	1
UGANDA	2
UKRAINE	1
ZAMBIA	1
ZIMBABWE	1

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RESEARCH & POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

Research outputs and fellows

In 2015, members of the Centre published numerous articles in accredited journals, wrote chapters in books, and presented papers at conferences. Monthly research meetings were held at which Centre researchers presented their research-in-progress. The following research results were reported to the Department of Higher Education (DHET):

Books

Allain J, *The Law and Slavery: Prohibiting Human Exploitation*, The Netherlands, Leiden, Brill. 635 pp.

Chapters in books

Fombad CM, Managing legal diversity: Cameroonian bijuralism at a critical crossroads in V. Palmer & M. Matter & A. Koppel (eds.), *Mixed Legal Systems, East and West*, United Kingdom, Farnham: Ashgate Publishing Ltd, 101 – 122.

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Dugard CJR, Abdul Koroma, territorial integrity and the Kosovo opinion in C. Jalloh & O. Elias (eds.), *Shielding humanity: Essays in international law in honour of Judge Abdul G Koroma*, The Netherlands, Leiden: Koninklijke Brill, 50 – 60.

Hansungule M, International law cannot protect the African environment in R. Dunbar-Ortiz & D. Sambo Dorough & G. Alfredsson & L. Swepston (eds.), *Indigenous peoples' rights in international law: Emergence and application*, Denmark, Kautokeino & Copenhagen, Norway: Galdu & IWGIA, 392 – 419.

Allain J, Property in persons: Prohibiting contemporary slavery as a human right in J. Allain (ed.), *Property and human rights in a global context*, United Kingdom, Oxford: Hart Publishing, 93 – 120.

D'Orsi C, La Peregrination du migrant: L'espoir constraint in G. Goodwin-Gill (ed.), *Migration and refugee protection in the 21st century: International legal aspects*, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 51 – 119.

Kuwali D, Acquisition of autonomy: Application of the right of self-determination in Africa in *Self-determination and secession in Africa: The post-colonial state United Kingdom*, Oxon, 20 – 38.

Journal articles

Fombad CM, Conceptualising a framework for inclusive, fair and robust multiparty democracy in Africa: The constitutionalisation of the rights of political parties *Verfassung und Recht in Ubersee/Law and politics in Africa, Asia and Latin America*, 48, 1 – 95

Burbano-Herrera C, Viljoen FJ, Danger and fear in prison. Protecting the most vulnerable person in Africa and the Americas by regional human rights bodies through interim measures. *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights*, 33 (2), 163 - 193.

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Ngwena CG, Ethical and legal issues in reproductive health: Human rights advances in women's reproductive health in Africa, *International Journal Of Gynecology & Obstetrics*, 129, 184 – 187.

Killander UM, Human rights developments in the African Union in 2014, *African Human Rights Law Journal*, 15 (2), 537 – 559.

Killander UM, Nyathi M, Accountability for the Gukurahundi atrocities in Zimbabwe thirty years on: Prospects and challenges, *Comparative and International Law Journal of Southern Africa*, 48 (3), 463 – 488.

Stein MA, Peacebuilding and reintegrating ex combatants with disabilities, *International Journal of Human Rights*, 19 (3), 277 – 292.

Stein MA, Integrating the Internet, *George Washington Law Review*, 83 (2), February, 449 – 497.

Ngwena CG, Taking women's rights seriously: Using human rights to require state implementation of domestic abortion laws in African countries with reference to Uganda, *Journal of African Law*, November, 1 – 31.

Stein MA, Credit scores, lending and psychosocial disability, *Boston University Law Review*, 95 (6), December, 1807 – 1868.

Beredugo AJ, Viljoen FJ Towards a greater role and enhanced effectiveness of national human rights commissions in advancing the domestic implementation of socio-economic rights: Nigeria, South Africa and Uganda as case studies, *Comparative and International Law Journal of Southern Africa*, 48 (3), 401 – 430.

Post-doctoral fellows

In 2015, the Centre hosted three post-doctoral fellows: Dr Cristiano D'Orsi, working under the mentorship of Prof Michelo Hansungule; Dr Kristi Kenyon, working under the mentorship of Prof Frans Viljoen and Dr Olufemi Soyeju, working under the mentorship of Prof Danny Bradlow, who also coordinates the LLM (Trade and Investment Law in Africa).



