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The Centre for Human Rights is an internationally recognised university-based institution combining academic excellence and effective activism to advance human rights, particularly in Africa.

The Centre for Human Rights 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 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, 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 graduates 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 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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WITH 12
DOCTORAL CANDIDATES
GRADUATING IN 2017,
THE CENTRE SAW THE
LARGEST NUMBER OF DOCTORATES
COMPLETING THEIR STUDIES
IN ONE YEAR

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



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

In 2017, the Centre for Human Rights was privileged to continue its work towards advancing human rights in a broad African context

There was some consolidation, and improvement of internal governance, but there was also expansion and taking on new initiatives. It was a year of many highlights, some of which are highlighted below.

Academic highlights: Most doctorates ever

Functioning as an academic department in the Faculty of Law since 2007, the Centre for Human Rights has over a decade established itself as a place of academic excellence. With the NRF ratings of 4 colleagues reconfirmed in 2017, all but one of the Centre's 7 academics have a B or C rating. With 12 doctoral candidates graduating, the Centre saw the largest number of doctorates completing their studies in one year. In addition, 57 students graduated with Master's degrees. This number included the first 5 graduates of the LLM/MPhil in Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa, the Centre's first hybrid learning programme, delivered on-line as well as through in-class 'block weeks.'

Together with our colleagues in the Faculty of Law, and our many alumni, we celebrated the Faculty's ranking in 2017 by *Times Higher Education* as the 92nd best faculty of law in the world. In 2017, the University of Pretoria Senate in October approved the introduction of a two-year Master's degree programme in Disability Rights, to begin in 2019. Through our quality network of graduates, we hope to assist in forging future human rights scholars and activists, and experts ready to make Africa's voice heard in international fora on trade and investment.

SARChI Chair renewed

The South African Research Foundation Research Initiatives (SARChI) Chair on International Economic Law, Prof Danny Bradlow, in the International Development Law Unit (IDLU), is administratively located in the Centre. The Chair has in 2017 been renewed for a further five years. In 2017, it presented the LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) for the first time on a one-year basis.

Publications: PULP marks 175 publications

The Centre continued to edit 2 leading academic journals with a uniquely African focus, the *African Human Rights Law Journal* and the *African Disability Rights Yearbook*. In 2017, it added to the list the first volume of the *African Human Rights Yearbook*. The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child collaborate in a joint publication, which was edited by the Centre and published at the end of 2017, comprising 17 articles in English and French. The Pretoria University Law Press (PULP) published its 175th publication: *The Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: A Commentary*. Various HRDA alumni contributed to a book, *Protecting the human rights of sexual minorities in contemporary Africa*, which was edited by two alumni (Sylvie Namwase and Adrian Jjuuko) and published by PULP.

Observer status with AU and UN

Having been granted observer status in 2017 with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, the Centre is among a few African NGOs with observer status with both this Committee and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, as well as consultative status with the UN ECOSOC.

Activism and research-based advocacy: The Centre's 10 Units

The diversity and variety of work in the Centre has grown in the last few years. In 2017, the various entities have been formalised into 10

Units. As there were many highlights in each of the Unit's activities, only a few are highlighted here:

- The **Advocacy Unit** produced several videos to support campaigns, notably an award-winning video on human trafficking in North Africa; and a video about the case of Gabriel Shumba.
- The **Business and Human Rights Unit** continued hosting the secretariat of the African Coalition for Corporate Accountability (ACCA), a network of over 100 organisations.
- The **Children's Rights Unit** completed a multi-country study on the extent of implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child in 5 selected State Parties was completed.
- The **Democracy, Transparency and Digital Rights Unit** developed and presented the Centre's first massive open online course (MOOC) on the International and African Legal Framework on Freedom of Expression, Access to Information and the Safety of Journalists, in collaboration with UNESCO; and assisted in developing draft Guidelines on Access to Information and Elections, which were adopted by the African Commission in November 2017.
- The **Disability Rights Unit** hosted an African regional meeting on the rights of persons with albinism, with the participation of the UN Independent Expert on persons with albinism and organised its annual disability rights conference, on the theme of access to justice and legal capacity, and launched the travelling exhibition *I decide=I am*.

- The **Freedom from Violence Unit**, previously called 'Unlawful Killings Unit', worked with the African Commission on the right to life and efforts to abolish the death penalty in Africa.
- The **Litigation and Implementation Unit** prepared two cases for submission to international instances, and worked with international partners on tracking and analysing the domestic implementation of international decisions.
- The **Race and Common Citizenship Unit**, with Prof Charles Ngwena at the helm, was brought into being, aimed at developing and providing academic programmes on race; to promote and undertake research on race; contribute towards public debates on race; and to build capacity in teaching about race.
- The **Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) Unit**, in partnership with Iranti-org and SIPD-Uganda, convened a panel discussion on intersex person's human rights in Banjul, The Gambia, on the side-lines of the 61st ordinary session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.
- The **Women's Rights Unit** provided technical advice in Sierra Leone, and placed technical experts with the governments of Zambia and Lesotho to help these countries meet their state reporting obligations.



Internal Centre governance

Internal Centre governance has been enhanced. Due to the increase in projects and programmes, the management systems in the Centre have been adjusted, to provide for quarterly team meetings, to assess the past quarter and plan ahead for the year and beyond.

The year 2017 has a number of special features, reflected by a number of specific ad-hoc events:

- The Centre, together with Faculty of Law, and the Oliver & Adelaide Tambo Foundation, hosted two **Oliver Tambo Centenary Lectures**, with Justice Albie Sachs and Justice Dikgang Moseneke as keynote speakers.
- The Centre convened a **Round Table** under the theme 'African approaches to international law'.
- The Centre, together with the Nelson Mandela University, hosted a **Symposium on land, heritage and human rights**, dealing with land redistribution, grounded in the effective implementation of section 25 of the Constitution of South Africa.
- In the context of the SHUREA (Strengthening Human Rights Research and Education in Sub-Saharan Africa) programme, the Centre hosted the first **African Forum for Doctoral Research in Human Rights (AfriDoors)**, bringing together nearly 50 doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows and academics.
- In December 2017, the special graduation ceremony for the HRDA programme was preceded by a **week of activities** including:

- a one-day 'film festival' on African Cinema and Human Rights;
- a Panel discussion, with performance poetry and live painting titled 'Broken and Beautiful';
- a celebration of the human body, to commemorate International Human Rights Day;
- a one-day conference on the theme Threats to Democracy;
- a meeting of the Global Campus of Human Rights, a consortium of 7 regional Master's programmes in human rights and democratisation from Africa (HRDA), Europe, the Balkans, the Caucasus, the Arab world, as well as the Asia-Pacific and Latin American and Caribbean regions of the world;
- and a meeting of the 13 partners of the HRDA programme.



University of Pretoria
Pretoria,
South Africa

Global Campus Human Rights Week

Film screening and discussion
Global Campus meetings
HRDA Partner University meetings
Visual / performance art and panel discussion
Multi-disciplinary international conference
Unveiling of Oliver Tambo statue
Graduation of HRDA Master's degree students

4 - 9 December 2017





The real stars: Centre staff

There were many highlights in 2017. But, ultimately, the Centre for Human Rights is its people. At the end of 2017, we were fortunate to acknowledge and celebrate the award of long-service certificates to a number of Centre staff.

