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ABOUT THE CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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. Over time, the Centre has adopted a broader, more inclusive African focus. The Centre works towards human rights education in Africa, relevant research, a greater awareness of human rights, the wide dissemination of publications on human rights in Africa, and the improvement of the rights of women, children, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, sexual and gender 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 human rights professionals, consisting 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 African 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 Master's degree programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa. In 2012, the Centre for Human Rights was awarded the 2012 African Union Human Rights Prize.

The Centre enjoys observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, and consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

The course of the year 2020, and the lives of us all, were fundamentally altered by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the regulations restricting personal interaction. At the height of these restrictions, no international air travel was possible, and no gatherings could be held. Restrictions on physical meetings and travel, in particular, impacted on many Centre activities. Planning and adjustment of projects proved to be extremely complicated. The situation was one of constant uncertainty and need for adjustment. While South Africa experienced significantly adverse effects in the second quarter of 2020, the situation improved towards the fourth quarter of 2020.

The pandemic left its mark on us all, our loved ones, friends and partners. Working from home affected each of us differently, sometimes leading to an acute sense of isolation and depression. Despite these challenges, the Centre staff adjusted with imagination and enthusiasm, and explored new ways of doing things and of growing in new directions. Most of the Centre's activities went ahead in a virtual format, and over time, some were presented in a hybrid way (combining virtual and in-person elements). Thanks to the ability of the Centre staff to adjust and keep themselves energised, all the academic programmes were completed as scheduled, and the major events, such as

the African and Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competitions, took place through the Zoom platform.

The Centre's work supported the insight that the vulnerability of the most marginalised in society has often been exacerbated during the pandemic. For example, the Disability Rights Unit was part of the COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor global initiative formed to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the rights of persons with disabilities.

The COVID-19 period has also proven to be one of constant re-imagining. The relative success of the virtual and hybrid formats has caused the Centre to re-look at the way it would be operating. Our approach steers towards the following: Meetings, for example with speakers or panels, where the aim is to *inform or stimulate debate*, should continue virtually. Training and capacity-building events, where the aim is to *develop technical skills and competences, and to bring about an attitudinal shift among participants*, should where possible take place in person. Some advanced human rights courses are for example ideally presented in person, where the aim is to work at changing attitudes, or to build specific skills for example by exposing participants to interactive elements. Events that fall in between these two ends of the spectrum may adopt hybrid models.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Despite difficulties, the Centre's academic programme continued without interruption and were completed as scheduled.

By the time the pandemic showed itself starkly in South Africa, most students of the Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA), a Centre flagship programme, were already physically in South Africa. The resilience of the HRDA team and the group of students made it possible for this programme to go ahead, with the students present in the new University of Pretoria campus Future Africa.

A 2020 highlight has been the graduation of the first students on the Master's in Disability Rights in Africa (DRIA), presented by the Centre in collaboration with the Department of Public Law in the Faculty of Law. The programme was launched in 2018 and is the first Master's degree programme in Africa focusing specifically on the rights of persons with disabilities in Africa. Seven students received their degrees in December 2020.

GRADUATES

The virtual format allowed the Centre to reconnect, even more than usual, with its alumni. It is a matter of immense pride to us at the Centre not only to follow but also to stay connected to

our wide network of alumni. In 2020, the Vera Chirwa Award, acknowledging significant human rights contributions by our alumni, was jointly awarded to Commissioner Dr Solomon Ayele Dersso (Class of 2003) and Professor Benyam Mezmur (Class of 2005) for their commitments to championing human rights development in Africa in various facets of their endeavours and their life-long commitments to human rights work both locally and internationally. Dr Dersso is the Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, and Professor Mezmur a previous Chairperson of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.

PUBLICATIONS

In times of virtual engagement, the value of open access publications become even clearer than before. The Centre-based Pretoria University Law Press continued with its contributions in this regard. The Centre-edited *African Human Rights Law Journal* (AHRLJ) marked the milestone of 20 years of its existence. Two issues have been published annually since 2001, without interruption. The *AHRLJ* is the only peer-reviewed journal focused on human rights related topics of relevance to Africa, Africans and scholars of Africa.



Professor Frans Viljoen, speaking at the 2020 LLM/MPhil Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa graduation ceremony

INTO THE VIRTUAL WORLD: CAPACITY BUILDING

In terms of the Centre's broader capacity building and advocacy function, a wide array of webinars and other virtual events were presented, including the annual conference on disability rights; and a global webinar on 'peaceful (and not so peaceful) assemblies'. A heavy load fell on the shoulders of our Communications and Advocacy team. Hats off for your inspired dedication!

WARM ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THANKS!

We will long remember the challenges of the year 2020. Somehow, we managed to achieve excellence while maintaining our own sanity and ensuring the humanity of those around us. The Centre only managed to continue working towards advancing human rights in Africa through the perseverance of our team, of which I am intensely proud.