Prof Charles Ngwena, Disability Rights Conference, November 2015

CENTRE PROJECTS

Moot court competitions, short courses, research units & other projects

Annual African Human Rights Moot Court Competition

The African Human Rights Moot Court Competition (African Moot) is the largest annual gathering of African law faculties and one of the most important human rights educational initiatives in Africa. Established in 1992, the moot has brought together teams from 142 universities, representing 49 African countries. In 2015 the Moot was held at the University of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia.

After two days of preliminary rounds, the top teams from each of the language groups are selected for the final round and re-constituted into two teams. The finalists were Université de Kinshasa, DRC and University of Pretoria, South Africa for the applicant and University Gaston Berger, Senegal and University of Nairobi, Kenya for the respondent. The team arguing for the respondent won the competition.

The Centre-based part of the Moot Court Competition was financially supported by the European Union (EU).

For more information, please visit www.chr.up.ac.za/moot





The Schools Moot aims to foster practical skills in aspirant lawyers, achieving this aim by facilitating a nationwide, high school level moot court competition on an annual basis.

National Schools Moot Court Competition

The National Schools Moot Court Competition (Schools Moot) is a project of the Centre. Other major stakeholders in the initiative include the Department of Justice and Correctional Services, the Department of Basic Education, the Foundation for Human Rights, the Constitutional Literacy and Service Initiative, the Constitution Hill Education Project and the South African Human Rights Commission. The Schools Moot aims to foster practical skills in aspirant lawyers, achieving this aim by facilitating a nationwide, high school level moot court competition on an annual basis.

Participating learners are provided with a hypothetical set of facts that concern a Constitutional and Human Rights law issue, with this year's 'problem' relating to the right to freedom of expression. The learners must subsequently formulate a legal argument based on these facts and orally argue this through various elimination rounds. The top teams went to The Hague to compete in an international competition, with one of the teams from South Africa winning the competition.

For more information, please visit www.schoolsmoot.co.za



Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition

The Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition (World Moot) was once again held in Geneva, Switzerland, at the seat of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Universities from all over the world participated. The competition was won by the University of São Paulo, Brazil.

The financial assistance of the following donors is gratefully acknowledged: the Permanent Mission of the Swiss Federation to the United Nations at Geneva, the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations at Geneva and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (Regional Office for Southern Africa).

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African Disability Rights Moot Court Competition

The third African Disability Rights Moot Court Competition (Disability Rights Moot) was held in November. The following universities sent teams to the competition: University of Botswana; University of Malawi; Midlands State University (Zimbabwe); University of Zambia and the University of Namibia. The University of Zambia and Midlands State University proceeded to the final round, and Midlands State University was the overall winner of the competition. The final round judges were: Prof Luke Clements (Cardiff University); Prof Bob Dinerstein (Washington College of Law); Ms Yvonne Dausab (University of Namibia); Justice Monica Mbaru (High Court of Kenya).

The African Disability Rights Moot Court Competition is funded by Open Society Foundations (OSF).



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Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC)

The Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC) are a series of advanced short courses aimed at senior government officials, legal practitioners, managers and staff of human rights institutions, NGOs, intergovernmental organisations, academics and other interested parties from South Africa, Africa and the rest of the world. These courses have attracted significant participation from decision-makers from across Africa, and lecturers who are internationally recognised as leaders in their field.



During 2015 the following courses were presented: Sexual minority rights (February); Disability rights in an African context (March); Judicial enforcement of socio-economic rights (May); Civil society law in Africa (June); Police oversight and accountability in Africa (July); Children's rights in Africa (July); Right to development (August); Indigenous peoples' rights (September); African human rights in comparative perspectives (October) and Gender inequality: rights, roles and responsibilities (November)

All courses covered the main principles relating to the respective fields they address, but seen from a specifically African perspective, focusing on issues of relevance for the continent.

During 2015, over 400 participants attended AHRC courses. Although participants were mainly from Africa, a number of participants came from Europe, Asia and the USA.

Several partnerships formed with various institutions were strengthened. These partners include the Institute for Human Rights Law, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium; University of Antwerp, Belgium; Ghent University, Belgium; Sonke Gender Justice Network (SA); Save the Children International; the International Centre for Not-For-Profit Law (USA) and the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF).