- Carole Viljoen, 25 years:**
Carole has been there from very close to the very start of the Centre in 1986. Like no one else in the Centre, she has seen the highlights and experienced the times of challenge. She is 'institutional memory' personified. Carole is the one and only 'office manager' the Centre has ever had! But, what an office manager! What a stalwart!
- Norman Taku, 20 years:**
Even before the 20 years started 'kicking in', Norman was already at the Centre, as a Moot Court participant, and as a student on the Master's programme predating the Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA). Norman has given amazing service to the Centre, in so many capacities, and for many years, now as Assistant Director. Among his many inspiring qualities are his legendary eloquence; his outstanding poetic motivational speeches; his caring and professional steering of younger colleagues; his thoughtful insight into the humanity of those around him; and his dogged and determined attention to details.
- Michelo Hansungule, 15 years:**
The most senior academic in the Centre, Professor Hansungule is one of the most respected facilitators, and listened-to voices on human rights in Africa. His ability to deal with a wide array of topics, in a great variety of settings, is astounding. He is ever willing to take on another assignment, such as making a presentation at short notice, or to support one of the Centre's Units when they deal with government officials or traditional leaders in a neighbouring or further-off country. His influence on a whole generation of doctoral students is beyond doubt.
- Magnus Killander, 15 years:**
Having come to the Centre as an intern, and tutor, in 2002, Magnus has become not only part of the furniture, but became the backbone of a plethora of Centre activities. His dedicated single-minded professionalism enabled him to move from tutor to doctor to associate professor and from 2018 to full professor. His turn-around time on tasks is the stuff of legend. Many Centre accomplishments are difficult to imagine without Magnus' manifold talents, whether as coordinator, teacher, commentator, author, editor, or critical yet constructive sounding board.



- **Sarita Pienaar-Erasmus, 15 years:** Sarita is a core part of the Centre's formidable financial team, who together keep us on the straight and narrow. Her attention to detail and her thorough professionalism not only impressed all who worked with her, but also improved the Centre's ability to report and plan ahead, and keep our operations on track.



- **Olufemi Oluyaju, 5 years:** The designation 'post-doctoral fellow' cannot capture the manifold ways in which Olufemi has made himself indispensable as Academic Coordinator of the International Trade and Investment Law in Africa programme. His determined dedication and selfless devotion to the task at hand, in particular acting as supervisor for 23 mini-dissertation students, leaves a deep impression as he leaves us.



- **Charles Fombad, 5 years:** While he has been longer at the University, Professor Charles Fombad has now been at the Centre 'satellite', the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA), for five years. Professor Fombad has established himself as an internationally recognised academic. While he mostly works at the periphery of the Centre, his reputation as one of Africa's foremost comparative constitutional thinkers has greatly enhanced the Centre's standing and influence.



- **Yusuf Sayaad, 5 years:** As the source of energy that holds the African Moot together, Yusuf displayed the skills and qualities indispensable to organising a successful Moot: pragmatism, the ability to think on his feet, be flexible, and to look with fresh and constructively questioning eyes at what has been established over many years. Add to this his other considerable talents, including fluency in French, being an excellent driver, and a perpetual willingness to reach out and assist others.



- **Sydney Mdhlope, 5 years:**

Sydney has endeared himself to all of us not only as a dependable member of the Pretoria University Law Press (PULP) team, but also as a Pillar of Support in almost all other Centre projects and programmes. His smile and his calming presence keep us grounded, and remind us of the core of what the Centre stands for: humanity, Ubuntu, concern for others, and thoughtfulness.



- **Lola Shyllon, 5 years:**

Lola is accomplished at balancing. Over the last few years, she often had to -- and did -- in the course of one day, manage to: keep the Special Rapporteur of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights happy; work on completing her doctorate (which she accomplished earlier in 2017); and thinking up new initiatives. She did all this with remarkable poise and professionalism.

Partnerships, alumni

None of what is contained in this report would have been possible without manifold collaborations and consistent support from our highly qualified and ever-excelling graduates, our HRDA partners, the partners on the advanced human rights courses, the funders, who are also partners, and the Faculty and University.

Thanks to one and all!

Frans Viljoen

Director, Centre for Human Rights



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

LLD, DPhil, LLM and MPhil degree programmes

Doctoral (LLD/DPhil) Programme

More than 50 students were registered for the LLD (on human rights-related topics) in the Centre, under the supervision (or co-supervision) of Professors Christof Heyns, Frans Viljoen, Michelo Hansungule, Charles Fombad, Charles Ngwena, Danny Bradlow and Magnus Killander. Monthly doctoral meetings were held, at which doctoral candidates present their work in progress.

In 2017, the following 12 candidates completed their studies and graduated with a doctoral degree (LLD or DPhil) (*doctorate student, nationality, title of thesis and supervisor*):

- Olorade Shyllon (Nigeria), 'The contribution of legal frameworks on access to information to socio-economic progress in Africa: Case studies of Nigeria, South Africa and Uganda'; supervisor: Prof Frans Viljoen
- Mumba Malila (Zambia), 'The place of individual duties in international human rights law: Perspectives from the African human rights system'; supervisor: Prof Christof Heyns
- Alabo Ozubide (Nigeria), 'Extraterritorial use of force against non-state actors and the transformation of the law of self-defence'; supervisor: Prof Christof Heyns
- Eric Morusoi (Kenya), 'The right to freedom of expression and its role in political transformation'; supervisor: Prof Charles Fombad
- Thompson Chengeta (Zimbabwe), 'The place of individuals' duties in international human rights law: Perspectives from the African human rights system'; supervisor: Prof Christof Heyns
- Olayinka Adeniyi (Nigeria), 'Legal protection of the girl child against child marriage in Nigeria'; supervisor Prof Michelo Hansungule
- Pius Imiera (Nigeria), 'Developing a legal framework for state compensation of crime

victims in Nigeria'; supervisor: Prof Magnus Killander

- Victor Lando (Kenya) 'The domestic effect of the East African Community's human rights practice'; supervisor: Prof Magnus Killander
- Mulenga Chipasha (Zambia), 'Foreign direct investment in the Zambian mining sector: The need for environmental protection and human rights'; supervisor: Prof Michelo Hansungule
- Emmanuel Okurut (Uganda), 'Preventing human rights violations by law enforcement during counter-terrorism operations in Kenya and Uganda'; supervisor: Prof Magnus Killander
- Umeh Chuma (Nigeria), 'Realising access to inclusive education for the hearing-impaired learner in Nigerian primary schools'; supervisor: Prof Chalres Ngwena
- Bright Nkrumah (Ghana), 'Mobilising for the realisation of the right to food in South Africa'; supervisor: Prof Magnus Killander

The doctoral graduates include alumni of the Centre's Master's programmes: Dr Victor Lando, Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa; Drs Chanet Smit and Bright Nkrumah, Multidisciplinary Human Rights. Dr Nkrumah was also the first DPhil graduate of the Centre for Human Rights (this degree is conferred to candidates whose undergraduate degree was not in the discipline of law).

Master's Programmes

At the end of 2017, 56 students graduated with Master's degrees:

- 27 students from the LLM/MPhil programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA)
- 23 students from the Trade and Investment Law in Africa (TILA) programme
- 1 from the Master's in Multidisciplinary Human Rights (MDHR) programme
- 5 from the Master's in Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa (SRRA) programme

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

In 2017, 27 students (13 women and 15 men) from 16 African countries graduated from the programme. A record 8 students graduated with distinction from the HRDA programme.

Students spent the first semester at the University of Pretoria and the second semester, in smaller groups of 2 or 3, at one of the 13 partner universities:

- Université d'Abomey Calavi (Benin)
- Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)
- Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique)
- Université Gaston Berger de Saint Louis (Senegal)
- University of Ghana
- Makerere University (Uganda)
- University of Mauritius
- University of Nairobi (Kenya)
- Catholic University of Central Africa (Cameroon)

- University of Lagos (Nigeria)
- University of Venda (South Africa)
- University of the Western Cape (South Africa)

Training on the HRDA programme is a blend of theory and practice, including field study in neighbouring countries. An intense programme, training on the HRDA programme includes expert knowledge and, especially, the development of research, writing, critical thinking and analytical skills.

Students graduated on 8 December 2017 in a special ceremony organised by the University of Pretoria to mark International Human Rights Day on 10 December. The ceremony was attended by representatives from all thirteen HRDA partner universities, as well as by the Chair ad partners of the Global Campus of Human Rights, the Secretary-General and members of the board of the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC).



Centre for Human Rights Graduation Ceremony 2017

The graduation ceremony was preceded on 7 December, by a one-day conference on the theme 'Threats to Democracy'. Speakers included representatives from the 6 other EU-funded regional Master's programmes in human rights and democratisation from Europe, South East Europe (the Balkans), the Caucasus, the Arab world, the Asia-Pacific and the Latin American and Caribbean regions of the world. Together with the Africa programme, the 7 programmes form a consortium called the Global Campus of Human Rights.