The Centre thanks everyone with whom we had the privilege of collaborating in 2020, and who contributed to our activities.

FRANS VILJOEN
Director




CENTRE VISION, MISSION & VALUES

VISION




A world-class academic institution focusing on research, teaching and advocacy in the field of human rights law in Africa.

MISSION



To work towards the realisation of human rights particularly in South Africa and Africa.

VALUES



1.

The Centre is guided by human rights, in particular the equal dignity of and respect for everyone. It adopts a human rights-based approach to all its activities.

2.

We are bound by and uphold all UP policies. In particular, we strongly disapprove of sexual harassment, misuse of authority, racism, homophobia, sexism, xenophobia, religious and other forms of intolerance.

3.

We act with compassion to ensure the inclusion and protection of those most vulnerable to human rights violations.

4.

We aim to provide a non-judgmental and participatory convening space where intellectual freedom prospers.

5.

We commit ourselves to act with integrity in all our endeavours, by acting with fairness to all.

6.

We consider ourselves to be accountable to everyone involved in our work, our partners, our colleagues, the Faculty and broader University, and our donors. We uphold the principle of transparency.

7.

We commit ourselves to act with professionalism and be effective and efficient in our use of human and material resources.

8.

We strive to advance the spirit of Ubuntu by cultivating acceptance of diversity and difference, and by working in solidarity with each other and our partners.

9.

We endeavour to strengthen pan African institutions and to foster a pan African identity.

10.

We commit ourselves to invest in the future of Africa’s youth.



Ad hoc Human Rights event: CosmoCafe with Koen Vanmechelen



The Principal, **Professor Tawana Kupe**, with the MOU signed between UP and the partners for the 2020 African Moot Court Competition

CENTRE GOVERNANCE

The Centre, being an academic department in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, reports to the Faculty Board, and through the Faculty Board, to the Senate of the University.

In addition to reporting to the Faculty Board, the Centre also has an Advisory Board.

In 2020 the Board consisted of **Professor Andre Boraine** (Dean, ex officio); **Justice Johann Kriegler**, retired Judge of the Constitutional Court; **Justice Bess Nkabinde**, Judge of the Constitutional Court; **Justice Johann van der Westhuizen**, retired Judge of the Constitutional Court; **Professor Sylvia Tamale**, Faculty of Law, Makerere University, Uganda; **Mr Edouard Jacot-Guillarmod**, Chartered Accountant; and **Prof David Padilla**, former Assistant Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Two members of the Centre staff, elected by Centre staff: **Professor Magnus Killander** and **Ms Patience Mpani**.



Seminar on promoting Disability Rights in Africa

CENTRE MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS TEAM

The ability of the Centre to annually celebrate various accomplishments would not be possible without the consistent, dedicated and professional support of the team that ensures that the Centre's heart keeps beating regularly and that the many parts of its body stay healthy.

The management team has overarching strategic and operational responsibility for the day-to-day needs of the Centre:

Director: **Professor Frans Viljoen**
Assistant Director (Programmes):
Dr Nkatha Murungi
Financial Manager: **Harold Meintjes**
Office Manager: **Carole Viljoen**
Assistant Financial Managers: **Emily Laubscher** and **Sarita Pienaar-Erasmus**
Communications and Advocacy Manager:
Yolanda Booyzen
Webmaster: **Lourika Pienaar**

OFFICE MANAGER

The Centre's Office Manager is the one who 'holds it all together', and has been doing so for most of the Centre's life: **Carole Viljoen**. Her ability to efficiently multi-task is legendary.

FINANCIAL DIVISION

The financial team ensures that the Centre's financial management is impeccable. **Harold Meintjes**, the Financial Manager, has for many years now worked together with two Assistant Financial Managers, **Emily Laubscher** and **Sarita Pienaar-Erasmus**, to ensure that the Centre receives audit reports without any

blemish. Then, there is the team that performs the crucial function of presenting the Centre's work activities to a wider audience.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVOCACY

At the end of 2019, the Centre's Communications and Marketing team merged with the Advocacy Unit. In 2020, **Yolanda Booyzen** was the Communications and Advocacy Manager. She was assisted by **Simphiwe Khumalo, Thiruna Naidoo, David Ikpo, Tatenda Musinahama, Lourika Pienaar** and **Octavia Roodt. Ayodeji Johnson** did an internship at the Centre and was placed in the Communications and Advocacy division where he assisted with various communications projects.