The short courses have impacted on participants' ability to manage, teach and transfer knowledge to others within their organisations, thereby broadening human rights education and knowledge on the African continent.

AHRC was funded by the Government of Flanders; the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo; Irish Aid (through Sonke Gender Justice Network); Open Society Foundations; IWGIA; and Save the Children International (Children's Rights in Africa).



Participants of the 'Right to development in Africa'
advanced human rights short course.

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(AHRC)
DURING 2015

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING THE ADVANCED HUMAN RIGHTS COURSES (AHRC) DURING 2015

SEXUAL MINORITY RIGHTS 9 - 13 FEBRUARY 2015		55
DISABILITY RIGHTS IN AN AFRICAN CONTEXT 9 - 14 MARCH 2015		48
JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC RIGHTS 11 - 15 MAY 2015		43
CIVIL SOCIETY LAW IN AFRICA 8 - 12 JUNE 2015		48
POLICE OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY IN AFRICA 13 - 17 JULY 2015		38
CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN AFRICA 27 - 31 JULY 2015		54
THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA 24 - 28 AUGUST 2015		24
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS 14 - 18 SEPTEMBER 2015		34
AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES 19 - 23 OCTOBER 2015		38
CHALLENGING GENDER INEQUALITY: RIGHTS, ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES 2 - 6 NOVEMBER 2015		35

Disability Rights Unit

Disability Rights Law Schools Project

The Centre partners with the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) to contribute to and monitor the Disability Rights Law Schools Project in Southern Africa. The project aims to introduce the teaching of disability rights/law courses in Southern African law schools. The following law schools are part of this project: University of Botswana; University of Dodoma (Tanzania); University of Namibia; Midlands State University (Zimbabwe); Chancellor College (Malawi); University of Zambia; Makerere University (Uganda); and the University of Nairobi (Kenya). In 2015, a core curriculum to for the teaching of a disability rights undergraduate course was finalised.

Disability Rights Research and Training

The Disability Rights Unit also conducted various research projects. The Unit was commissioned by the Foundation for Human Rights (FHR), in partnership with the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DoJ and CD)

under its Socio-Economic Justice for All (SEJA) programme, to embark on a research project to compile a gap-analysis report to be submitted to the those two bodies (FHR, DoJ). The findings of this study were presented to the FHR and about 30 government bodies at a conference on 16 November 2015. This project was undertaken in collaboration with the Centre for Child Law and the Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, involving a number of Faculty staff members (Dr Ilze Grobbelaar-du Plessis, Prof Van Eck, Dr Philip Stevens, Prof Anton Kok, Prof Ann Skelton, Ms Zita Hansungule, Prof Christo Botha, Ms Innocentia Mgijima, Prof Bernard Bekink, Mr Jehoshaphat Njau, Prof Birgit Kuschke, Prof Annelize Nienaber, Prof Magdaleen Swanepoel, Prof Serges Kamga and Prof Charles Ngwena).

The Unit, in collaboration with Africa Disability Alliance, conducted a five-day training course on disability mainstreaming and implementation of the Continental Plan of Action on the African Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2010-2019) for senior government officials of African Union Member States.



Annual Disability Rights Conference



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Annual Disability Rights Conference and launch of African Disability Rights Yearbook

On 3 and 4 November 2015, the Centre hosted an academic conference on disability rights with a focus on the effective implementation of the rights of children and youth with disabilities in Africa. Thirty-one papers were delivered at the conference, on a diverse range of issues including the right to education, the right to work and employment, political participation and empowerment, right to legal capacity, access to healthcare and other services, sexuality, sexual and reproductive health of youth with disabilities, freedom from violence and abuse and access to justice. The conference drew 80 participants from at 15 countries: persons with disabilities, their families, academics, civil society groups as well as advocates for disability law reform, lawyers, policy makers and others. Conference presenters were drawn from diverse backgrounds including academics, practitioners, advocates and policy makers from around the world. The 2015 issue of the African Disability Rights Yearbook was launched as part of the Conference.

Disability Rights Scholarship Programme

The Centre for Human Rights was requested to provide consulting services and arrange for interviews to aid the Disability Rights Scholarship Programme (DRSP) of the Open Society Institute for the second year running. This involved receiving and screening applications, arranging for interviews to take place in Pretoria, South Africa, including all the logistics in that process and organising travel arrangements for the successful grantees to Turkey for a summer school.