Prizes for HRDA 2017 students:

- **Nelson Mandela Prize** for best overall performance: Josephat Kilonzo (Kenya)
- **Keba M'Baye Prize** for best mini-dissertation: Tsion Woldu (Ethiopia)
- **Victor Dankwa Prize** for best student in African Human Rights: Stephen Buabeng-Baidoo (Ghana)

- **Ubuntu Prize** for the student who best captured the values of humanity: Richard Lusimbo (Uganda)

The prestigious annual Vera Chirwa Prize for outstanding achievement in furtherance of human rights and democracy was shared by Melanie Smuts (South Africa, 2012) for her Streetlight Schools in South Africa and Musu Bakoto Sawo (The Gambia, 2014) for her work with women and girls in the Gambia, especially against female genital mutilation.

Internships and other opportunities awarded to students in the Class of 2017, to be taken up in 2018:

- Teaching Fellow, Faculty of Law, University of The Gambia: Nyathi Nqobani (Zimbabwe)
- African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child: Kahbila Mbuton (Cameroon)

- African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights: Stephen Buabeng-Baidoo (Ghana)
- African Court on Human and Peoples Rights: Rotondwa Mashige (South Africa)
- Doctoral candidate and tutor, Centre for Human Rights: Trésor Muhindo (DRC)

Alumni:

By the end of 2017, the Alumni Association had 510 members from 38 countries. Two HRDA Chronicles – short videos of individual alumni – were produced, other success stories shared on Twitter and the HRDA now has a dedicated page on the Global Campus Alumni website. The *Alumni Diaries*, indicating achievements by HRDA alumni over the first 18 years of the programme, was published and launched in early 2018.

LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) (TILA)

Presented in alternating years at the University of Pretoria and the University of the Western Cape, the International Trade and Investment Law in Africa (TILA) programme was, for the first time, presented over one-year. During the first semester, students attend lectures and undertake field study tours. During the second semester, they write their mini-dissertations.

Twenty-three students graduated in 2017.

Prizes for these students:

- **Best student** in French as a Medium of Trade & Investment Negotiations: Sarah Oreoluwa Oluyaju (Nigeria)
- **Best academic performance** in the Module: International Trade Law: Ebinoluwa Finda Tengbe (Nigeria); and Temwa Mpho Kumwenda (Zambia) (shared)

- **Best academic performance** in the Module: International Investment and Business Law: Eva Akoth Biegon (Kenya)
- **Highest mark** in the mini-dissertation: Roselyne Stephen Kiluma (Kenya)

LLM/MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights) (MDHR)

This course is offered on a part-time basis, over two years, principally for students with full-time employment. During 2017, 16 students registered on the programme and one graduated.

LLM/MPhil (Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa) (SRRA)

The LLM/MPhil in Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa is the Centre's first hybrid learning programme, delivered on-line as well as through in-class 'block weeks.' The second cohort of students on the two-year Master's degree in Sexual and Reproductive Rights began their studies in 2017. This is the Centre's first hybrid learning programme, from which the first five students graduated during the course of 2017. The second cohort completed their first year in 2017, and will complete the programme in 2018. Sixteen students from 10 African countries have been selected for the third cohort, beginning in 2018.

Post-doctoral Fellows

Two post-doctoral fellows were involved in the Centre's work in 2017:

- **Dr Cristiano D'Orsi** left and
- **Dr Romola Adeola** (LLD, UP 2016) returned to the Centre, both working in the area of migration.



Centre for Human Rights Graduation Ceremony 2017



COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ON THE HRDA PROGRAMME IN 2017

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| BOTSWANA | 1 |
| BURUNDI | 1 |
| CAMEROON | 1 |
| DRC | 1 |
| ETHIOPIA | 2 |
| FRANCE | 1 |
| GAMBIA | 1 |
| GHANA | 1 |
| KENYA | 2 |
| LIBERIA | 1 |
| MAURITIUS | 1 |
| NIGERIA | 2 |
| RWANDA | 1 |
| SOUTH AFRICA | 5 |
| SOUTH SUDAN | 1 |
| SWAZILAND | 1 |
| UGANDA | 4 |
| ZIMBABWE | 1 |



LLM/MPhil (Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa)
Class of 2017

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RESEARCH

Publications by staff

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Other Research

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

The FRAME project, which started in 2013, concluded in April 2017 and all the reports of the project have now been published on www.fp7-frame.eu

FRAME brought together 19 universities and human rights institutes from European Union member states as well as China, India, Morocco, Peru, South Africa and the United States to investigate the role of the European Union in the protection of human rights.

The Centre participated in six work packages dealing with challenges and factors; underlying conceptions; institutions and instruments; engagement with multilateral organisations; bilateral cooperation; and development and trade.

The research at the Centre, directed by Prof Magnus Killander, focused on EU relations with South Africa, EU bilateral relations with other African states and its relationship with the African Union and other African inter-governmental organisations.

Human Rights Law Implementation Project (HRLIP)

The Centre participated in the Human Rights Implementation Project (HRLIP), a collaborative project between 4 leading academic human rights centres (Bristol, Essex, Middlesex and Pretoria) and the Open Society Justice Initiative. The aim of the project is to examine the factors which impact on human rights law implementation by nine states across Europe, Africa (Cameroon, Algeria and Tanzania) and the Americas, looking at

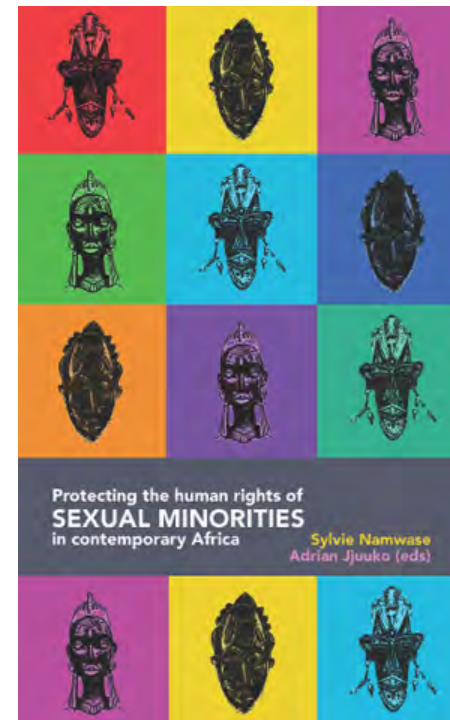
- (i) selected decisions deriving from individual complaints to UN treaty bodies; and
- (ii) selected judgements and decisions of the bodies in the three regional human rights systems.

The Project explores an issue which is concern to state actors (governments, legislatures and judiciaries); civil society actors; human rights bodies; and victims (and potential) victims of human rights violations. It is hoped that the research will impact on the actual compliance by the states with selected decisions and thereby result in greater justice for individual victims.

Alumni Research Publication

Various HRDA alumni contributed to a publication containing a series of essays on sexual minority rights issues.

The book, 'Protecting the human rights of sexual minorities in contemporary Africa', was edited by two alumni (Sylvie Namwase and Adrian Jjuuko) and was published by the Pretoria University Law Press (PULP).





Oliver Tambo Centenary Lecture
with Justice Albie Sachs

EDUCATION PROJECTS

Moot court competitions and short courses

Annual African Human Rights Moot Court Competition

The 27th edition of the African Human Rights Moot Competition (the African Moot) was organised in Mauritius, from 18 to 23 September, in collaboration with the University Mauritius and was opened by HE Mr Paramasivum Pillay Vyapoory G.O.S.K, Vice-President of Mauritius. Fifty-four universities from 21 countries took part.

Preliminary rounds over 2 days involved all participating teams arguing the hypothetical case twice for the respondent and twice for the applicant, separately in English, French and Portuguese, before panels of judges made up of law lecturers.