Thirty applications were received and 13 of these were selected to attend interviews. From these, 8 finalists were selected to attend the Summer School in Turkey and then for the LLM Disability Rights Programme at different universities in the UK, USA and Canada.

The Disability Rights Unit is funded by Open Society Foundations (OSF) and the Royal Norwegian government through its Embassy in Pretoria.



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Annual Disability Rights Conference

Freedom of Expression and Access to Information Unit

This unit, which works in close collaboration with the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa, Commissioner Pansy Tlakula, focuses mainly on research, advocacy, and training in support of the adoption and implementation of access to information (ATI) laws on the continent, as well for the decriminalisation of laws limiting freedom of expression in Africa.

In 2015, the Centre undertook several advocacy visits led by the Special Rapporteur to the Seychelles in January, Mauritius in April, Malawi in May, and Kenya in August. The purpose of these visits was to meet with government officials and other stakeholders, to advocate for the adoption of access to information laws in accordance with regional and international standards on access to information as embodied in the Model Law on Access to Information for Africa (Model Law).

These advocacy and implementation visits form part of a three-phase project funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) being implemented by the Centre for Human Rights on behalf of the Special Rapporteur. The second phase of the project, which most of these visits falls under, involves advocacy visits by the Special Rapporteur to 5 selected African countries with existing or proposed Bills on access to information, to meet with high-level government officials and encourage the speedy adoption of an access to information law, which conforms to the Model Law.

From 25 to 26 May 2015, at the request of the Seychelles Media Commission, the Unit supported a workshop for the development of an ATI law for Seychelles, in Victoria, Seychelles.

In the third phase of the project, visits are conducted to 5 selected African States with existing laws on access to information to build the capacity of government departments, civil society and ATI oversight mechanisms, to implementation of the respective ATI laws. Thus, in October 2015, the Unit also undertook a mission to Nigeria to meet with government officials, civil society and other stakeholders, to encourage the implementation of the Nigerian Freedom of Information Act of 2011.

On 9 December 2015, the Centre hosted a conference on 'Soft Law and Human Rights: The Impact of the Model Law on Access to Information for Africa', on the campus of the University of Pretoria. The conference brought together participants from across all sub-regions of Africa and included: academics, students, civil society actors and a variety of public officials. Its aim was to shed light on the successes of the Model Law in influencing the adoption and implementation of access to information laws across Africa. The Model Law was developed by the Centre for Human Rights, under the auspices of the Special Rapporteur, and was adopted by the African Commission in February 2013.

The Freedom of Expression and Access to Information Unit is funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF), Foundation Open Society Institute (FOSI) and the Royal Norwegian government through its Embassy in Pretoria.



Norway's Ambassador to South Africa, Trine Skymoen, at the Conference on the Model Law on Access to Information in Africa.



Prof Frans Viljoen at the Conference on the Model Law on Access to Information in Africa.

Colloquium on Soft Law and the Impact of the Model Law on Access to Information in Africa

On Wednesday 9 December 2015, the Centre for Human Rights hosted a conference on 'Soft Law and Human Rights: The Impact of the Model Law on Access to Information for Africa', at the Senate Hall of the University of Pretoria.

The conference brought together participants from across all sub-regions of Africa which included: academics, students, civil society actors and a variety of public officials. The Model Law was developed as part of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa (Special Rapporteur), Advocate Pansy Tlakula, and was adopted by the African Commission in February 2013.

The discussions in the first part of the conference centred around the development of

the Model Law and the impact of the advocacy by the Special Rapporteur to encourage the use of the Model Law in the development and amendment of access to information laws by African Union Member States in Kenya, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique and Sudan. In 2010, when the process of the development of the Model Law began, only 5 AU Member States had adopted access to information laws. By 2015, 17 had adopted laws.

The conference also shared experiences on the implementation of constitutional provisions and laws on access to information in Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda and Zimbabwe. Finally, the legitimacy of soft law within African Union frameworks was explored, with reference to the Resolutions and General Comments of the African Commission, as well as other Model Laws adopted by the African Union Commission on International Law.

The Colloquium was funded by the Royal Norwegian government through its Embassy in Pretoria.



Impact of the Model Law on Access to Information for Africa

9 December
Senate
University of Pretoria

Presented by
Maxwell Kadiri
Open Society Justice Initiative



Maxwell Kadiri (Open Society Justice Initiative), a participant at the Conference: Soft Law and Human Rights: The Impact of the Model Law on Access to Information for Africa

Gender Unit

The Gender Unit aims mainly to promote implementation of the African Women's Rights Protocol (Protocol) towards improving the realisation of women's human rights in Africa. The Unit does so primarily by supporting the work of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (SRRWA), which is a special mechanism of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR).

Katy Hindle, the manager of our Gender Unit has been very active in 2015 and attended a number of conferences, workshops and seminars, where she in some cases also presented papers, including:

- A campaign partner meeting of a coalition of 33 CSOs from across South Africa advocating for a fully costed, inclusive, multi-sectoral National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence (NSPGBV).
- Annual meeting of the Solidarity for African Women's Rights coalition, of which CHR is a member, in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Experts' Meeting Concerning Child Marriage General Comment, Addis Ababa 8 - 9 April 2015
- The 2015 HERS SA Academy in Cape Town. HERS SA is an organisation that works to address the need for gender equity in higher education, principally through training and empowerment programmes aimed at developing the leadership potential of women in higher education.
- Women's Conference of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), held on 12 and 13 October at the PAP in Midrand. The theme of this year's conference was "2015: Year of Women's Empowerment and development towards Africa's Agenda 2063: from Dialogue to Action - the Role of PAP Women in Parliaments" and the conference focused on some of the frameworks and levers for empowering women in Africa.

- Colloquium on the role of national human rights institutions (NHRI's) in advancing sexual and reproductive rights (SRHR) in the SADC region. The colloquium was organised by the Dullah Omar Institute and brought together academics, CBO's and NGO's to discuss recent regional developments and to consider the role of NHRI's in advancing the SRHR agenda in the SADC region.

Ms Hindle also travelled to Mombasa, Kenya where she was involved in drafting a request for an advisory opinion on the legal interpretation of article 6(d) of the Maputo Protocol and the state obligations arising therefrom.

Article 6(d) of the Maputo Protocol provides that every marriage must be "recorded in writing and registered in accordance with national laws, in order to be legally recognised." Although marriage registration requirements are an important and appropriate mechanism for safeguarding equal rights in marriage, the failure to recognise unregistered marriages which are common throughout Africa can be unduly harsh in circumstances where parties are left without rights at dissolution of such a marriage, whether by death or divorce. Non-recognition strikes particularly at women, who are disproportionately dispossessed of property and tenure rights at dissolution and in this way, the effect of non-recognition is discriminatory.

The application, which directs the African Court to confirm that article 6(d) imposes an obligation on states parties to take legislative and other measures aimed at marriage registration, was submitted to the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in January 2016 and is likely to be heard later this year. The Centre for Human Rights will be one of three co-applicants, together with the Women's Legal Centre and Women Advocates Research and Documentation Centre (Nigeria).

The advisory opinion and a press release summarising key points are available at: <http://www.chr.up.ac.za/index.php/centre-news-a-events-2016/1571-centre-for-human-rights-partners-in-request-for-advisory-opinion-to-african-human-rights-court.html>.

The Gender Unit jointly hosted an experts' drafting meeting in Nairobi, Kenya which was aimed at developing a general comment on child marriage. The meeting was hosted in collaboration with Equality Now, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Commission) and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (African Committee of Experts). We have been working on a general comment on child marriage for most of 2015 but until now, the process has focused predominantly on interpreting article 6(b) of the Maputo Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa. In light of significant interest from those concerned with the protection of the rights of children in Africa,

the process has now been reshaped to enjoin custodians responsible for the rights of both women and children in Africa. As such, the scope of the general comment now relates also to provisions contained in article 21 of the African Children's Charter and the process is one which now includes direct involvement of the African Committee of Experts.

It is anticipated that the general comment will be adopted by both the African Commission and the African Committee of Experts in October 2016. If adopted, this will mark the first time that the two bodies will issue a joint general comment, which is significant not only in respect of consensus around norm development on the issue of child marriage but also in respect of strengthening collaboration between bodies in the African regional human rights system.

The Gender Unit is funded by the Royal Norwegian and Irish governments through their Embassies in Pretoria, as well as a donor that wishes to remain anonymous.