The finalists were:

- Rhodes University, South Africa
- University of Malawi Chancellor College
- American University in Cairo, Egypt
- University of Ghana
- Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny Cocody, Côte d'Ivoire
- Universidade Jean Piaget de Angola

A one-day conference was held on the theme The Maputo Protocol and poverty alleviation: Towards the realisation of women's rights

in Africa', featuring Judge Lucy Asuagbor, Commissioner and Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

The final round judges were:

- **Judge Marc France E Ballancy**
Senior Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Mauritius
- **Justice Edwin Cameron**
Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa
- **Dr David Padilla**
Former Assistant Executive Secretary Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- **Judge Lucy Asuagbor**
Commissioner and Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
- **Judge Angelo Matusse**
Judge of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

The joint runner-up team was (Applicant): Rhodes University, South Africa; University of Malawi, Chancellor College; Universidade Jean Piaget de Angola. The joint winning team was (Respondent): American University in Cairo, Egypt; University of Ghana; Université Félix Houphouët Boigny de Cocody, Côte d'Ivoire.

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



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Opening Ceremony
26th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition

Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition

The 9th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition (the World Moot) was presented in Geneva, from 17 to 21 July 2017, in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Participants came from 21 countries in all 5 UN world regions. The final was adjudicated by a panel of world human rights experts including Retired Judge Albie Sachs.

The keynote speakers at the opening ceremony in Palais des Nations were Mr Eric Tistoune, Chief of the Human Rights Council Branch at the OHCHR, and HE Ambassador Amr Ahmed Ramadan, Vice-President of the Human Rights Council and Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations at Geneva.

In the pre-final rounds, teams argue the hypothetical case twice for the Applicant and twice for the Respondent, on the basis of the Universal Declaration and international human rights instruments, and adjudicated by professors, members of non-governmental organisations and legal staff from Permanent Missions and international organisations in Geneva.

A one-day conference on the theme 'Current human rights developments: Prevention, implementation and capacity building' was held as part of the event, involving experts from the Human Rights Council.

The finalists of the World Moot Court Competition were St. Thomas University (Canada) and Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina)

The final round took place in the famous Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room, the Human Rights Council Chamber, adjudicated by:

- **Justice Albie Sachs (South Africa)**
Retired Judge of the South African Constitutional Court
- **Prof Jane Connors (Australia)**
Advocacy Director, Amnesty International
- **Dr Veronica Gomez (Argentina)**
Chairperson, Global Campus of Human Rights
- **Judge Raul Pangalangan (Philippines)**
Judge of the International Criminal Court
- **Prof Manfred Nowak (Austria)**
Secretary-General of the European Inter-University Centre

The winner was the team arguing for the applicant: St. Thomas University, Canada

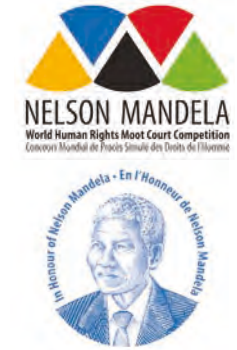
The keynote addresses at the closing ceremony were delivered by Ms Kate Gilmore, Deputy UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Justice Albie Sachs, who shared his experiences of working with Nelson Mandela and Oliver Tambo.

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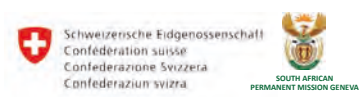


9TH NELSON MANDELA World Human Rights Moot Court Competition

17 - 21 JULY 2017

Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

Undergraduate and master's degree law students from all universities in the world are invited to argue a hypothetical human rights case before a panel of top international lawyers.



'The Olympic Games of human rights'



Preliminary Rounds: 9th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition



**Advanced Human Rights Course:
Police Oversight and Accountability in Africa**

Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC)

Nine one-week courses were presented under the Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC) programme, on various thematic areas of human rights and development.

Nearly 500 civil servants, judges, NGO personnel, activists and academics attended the courses, which are presented in collaboration with leading organisations and university departments working in these areas.

Advanced human rights courses presented during 2017:

- **Sexual Minority Rights**
(February) in partnership with Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- **Disability Rights in an African Context**
(March)
- **Judicial Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights**
(May) as part of the Global School on Socio-Economic Rights Adjudication, with support from the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights
- **Civil Society Law in Africa**
(June) in partnership with the International Centre for Not-For-Profit Law, USA
- **Police Oversight and Accountability in Africa**
(July) in partnership with the African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF), South Africa, and for the first time, also in collaboration with the African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHeR).
- **Children's Rights in Africa**
(July)

- **Right to Development in Africa**
(August) in partnership with the University of Antwerp, Belgium
- **Indigenous Peoples' Rights in Africa**
(September) in partnership with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Working Group on Indigenous Populations, and the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA)
- **African Human Rights in Comparative Perspective**
(October/November) in partnership with Ghent University, Belgium.

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RESEARCH UNITS

Activism and research-based advocacy through our 10 Research Units

Advocacy Unit

In 2017, Adebayo Okeowo was the Unit's manager.

In 2017, the Advocacy Unit ran a number of video and social media-based campaigns including: an award-winning short film on human trafficking – slavery and migrants' rights – in North Africa; a multi-pronged advocacy campaign on the rights of children accused of witchcraft; and a photo exhibition on the impact of poverty. The Unit produced a video on the case of Gabriel Shumba, a Zimbabwean human rights activist arrested and tortured by the Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO) of that country. The Unit produced a well-received promotional and historical video to commemorate the achievement of the Faculty of Law's ranking as 92nd best Faculty of Law in the world.

The Centre, through its Advocacy Unit, is among four other universities across the world working with Amnesty International on its cutting-edge volunteer project Digital Verification Corps (DVC).

For the first time, the Unit in 2017 also assisted in producing a series of videos for the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) focusing on the international and African legal framework on freedom of expression, access to information and the safety of journalists, in partnership with UNESCO.

On account of his media work, the Head of the Unit achieved the distinction of being invited to record a TED Talk.

For more information, please visit www.chr.up.ac.za/advocacy-unit

Business and Human Rights Unit

In 2017, Josua Loots was the Unit's manager.

The Business and Human Rights (BHR) Unit worked with South32, a global metals and mining company, to build human rights capacity and awareness in the company, by developing materials and conducting capacity building. In 2017, BHR worked with South32 operations in Mpumalanga, Richards Bay, and with the head office in Rosebank, Gauteng.

With support from the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Regional Office for Southern Africa (ROSA), BHR hosted its second advanced short course on BHR in 2017, with 30 participants from across the continent. Areas covered include international business and human rights policy, judicial and non-judicial grievance mechanisms, the African regional human rights system from a BHR perspective and illicit financial flows.

The BHR Unit, through the Centre, hosts the ACCA Secretariat (African Coalition for Corporate Accountability), a coalition of more than 100 organisations working on BHR and corporate accountability around Africa, supported by the Dietel Partners, the 11th Hour Project, the Open Society Foundation, and the Ford Foundation. Damian Oakes was the ACCA Coordinator in 2107.

The ACCA General Assembly was held in Pretoria from 14 to 16 November 2017, with 100 participants. Discussions included free, prior and informed consent (FPIC), access to remedies, a proposed treaty on business and human rights, and the use of video advocacy in corporate accountability work. The General Assembly was co-organised with the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), based in Geneva. As a result, the 2017 General Assembly also had a strong focus on

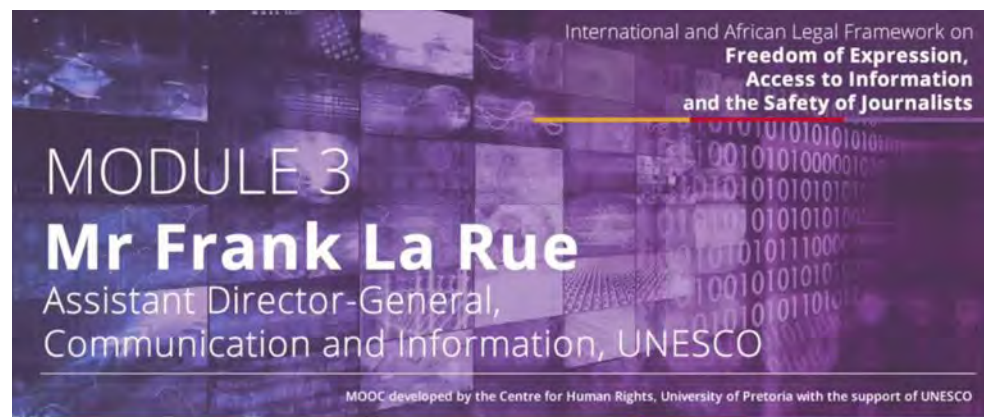
security and human rights. ACCA conducted consultations on its two substantive work streams (FPIC and access to remedy) during this occasion.