Capacity building workshop on state reporting on the Maputo Protocol, Rwanda, May 2015



#ChildNotBride

Human Rights Clinics

The Centre runs a number of Human Rights Clinics, each of which aims to contribute to legal developments pertaining to human rights in Africa. The work of the clinics include (i) the preparation and presentation of communications or cases to the African Commission, African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and sub-regional courts; (ii) preparation and submission of shadow/alternative reports to African and UN human rights treaty bodies; (iii) development and issuing of policy papers, press releases and other promotional tools; (iv) technical assistance to the African Commission Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Information and Access to Information; and (v) client support and policy papers on HIV and human rights in collaboration with the Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender at the University of Pretoria.

In a previous year, the Centre's Human Rights Clinics submitted a case to the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (African Committee of Experts). In 2015, the Committee made public its finding on this communication. This case deals with the conditions of some 100,000 children (called *talibés*) who, while attending Qur'anic schools in Senegal, are required to beg on the streets of Dakar and other urban centres, to secure their own survival. The case was submitted as far back as 2012 by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, and the NGO *la Rencontre Africaine pour la Defense des Droits de l'Homme (RADDHO)*, Senegal (*Centre for Human Rights and la Rencontre Africaine pour la Defense des Droits de l'Homme (on behalf of Senegales Talibés) v Senegal*, ACERWC, Comm/001/2012, 15 April 2014).



Decision on the talibés children case



UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea

UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Eritrea

This project aims to strengthen the capacity of the Centre in contributing to the academic discourse and concrete action regarding the situation of human rights in Eritrea with a view to bringing about better enjoyment of human rights in the country. In this regard, the Centre provides some support to the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea (Special Rapporteur) as she delivers independently on her mandate.

This involves primarily monitoring human rights developments in Eritrea, including maintaining an overview of human rights and political developments in the Horn of Africa, through daily desktop research. As information within Eritrea is very controlled and limited, it is necessary to keep abreast of other online news resources to keep abreast of the situation of human rights in Eritrea. The information derived is then documented in a database of improvements or progress made in relation to the situation of human rights in Eritrea.

Some students on the LL.M/M.Phil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) programme participated in the Eritrea Human Rights Clinic and provided some support to the Special Rapporteur, mainly in the form of research on the situation of human rights in Eritrea.



Ms Annalena Elisabeth Würz (Germany), Ms Nastasia Thebaud-Bouillon (France) and Ms Grace Mukulwamutiyo (Zambia) were awarded prizes at the 2015 HRDA Graduation Ceremony.

Business and Human Rights Unit

African Commission Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights

The Centre, together with the Working Group, has been awarded a research project by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as part of the ADRAS award scheme, to investigate and explore the impact of the extractive industries in Africa on the environment and human rights.

The Unit, together with the Institute for Human Rights and Business' office in Kenya, hosted a consultation for East Africa on behalf of the Working Group in Nairobi, Kenya, from 19 to 21 January 2015. The consultation brought together representatives from civil society, national human rights institutions, affected communities and role players from the extractive sector in East Africa for a three-day consultation focusing on challenges, best practices and the way forward in the sub-region.

The Working Group was represented by Commissioners Pacifique Manirakiza and Lawrence Mute, and Expert Members Clement Voule, Sheila Keetharuth and Eric Kassongo. The East Africa sub-regional consultation involved several panel presentations focusing on the different country contexts, and included views on Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, and Rwanda. Thematic issues that were discussed over the course of the sub-regional consultation included the role of national human rights institutions in promoting a human rights based approach to extractive industry governance, the accountability of state and non-state actors with regard to corporate human rights abuse, benefit-sharing practices, and the environmental impacts of extractive industries in East Africa.

A similar consultation was held in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo, focusing on the impacts of the extractive industries on Central Africa.

In addition to the above consultations held in support of the Working Group, the following papers were produced in 2015 as a result of this project:

- Policy papers on the impacts of the extractive industries on women and children;
- Academic article on climate change and the extractive industries; and
- Academic article on the implications of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights for the extractive industries.

National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights

The International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR), together with the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), developed a toolkit on the development of National Action Plans (NAPs) on business and human rights. The first step of the process is to do a national baseline assessment (NBA).

The Centre, together with the Khulumani Support Group, partnered with ICAR and the DIHR to develop a shadow NBA on business and human rights in South Africa with the guidance of the toolkit.