On 28 November 2017 CHR, in collaboration with ACCA, the Zimbabwean Environmental Law Association, Global Rights Nigeria, and the Business and Human Rights Resources Centre hosted a panel discussion at the Annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland, on the topic 'Access to remedy - Challenges and Perspectives from Africa'.

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Advanced Human Rights Course on Business and Human Rights



Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on freedom of expression and access to information

A black and white portrait of Gabriel Shumba, a man with glasses and a light-colored shirt, looking slightly to the left. The image is dark, with a white rectangular frame around the text. The text 'GABRIEL SHUMBA' is centered within this frame.

GABRIEL
SHUMBA

Advocacy video: Centre for Human Rights advocates for the implementation of the Gabriel Shumba decision

Children's Rights Unit

In 2017, Alina Miamingi was the Unit's manager.

The Children's Rights Unit was involved in capacity building through its advanced one-week course, and is finalising the book *State Party reporting and the realisation of children's rights in Africa*. It completed a multi-country study, with Plan International, on the implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child under the Pan-Africa State Accountability Project (PASAP). The Centre finally obtained observer status with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.

The fifth edition of the advanced short course in children's rights was presented from 31 July and 4 August 2017, attended by 35 participants representing national human rights institutions, academia, civil society organisations, government institutions, the medical and legal fields.

The Unit is finalising the book 'State Party reporting and the realisation of children's

rights in Africa', investigating the extent to which the reporting mechanism to regional and international treaty bodies dealing with children's rights contributes to bringing about positive change.

The multi-country study on the extent of implementation of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC) in five selected State Parties was completed, carried out by the Unit in collaboration with Plan International as part of the Pan-Africa State Accountability Project (PASAP). The study was intended to generate knowledge and awareness on children's rights issues and, at the same time, to provide adequate material for advocacy initiatives.

The Centre was granted observer status with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) at its ordinary session in Khartoum, Sudan.

For more information, please visit www.chr.up.ac.za/childrens-rights-unit



**Advanced Human Rights Course on
Children's Rights in Africa**

Democracy, Transparency and Digital Rights Unit

In 2017, Dr Lola Shyllon was the Unit's manager.

Digital Rights

In 2017, the Unit participated in the Africa Academic Network of Internet Policy and Governance to advance data protection/privacy in Africa through research, training and advocacy.

The Unit developed a research report on existing international, regional and sub-regional legal frameworks on privacy/data protection as a way of making the protection of personal information a specific human rights issue in the African human rights system.

The Unit participated in the Ghana Data Protection Conference on 20 and 21 April 2017 in Accra, on the theme 'Safeguarding Fundamental Human Rights through Data Protection'. The Unit presented findings of its on-going research on the adoption of a human rights-based approach to data protection in Africa.

During the 60th Ordinary Session of the African Commission in Niamey, Niger, the Unit organised a panel discussion on making the protection of personal information a part of the African Commission's mandate, the current legal framework on the protection of personal information in Africa, and the deficiencies in this existing framework.

From 2 to 5 May, the Unit participated in the inaugural meeting of the Africa Academic Network of Internet Policy and Governance in Ibadan, Nigeria. Academics discussed a wide range of questions and developed an 'Academic Action Plan'. This was followed by a seminar series on 'Data Privacy and Security', at which the Unit delivered a keynote paper on the

'The Legal Framework on the Right to Privacy and the Protection of Personal Information in Africa',

On Africa Day 2017 the Unit and Google co-hosted a round table on the theme 'The Africa we want: Rights, freedoms and governance in digital Africa,' on the historic Liliesleaf Farm in Rivonia. The Pan-African Parliament (PAP) and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) gave progress reports on implementing 'Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want'. This was followed by panel discussions on the Impact of internet shutdown on democracy, the economy and on freedom expression, and the rise of xenophobia in South Africa.

The Unit participated in the Google/YouTube Africa Social Impact Summit on 22 and 23 February on the theme 'Dealing with Hate, Extremism and Xenophobia' with a view to finding solutions to these issues by examining the role of the internet in deconstructing, delegitimising and demystifying hate narratives and developing effective counter-narratives.

On 13 and 14 September, the Unit participated in an experts meeting organised by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy in Paris, France to draft a legal instrument on privacy and surveillance to be presented to the UN Human Rights Council and General Assembly for adoption in 2018.

Access to Information

The Unit continued to provide administrative and technical support to the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa by holding stakeholder meetings in Mozambique and in Kenya and then developing draft Guidelines on Access to Information and Elections, which were adopted by the African Commission in November 2017. In October, the Special Rapporteur undertook an advocacy visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo, to meet with stakeholders on the

adoption of an Access to Information Law for DRC.

On 6 September, the Unit hosted a delegation from the Sri Lanka Right to Information Commission, to discuss the Centre's experience in dealing with challenges related to institutionalising best practices on proactive disclosure of information, the application of ATI laws to public and private entities, and digitising information for record keeping.

Courses

The Unit held a capacity building workshop for the Pan African Parliament (PAP) on 5 August 2017, themed 'Digital Rights, Democracy and Governance in Africa: The Role of National and Regional Parliaments.' The workshop was presented in partnership with Applied Law and Technology (ALT) Africa, Association for Progressive Communications (APC) and Google.

In November and December 2017, the Unit developed and presented the Centre's first massive open online course (MOOC) on the international and African legal framework on freedom of expression, access to information and the safety of journalists. The MOOC followed a three-day training programme for judges from across Africa, from 23 to 25 October, hosted by the Centre in collaboration with UNESCO. It was attended by senior judges from Cameroon, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Nigeria, Mauritania, Mozambique, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia, as well as the ECOWAS Community of Court of Justice.

For more information, please visit www.chr.up.ac.za/democracy-transparency-digital-rights-unit



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Capacity building workshop for the Pan African Parliament (PAP)



Advocate Pansy Tlakula, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa

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ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION,
ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND
THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS.

Freedom from Violence Unit

In 2017, Dr Thomas Probert was the Unit's manager.

Previously called 'Unlawful Killings Unit', the Freedom from Violence Unit works with the African Commission on the right to life and efforts to abolish the death penalty in Africa. It works closely with the African Commission's Working Group on the Death Penalty and Extrajudicial Summary or Arbitrary Executions.

For more information, please visit www.chr.up.ac.za/freedom-from-violence-unit

Race and Common Citizenship Unit

In 2017, Prof Charles Ngwenya was the Unit's manager.

The Race and Common Citizenship Unit was launched in 2017, with Prof Charles Ngwenya at the helm, this was brought into being. Its objectives are to develop and provide academic programmes on race; to promote and undertake research on race; contribute towards public debates on race; and to build capacity in teaching about race. A first short course on race and common citizenship was developed and will take place in 2018. Prof Ngwenya contributed an opinion piece on: *What is Women's Day to Me? Re-membering Saartjie Baartman and the place of memory.*

For more information, please visit www.chr.up.ac.za/race-common-citizenship-unit



5th Annual Disability Rights Conference

Disability Rights Unit

In 2017, Innocentia Ngijima was the Unit's manager.

The Disability Rights Unit contributes to the formulation, domestication and implementation of disability rights in Africa, through academia, promoting awareness, capacity building and improving collaboration between African scholars by strengthening the network of law faculties in Africa engaged in disability rights curriculum development and clinical legal education.

On 7 and 8 November 2017, the Unit hosted its fifth annual Disability Rights Conference in Africa under the theme 'Domesticating the CRPD in the African region: A focus on access to justice and legal capacity'. Attended by more than 200 participants from 15 African countries, presentations included the right to access to justice and the right to equal recognition before the law and strategies for the effective implementation and domestication of these rights in Africa.

Attended by 54 participants from 20 countries, the 2017 short course on Disability Rights in an African Context was presented from 13 to 17 March, to promote the understanding and application of disability as a human rights issue in the African region. The Unit is developing a Disability Rights MOOC, based on this course, which will be launched in November 2018.

In October, the Senate of the University of Pretoria approved the introduction of a Master's in Disability Rights in 2019, for both law and non-law graduates. The degree will be presented by means of a hybrid teaching approach, with online teaching as well as a block session which will entail at least two residential visits by registered students per year. The programme is structured to be presented over two years and will initially be offered to a maximum of 15 students.

The Open Society Foundation invited the Unit to oversee the Disability Rights Scholarship Programme (DRSP) in Africa for the 6th year. A shortlist was drawn up from a record 435

applications, interviews held in Pretoria, and arrangements made for candidates to attend a summer school in Georgia. The Unit continues to work to establish a DRSP alumni network.

The law schools project has established teaching programmes on disability rights for undergraduate law students, strengthened research on disability rights, and promoted the adoption of inclusive policies and practices at the following universities: University of Botswana, Chancellor College (Malawi), Dodoma University (Tanzania), Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique), University of Nairobi (Kenya), University of Zambia, Makerere University (Uganda) and Midlands State University (Zimbabwe).

During 2017 the Unit built an archive on disability rights and related issues, which will become a Digital Repository on Human Rights and Disability in Africa by the end of 2018.

Supporting the mandate of the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Persons with Albinism, the Unit hosted a regional meeting on albinism on 6 November 2017. Attended by representatives of relevant organisations, the meeting charted the implementation process for the Regional Action Plan on Albinism in Africa (2017-2021), and launched a coordinated effort to raise funds and unite efforts to implement the Regional Action Plan.

From 18 to 22 September, the Unit presented a course on disability mainstreaming, coordination, financing and implementation for senior government officials of AU member states (Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Somalia, Swaziland, Lesotho, Rwanda, Uganda, Nigeria and Zimbabwe) and focal persons from the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In collaboration with the South African Human Rights Commission, the Unit launched the travelling exhibition *I decide = I am* at the Commissions' headquarters; it was later exhibited at law firms and during the annual Conference and at the SA Federation for Mental Health.

For more information, please visit www.chr.up.ac.za/disability-rights-unit



Launch of the travelling exhibition
I decide = I am at the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC)

Litigation and Implementation Unit

In 2017, Michael Nyarko and Henrietta Ekefre co-managed the Unit.

The Unit prepared two cases for submission to international instances: a case on albinism against Tanzania; and a case on witchcraft against Nigeria.

The Unit continues to work on the implementation of the 'Talibe case' (child beggars) against Senegal. This case deals with the conditions of some 100,000 children (called Talibés) who, while attending Koranic schools in Senegal, were required to beg on the streets of Dakar and other urban centres, to secure their own survival. The Centre and RADDHO submitted the case as far back as 2012.

The Unit also presented a capacity-building workshop on international human rights protection mechanisms in Zambia, in collaboration with the University of Zambia. Participants included Mr Likando Kalaluka (Attorney General of Zambia), Ms Zonke Majodina (former member/chairperson of the Human Rights Committee) as well as legal officers and staff of various government institutions and ministries. This event took place within the Human Rights Implementation Project (HRLIP), a collaborative project with human rights centres in the Universities of Bristol, Essex and Middlesex.

The Unit developed an advocacy tool to secure the implementation of a decision of the African Commission concerning Gabriel Shumba, an alumnus of the Centre, who was tortured by agents of the Zimbabwean government for supporting the opposition in that country.

Together with the Peace and Justice Initiative, the Centre intervened in the case before the North Gauteng High Court challenging South Africa's withdrawal from the Statute of the International Criminal Court, *Democratic Alliance and Another v Minister of International Relations and Cooperation and Others*.

On 28 September 2017, the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights handed down its decision on the *Request for an Advisory Opinion*, submitted by the Centre for Human Rights and the Coalition of African Lesbians (CAL).

The request relates to the competence of the AU Executive Council to direct the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights to revoke the granting of observer status to CAL. The Court found that the Centre and CAL lack standing to make the request. It found that observer status with the African Commission does not constitute 'recognition by the AU', as stipulated under article 4(1) of the Protocol to the African Charter on the Establishment of an African Court. In the Court's view, only observer status or a memorandum of agreement with the AU Commission meets this requirement.

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Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE) Unit

In 2017, Geoffrey Ogwaro was the Unit's manager.

Supported by the Dutch Royal Embassy in Pretoria, the Unit's four members of staff are also doctoral students at the University of Pretoria researching on sexual minority rights issues.

In 2017, three scholarships (two Master's and one PhD) for sexual minority rights activists were awarded. The two Master's degree students graduated from the Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa programme in December 2017 (Mr Richard Lusimbo received the Ubuntu Prize for humanity); the doctoral candidate successfully defended his research proposal. In total four people have received the Dutch sexual minority activists' scholarships.

At the African Commission session in October /November 2017, the Unit was involved in a session on freedom of information, Resolution 275 on the prevention of violence and other forms of discrimination against LGBTI persons, and intersex rights. Emerging issues included state laws that encumber persons belonging to sexual minority groups from receiving and sharing information; including intersex rights in the work of the African Commission; publicity of and state adherence to Resolution 275 in the light of continuing state violations of the rights of sexual minorities in countries such as Burundi, Egypt, Nigeria Tanzania and Uganda.

In a continuous bid to bolster inclusivity, the Unit produced two posters – one South African, one pan-African – of prominent persons belonging to sexual minority groups: bisexual, homosexual and transgender judges, artists, HIV activists, struggle icons, religious leaders and athletes among others.

The Unit organised two courses during 2017. The first, in February, was a general course for civil society, government officials, academics and other interested persons, with participants from over 10 African countries. The second, a more specialized course held in October, focused on strategic advocacy and litigation using state and African regional human rights frameworks respectively. During the latter course participants made a joint statement, highlighting the human rights violations in Burundi, Egypt and Tanzania. The statement

was disseminated widely and read at the Ordinary Session of the African Commission in November.

The following sexual minority rights days were commemorated during 2017: International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT) at the Dutch Embassy, with a round table discussion; Transgender Day of Visibility; Bisexual Week; Women's Day (South Africa); and International Human Rights Day. Activities included opinion pieces in local papers, a panel

discussion highlighting violence against women (including lesbian women and girls), an 'activism' session themed 'The body that takes pride' and the launch of the book 'Protecting the human rights of sexual minorities in contemporary Africa', edited by the Centre and published by its Pretoria University Law Press (PULP).

For more information, please visit www.chr.up.ac.za/sogie-unit



International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT) Round Table Discussion (Dutch Embassy)



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Anti-apartheid pop-singer



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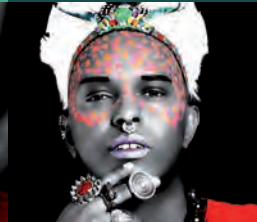
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Constitutional Court Judge



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JACQUELINE KASHA
Uganda
Freedom & Roam Uganda



DIRIYE OSMAN
Somalia
Author and visual artist



DAVID KATO
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Nigeria
Author and interfaith preacher



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South Africa
Blogger, tutor and model



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EUDY SIMLANE
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Football player



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Women's Rights Unit

In 2017, Patience Mpani was the Unit's manager.

Renamed Women's Rights Unit in April 2017, the Unit supports the work of the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (SRRWA) and advocates for the implementation of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol).