The partnership also organised and hosted a capacity-building exercise together with the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC). The focus of this exercise was business and human rights, and the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights more specifically.

UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

The UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights has developed a guiding document on the implementation of National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights. Together with a coalition of organisations that include the



Commissioner Pacifique Manirakiza at the East Africa consultation, Nairobi, Kenya

Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS), the Singapore Management University (SMU), the Asean-CSR Network, and independent consultants. The Centre for Human Rights hosted a consultation on the implementation-guiding document at the University of Pretoria. The consultation formed part of a series of two consultations whose aim was to gather perspectives and input from the Global South.

The Unit's work has been supported by the Australian government, as well as anonymous donors.

The African Coalition for Corporate Accountability (ACCA)

The African Coalition for Corporate Accountability (ACCA) was formed in December 2013 in Accra, Ghana. It is a coalition of more than 90 organisations working on business and human rights issues in Africa, and consists of a membership that is both francophone and anglophone, and is spread out across the continent. The Centre agreed to host the first full-time Coordinator for ACCA, who joined our staff in July 2015.

The ACCA is financially supported by donors who wish to remain anonymous.



Central Africa consultation on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights, Lubumbashi, DRC

Helen Kanzira Memorial Lecture

The Centre for Human Rights instituted this annual lecture to focus attention on maternal health issues in Africa and to underscore the maternal health crisis across the world, where 830 women die daily from preventable child birth complications. On 15 November 2015, this Lecture was held in Kampala, Uganda, in conjunction with the School of Law, Makerere University. In Uganda, approximately 16 women die each day during child birth. This lecture was presented by Dr Olive Sentumbwe-Mugisa, a renowned obstetrician and gynaecologist.

Fostering Human Rights among European (External And Internal) Policies (FRAME)

FRAME brings together 19 universities and human rights institutes mainly from the European Union, Egypt, China, India, Peru, South Africa and the United States to investigate the role of the European Union in the protection of human rights. FRAME is a four-year project launched in 2013. The Centre for Human Rights participates in six work packages dealing with challenges and factors; underlying conceptions; institutions and instruments; engagement with multilateral organisations; bilateral cooperation; and development and trade).



Dr Olive Sentumbwe-Mugisa, expert on reproductive and maternal health



Adv Thuli Madonsela, Public Protector, South Africa

Colloquium on the Powers of the Public Protector

On 4 February 2015, the Centre and the Law Society of South Africa hosted a colloquium titled *"Quo Vadis Public Protector"* to discuss recent developments around the decisions of the South African Public Protector especially in light of a recent court judgment in which it was held that her decisions are not binding.

According to the judgment, the Public Protector's decisions are recommendations to government departments and officials.

The panelists were Mr John Jeffrey (South Africa's Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development), Advocate Thuli Madonsela (South Africa's Public Protector), Justice Zak Yacoob (retired judge of the South African Constitutional Court), Prof Mtende Mhango (Deputy Head of the School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand) and Mr Law Naidoo (Executive Secretary, Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution).



Justice Zak Jacob, retired judge of the South African Constitutional Court, at the “Quo Vadis Public Protector” colloquium

Unlawful Killings Unit

The Unlawful Killings Unit was established in 2014 to research the incidence of unlawful killings across the African continent, working within the Centre for Human Rights and the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa. Unlawful killings, in this context, are taken to include any killings that violate the right to life and hence are contrary to international law.

The Unit's work has three core elements: firstly to collate information and reporting from international governmental, non-governmental and media sources about such events, acting as a kind of clearing house for information on violations of the right to life; secondly to investigate the causes and constraints of the incidence of unlawful killing and to conduct research into mechanisms for better practice; and thirdly to engage other actors in the field, including the UN, the AU and other international human rights and governance organisations.

With the support of the Unit, which assisted in the drafting process, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights adopted the General Comment No. 3 during its 57th Ordinary Session held in November in Banjul, The Gambia.

The early drafting of the General Comment was conducted by one of the Commission's special mechanisms, the Working Group on the Death Penalty and Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings in Africa. This Working Group decided, in July 2014, to work towards the adoption of a General Comment on the right to life as recognised in article 4 of the African Charter, and approached the Unlawful Killings Unit of the Centre for Human Rights to provide technical assistance.