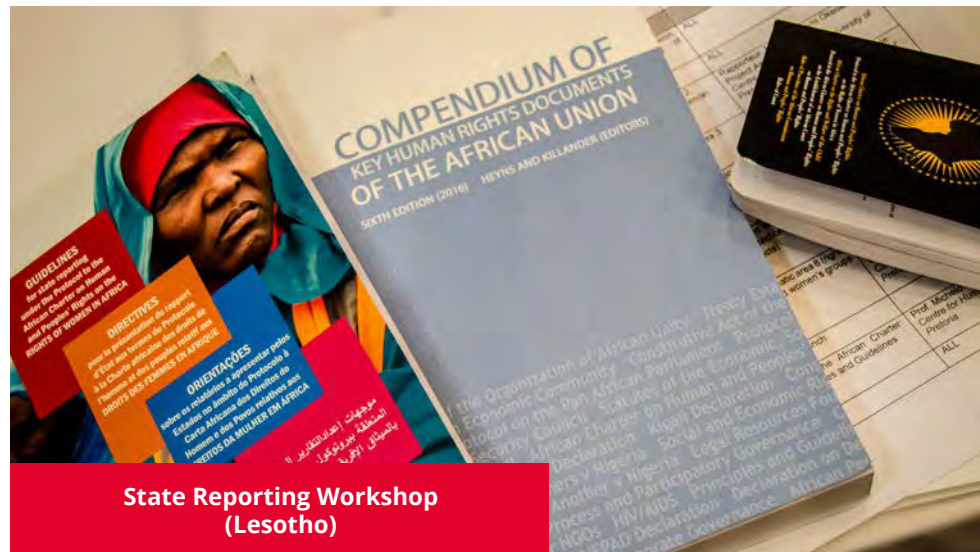
In 2017, the Unit held capacity enhancing / training workshops for states that have ratified the Protocol on reporting to the African Commission, for Liberia, Ghana, Guinea and Sierra Leone. The Unit also placed technical assistants to support the drafting of state Reports in Zambia and Lesotho, which will be submitted for consideration by the African Commission in 2018. In partnership with the SRRWA, the Centre hosted a side-event at the two ordinary sessions of the African Commission in 2017, to raise awareness on reporting and reporting Guidelines.

The Unit is developing a bilingual (English and French) virtual platform on state reporting, with three main parts: a website with information for state parties and researchers; an interactive platform for state parties to pose questions, share information and discuss; and a database.

In 2017, the Unit developed information sheets highlighting the recommendations made by the African Commission to Malawi and South Africa following their reports, and conducted focus group discussions on responding to and implementing these concluding observations. The overall aim was to encourage a coordinated response by government to support implementation and monitoring. Academic articles were commissioned on compliance by these governments.



Focus group discussions on Concluding Observations and Recommendations



State Reporting Workshop (Lesotho)

At the 60th Ordinary Session of the African Commission in Niamey, Niger, the SRRWA and the Centre hosted a side event to urge Niger to ratify the Protocol. The meeting propelled civil society to engage in a silent protest within the African Commission session. The protesters read out a petition and present it to the Chairperson of the Commission, calling for urgent steps to be taken to improve the standard of life of women and girls in Niger.

Following its ratification of the Protocol, an advocacy meeting was held in Mauritius in September 2017, between the Centre, the University of Mauritius, the Special Rapporteur, relevant government ministries, civil society and academia. Participants reflected on the challenges that delayed ratification and discussed the next steps. In attendance were the Minister of Gender, Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare, the UN Resident Coordinator in Mauritius, Commissioner Bernard Yeun Yeung of the African Commission and Ms Sheila Keetharuth, Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Eritrea.

For more information, please visit www.chr.up.ac.za/womens-rights-unit



In 2017, the 'Gender Unit'
was renamed the 'Women's Rights Unit'

THE CENTRE'S
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ACTIVISM AND
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AD-HOC EVENTS

Lectures, round tables, symposia and other events

Oliver Tambo Centenary Lectures

The Centre, together with Faculty of Law, and the Oliver & Adelaide Tambo Foundation, hosted two Oliver Tambo Centenary Lectures. At the first event, the keynote speaker was Justice Albie Sachs. The event brought together students, academics and members of civil society to pay homage to Tambo's life. Attendees were welcomed by the University's Chancellor, Professor Wiseman Nkuhlu. Former Mayor of Ekurhuleni, Duma Nkosi – who played an instrumental role in the official renaming Johannesburg International Airport in Tambo's honour – was also present. The Second Oliver Tambo Centenary Lecture, where Justice Dikgang Moseneke was the keynote speaker, coincided with the welcoming ceremony for the students of the Centre's four Master's programmes: the LLM/MPhil in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA), LLM in International Trade and Investment Law in Africa (TILA), LLM/MPhil in Multidisciplinary Human Rights (MDHR) and LLM/MPhil in Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa (SRRA).

Round Table: 'African approaches to international law'

The Centre convened a Round Table under the theme 'African approaches to international law', during which the concept of an "African approach" was problematised, with participants agreeing that this notion should not be racially or culturally based, but spatially, or in terms of one's methodological 'orientation'. One of the participants was Professor Makau wa Mutua, who is well known for his critical scholarship, and for having been instrumental in launching a school of anti-hegemonic thinking on international law, Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL). He emphasized the 'African' origins of TWAIL and contended that it has much to offer to African scholars critically engaged with international law.

Symposium on land, heritage and human rights

The Centre, together with Nelson Mandela University, hosted a symposium on land, heritage and human rights, dealing with land redistribution, grounded in the effective implementation of section 25 of the Constitution of South Africa. Prof Bongani Majola, Chair of the South African Human Rights Commission; and Prof Mathole Motshekga, Chair of the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee for Justice and Correctional Services, made presentations.

Panel discussion: Right to self-determination of the people of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic

The Centre hosted a panel discussion on the right to self-determination of the people of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) together with the Embassy of the SADR in South Africa. The event brought together ambassadors, members of the diplomatic corps, students, academics and representatives of state authorities, under the theme 'Self-determination delayed: The Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic'. The panel consisted of Ambassador Radhi Bachir (Ambassador to South Africa from the SADR), Ambassador Ghulam Asmal (Director: NEPAD and Partnerships in the South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO)) and Mr José Nascimento (Practitioner and international law expert).



**Ambassador Radhi Bachir,
Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic**

African Forum for Doctoral Research in Human Rights (AfriDoors)

In the context of the SHUREA (Strengthening Human Rights Research and Education in Sub-Saharan Africa) programme, the Centre hosted the first African Forum for Doctoral Research in Human Rights (AfriDoors), bringing together nearly 50 doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows and academics from member institutions in Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, South Africa and Finland. SHUREA is a project funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, through the Finnish Agency for Education (EDUFI) and is aimed at strengthening policy relevant human rights research.

December Graduation events, with Global Campus of Human Rights

In December 2017, the special graduation ceremony for the HRDA programme was preceded by a week of activities including: a one-day 'film festival' on African Cinema and Human Rights; a Panel discussion, with performance poetry and live painting titled 'Broken and Beautiful: a celebration of the human body', to commemorate International Human Rights Day; a one-day conference on the theme Threats to Democracy; a meeting of the Global Campus of Human Rights, a consortium of 7 regional Master's programmes in human rights and democratisation from Africa (HRDA), Europe, the Balkans, the Caucasus, the Arab world, as well as the Asia-Pacific and Latin American and Caribbean regions of the world; and a meeting of the 13 partners of the HRDA programme.



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PROMINENT GUESTS

Distinguished guests hosted by the Centre

In addition to numerous guests (and friends) who came to lecture, or to conferences or other events, the Centre hosted the following guests:

- **Flemish Minister-President Hon Geert Bourgeois**, together with Dr Geraldine Reymenants, General Representative of the Government of Flanders
- A delegation from the **Sri Lanka Right to Information Commission**, comprised of three Commissioners, the Director General as well as the Legal and Research Officer of the Commission
- A delegation of **senior government officials from the Kingdom of Lesotho**, consisting of Ms Nthabiseng Sekokotoana (Senior Assistant Parliamentary Counsel), Ms Linkeng Khubetsoana (Chief Legal Officer – Ministry of Social Development) and Ms Mahlapané Makakole – Bodiba (Director Disability Services – Ministry of Social Development) and from South Africa Mr Benny Palime (Director of Policy Legislation for Disability – Department of Social Development)
- A **dynamic group of activists from the United States** who were on an educational and cultural exchange tour, who visited the Centre to engage on issues of historical injustice, state violence, truth and the rule of law. The guests were also a diverse mix of educators, activists, legal practitioners and students, having come under the umbrella of an organisation called 'Making the Road'. This organisation focuses on forging new paths and understandings through conversations that connect America and Southern Africa, history to the present, and different generations to one another.



A delegation of senior government officials from the Kingdom of Lesotho visited the Disability Rights Unit



A dynamic group of activists from the United States who were on an educational and cultural exchange tour



Meeting with the Sri Lanka Right to Information Commission



Flemish Minister-President Hon Geert Bourgeois



Flemish Minister-President Hon Geert Bourgeois presented a lecture on the right to development

CENTRE PUBLICATIONS

Regular Centre-edited publications and PULP

African Human Rights Law Journal

The *African Human Rights Law Journal*, edited by Frans Viljoen, Magnus Killander, Annelize Nienaber, Solomon Ebobrah and Tshepo Madlingozi. The Journal is published by the Pretoria University Law Press (PULP) as an open-access online journal. All the volumes, published from 2001 up to 2017, are available in a searchable format on www.ahrj.up.ac.za

A limited number of copies of the Journal are printed, for use by subscribers to the hard copy publication, or printed on demand. During 2017 two volumes appeared, in June and December, with a total of 23 articles.

The Journal enjoys accredited status with the South African Department of Higher Education and Training and is included on the IBSS. The Journal is presently undergoing the process required for ISI journal accreditation. During 2017 the Journal was sponsored by the European Union.

African Human Rights Law Reports

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.

African Disability Rights Yearbook

Since 2013 the *African Disability Rights Yearbook* (ADRY) has been published annually. The Yearbook, a peer reviewed journal highlights efforts over the last few years to bring greater academic attention to the rights of persons with disabilities in Africa. The fifth edition of the Yearbook was published and launched on 8 November 2017 during the annual disability rights conference. The 2017 Yearbook includes academic articles on the rights of children with disabilities, psychosocial disability and persons with albinism; country-based research charting recent developments on disability rights legislation, case law and policy developments in selected African states; and relevant developments in the African Union (AU) and African sub-regional organisations. The Yearbook is available in print and is also freely accessible on www.adry.up.ac.za

African Human Rights Yearbook

In 2017, the first volume of the *African Human Rights Yearbook* appeared. The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child collaborate in a joint publication, which was edited by the Centre and published at the end of 2017, comprising 17 articles in English and French.

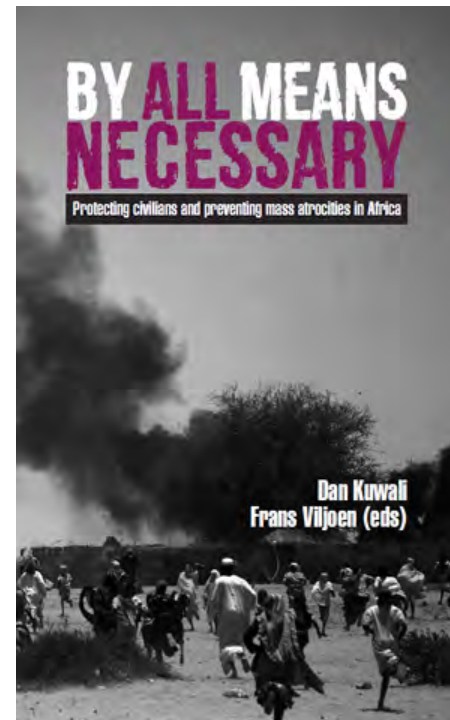
Pretoria University Law Press (PULP)

The Pretoria University Law Press (PULP), an independent press based at the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria, seeks to strengthen the rule of law and promote legal scholarship on the African continent by publishing primary materials and scholarly texts on law and its related disciplines in Africa. In May 2017, PULP published its 175th publication: *The Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic,*

Social and Cultural Rights: A Commentary (OP-ICESCR Commentary), co-edited by Dr Malcolm Langford, based at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights. In keeping with PULP's access to information policy, all books are available online in electronic format at no charge.

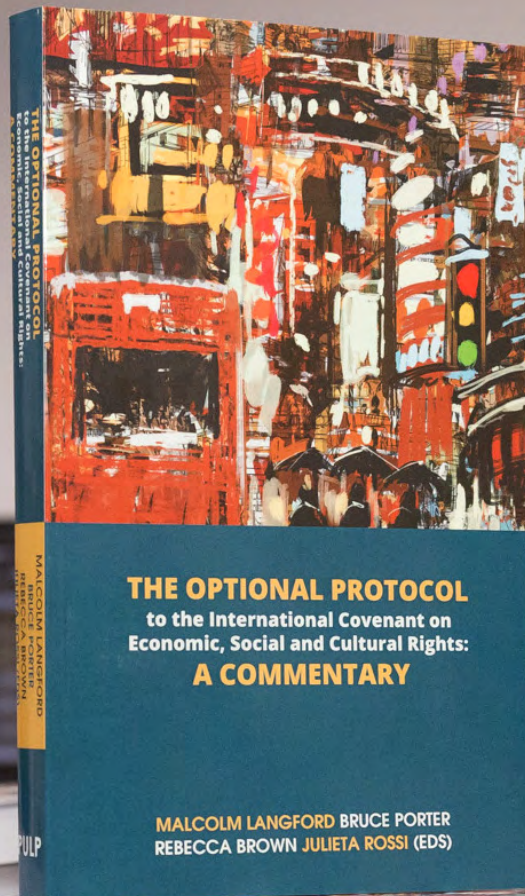
PULP now publishes five law journals – the *African Human Rights Law Reports*, *Pretoria Student Law Review*; the first open-access online law journal of the Faculty of Law *De Jure*, the *African Human Rights Law Journal* and the *African Disability Rights Yearbook*, both of which are open-access online journals.

For more information, please visit www.pulp.up.ac.za



Publications published by PULP in 2017:

- 1 *General Comment No. 3 on the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights: The Right to Life (Article 4)* - Arabic
- 2 *The Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: A Commentary*
- 3 *The implementation of modern African Constitutions: Challenges and prospects*
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- 5 *By all means necessary: Protecting civilians and preventing mass atrocities in Africa*
- 6 *Access to work for disabled persons in South Africa: A rights critique*
- 7 *De Jure* Volume 2 2016
- 8 *De Jure* Volume 1 2017
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International Development Law Unit (IDLU)

The South African Research Foundation Research Initiatives (SARChI) Chair on International Economic Law, Prof Danny Bradlow, is located in IDLU. The Chair has in 2017 been renewed for a further five years.

In 2017, it presented the LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) for the first time on a one-year basis. Dr Olufemi Oluyeye served as post-doctoral fellow in IDLU.

IDLU organised a number of events, including a public dialogue, together with the University of Johannesburg and the Heinrich Boell Stiftung, titled: 'Highway to development? Reflections on the outcomes of the G20 summit in Germany', a panel discussion focusing on outcomes of the current G20 discussion taking place in Germany, in particular those relevant to Africa's development.

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

Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA)

ICLA, headed by Prof Christof Heyns as Director, is a research institute in the Faculty and administratively located in the Centre. Prof Heyns works on 'freedom from violence'. He in 2017 took up his seat on the UN Human Rights Committee. Prof Fombad leads the comparative constitutionalism work of ICLA, which annually organises a Seminar on Constitutionalism in Africa and oversees the African country reporting of the Oxford Constitutions of the World.

For more information, please visit www.icla.up.ac.za



**Prof Daniel Bradlow, Ms Thandeka Rasetsoke and Dr Olufemi Oluyeye,
International Development Law Unit (IDLU)**



Contract signing between the Centre for Human Rights and African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHer)

CENTRE PERSONNEL

Staff Members, Board Members, Honorary and Extraordinary Professors and Lecturers

With its heavy workload and the broad geographical and thematic spread of its activities, the Centre's staff complement in 2017 was 56 from 16 African and 2 non-African countries, of whom 24 were Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral students.

Three members of staff left during 2017 from the HRDA, SOGIE Unit and IDLU. The HRDA programme was strengthened through the appointment of a new Programme Manager from Mauritius, a Deputy Programme Manager from Ghana and a tutor/ LLD candidate from Namibia. Two project officers/ LLD candidates, from Kenya and Nigeria, joined the newly-established SOGIE Unit; and a Project Assistant from South Africa was appointed to the otherwise one-person prolific PULP.

Magnus Killander was appointed full Professor; and he (C), Professors Ngwena (C), Fombad (B1) and Heyns (B1) received NRF ratings in 2017.

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