The full text of the General Comment can be accessed at <http://www.achpr.org/instruments/general-comments-right-to-life/>.

In the “General Comment” on the right to life, the Commission draws attention to the fact that: the right to life continues to apply during armed conflict, where (only in the conduct of hostilities) what amounts to an arbitrary killing is determined with reference to international humanitarian law that these standards should only be applied in situations of actual armed conflict, and not to other violent situations, such as internal disturbances or riots; and that law enforcement officials may only use potentially lethal force where absolutely necessary in order to protect another life, and States must provide as such in their domestic legislation providing a framework for the use of force.

The work of this Unit is supported by the Royal Norwegian government through its Embassy in Pretoria, as well as a donor that wishes to remain anonymous.

Other Activities

Members of the Centre served as consultants to many international and regional bodies and taught at numerous universities throughout the continent, the USA and Europe.

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PUBLICATIONS

Regular publications and the Pretoria University Law Press (PULP)



Regular Publications

The Centre has a strong focus on research and publications.

The Centre's regular publications include:

African Human Rights Law Journal (AHRLJ)

African Human Rights Law Journal, edited by Frans Viljoen, Magnus Killander, Annelize Nienaber, Solomon Ebobrah and Tshelo Madlingozi. During 2015 two volumes were published as on-line open-access publications. The Journal enjoys accredited status with the Department of Education and is included on the IBSS.

African Human Rights Law Reports (AHRLR)

The African Human Rights Law Reports contains legal decisions of relevance to human rights law in Africa. These include selected domestic decisions from the entire continent, as well as the decisions of the African Commission and Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, sub-regional courts and the United Nations treaty bodies, dealing with African countries. The Reports are fully indexed, to facilitate access and make research easy. The reports are used by both researchers and legal practitioners. The Reports are edited by Magnus Killander, Christof Heyns, Frans Viljoen and Michelo Hansungule.

The African Disability Rights Yearbook (ADRY)

The African Disability Rights Yearbook (ADRY) has appeared since 2013. The convening editor is Prof Charles Ngwena, with Prof Ilze Grobbelaar-du Plessis (University of Pretoria Dept of Public Law), Prof Helene Combrinck (University of the Western Cape) and Prof Serges Kamga (University of South Africa). Another issue of the ADRY appeared in 2015.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LAW UNIT (IDLU)

Promoting policy-oriented legal research on international development law topics

SARChI Chair on Development Law

The position of the SARChI Chair on Development Law has once again been filled by Prof Danny Bradlow. Dr Femi Soyaju was appointed as a post-doctoral fellow in the International Development Law Unit (IDLU) and oversaw ongoing academic activities of students in the LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa).

LLM in International Trade and Investment Law in Africa

The thirteenth group of students on the LLM in International Trade and Investment Law in Africa began their studies in July 2015.

The programme has 23 students from 13 countries including Lebanon. Lecturers have included staff members from the University of Pretoria, University of the Western Cape, as well as the law firms such as Bowman Gilfillan, DLA Piper, Chadbourne & Parke and Adams & Adams. International and local organisations also provided lecturers: the South African Institute of International Affairs, World Trade Organization, World Bank, World Intellectual Property Organization, International Labour Organization, Afreximbank, the Global Business Initiative on Human Rights, and an independent consultant.

The students have also visited the International Trade Administration Commission, the Competition Commission, ENS Africa, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and BMW Automobile Company. In the second semester, during the first half of 2016, the students will work on their mini-dissertations. In addition, some of them will do internships.



Capacity Building Workshop
on Tobacco Control



Students on the
LLM programme

Research Projects

During 2015, Prof Danny Bradlow began developing 2 research projects.

Global Economic Governance

The first is focused on global economic governance. The grant that IDLU had with SAIIA from DFID for work on global economic governance concluded in 2014. DFID held an international competitive bidding process for funding for a revised version of the global economic governance project. A consortium that included SAIIA and IDLU, was informed by DFID that they had won the contract.

Business and Human Rights

The second project is focused on business and human rights. This project is still being developed but the intention is to develop a project that includes both research and more practical components.

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Mr Norman Taku with students on the HRDA programme

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German Delegation's visit to the University of Pretoria



The Mayor of Tshwane Kgosientso Ramokgopa with the 2015 HRDA class

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