The Communications and Advocacy division supported all the programmes, units, short courses and moot courts of the Centre with their communications and outreach. Apart from keeping the Centre's main websites (www.chr.up.ac.za) and other affiliated websites (www.icla.up.ac.za and www.pulp.up.ac.za) updated, the team also managed photography, video production, design, content management and podcast production. The team is also responsible for managing the Centre's large network. Its reach in 2020 surpassed 100 000 followers and subscribers on various platforms.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, South African underwent a hard lockdown from 27 March. Staff worked from home and all

activities were initially presented online. The Communications and Advocacy team provided support for most of the Centre's activities and helped establish the regular COVID-19 Alumni Discussion Fora (12 events), Human Rights Talks (12 events), Mandela Talks (3 events) as well as various other ad-hoc events, conferences, workshops and trainings. The team provided support to the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition, the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition and the Advanced Human Rights Short Courses.

Despite the pandemic and its impact on the hosting of in-person events and the restrictions on domestic and international travel, events hosted by the Centre were very well attended. Public events were live streamed to create greater awareness of the themes and issues raised and all recordings are accessible on the Centre's [YouTube channel](#). As a result of activities being forced to move online, the Centre was able to reach more stakeholders than ever before, such as the Advanced Human Rights Courses, which saw a record number of applications and participants for many of its courses. Similarly, the [Africa Rights Talk podcast](#) launched its second season and managed to produce 18 new episodes, which were recorded remotely.

In October 2020, the Centre, together with the International Development Law Unit (IDLU) and the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA), launched the African Human

Rights Policy Papers (AHRPP). The AHRPP is a series of concise, thoughtful and accessible papers setting out key findings on contemporary topics related to human rights, good governance, social justice and democratisation in Africa. The AHRPP is published in partnership with the Pretoria University Law Press and is produced by the Communications and Advocacy division.

The Communications and Advocacy team supported a [research project on COVID-19](#) that compiled and published an analysis, trends and documents of selected African states and their response to COVID-19. The database hosts documents and commentary that describe the nature and description of emergency COVID-19 measures in the selected states as well as democracy-related and human rights-related issues arising from COVID-19 responses of states.

The Centre in 2020 launched its [#Tech4Rights campaign](#), to draw attention to the complementarities, but also the complexities, arising from the relationship between human rights and technology.



The Law Faculty building, where the Centre for Human Rights is (partially) housed

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

LLD, PHD, LLM AND MPIL DEGREE PROGRAMMES

DOCTORAL (LLD/PHD) PROGRAMMES

More than **50 students** were registered for the LLD (on human rights-related topics) in the Centre. In 2020, **7 doctoral candidates graduated**:

Igbayiloye Oluwatosin Busayo

Thesis: *A human-rights-based approach to mining of solid minerals in Nigeria*

Supervisor: **Professor DD Bradlow**

Nabaneh Satang

Thesis: *Power dynamics in the provision of legal abortion: A feminist perspective on nurses and conscientious objection in South Africa*

Supervisor: **Professor CG Ngwena**

Odo Godwin Chinedu

Thesis: *Promoting gender justice in Nigeria through constitutionalising the prevention of maternal death*

Supervisor: **Professor CG Ngwena**

Chitsove Emma

Thesis: *Combating corruption in international investment law: Challenges and prospects*

Supervisor: **Professor DD Bradlow**

Kariseb Johannes Donovan Kennedy

Thesis: *The role of the African Commission's Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa in combating violence against women*

Supervisor: **Professor UM Killander**; co-supervisor: **Dr A Budoo**

Ndambo Dennis Mutua

Thesis: *The use of international human rights law by superior national courts: A comparative study of Kenya and South Africa*

Supervisor: **Professor UM Killander**

Hofisi Sharon

Thesis: *Towards transitional justice in Zimbabwe: The role of the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission and the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission*

Supervisor: **Professor UM Killander**

Professors Christof Heyns, Danny Bradlow, Charles Ngwena, Charles Fombad, Magnus Killander, Dr Nkatha Murungi, and Dr Ashwanee Budoo acted as doctoral supervisors, together with **Professor Stuart Maslen-Casey** and **Dr Thomas Probert** (in respect of ICLA students), and **Professor Michelo Hansungule**, who graciously agreed to continue supervising doctoral and some Master's by research students after his retirement in 2019.

MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

In 2020, **45 students graduated** with Master's degrees presented in the Centre:

24 HRDA from the Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa

9 MDHR from the Master's in Multidisciplinary Human Rights

7 DRIA from the Master's in Disability Rights in Africa

4 SRRA from the Master's in Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa

1 TILA from the LLM in International Trade and Investment Law in Africa

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATISATION IN AFRICA (HRDA)

Professor Magnus Killander was the Academic Coordinator, and **Dr Ashwanee Budoo** the Manager of this programme. **Johannes Buabeng-Baidoo** was the Programme Officer, and the academic tutors were: **Marystella Simiyu, Susan Mutambasere, Tresor Makunya** and **Mary Auma**.

Many Centre staff members contribute to this programme in various capacities, including **Professors Christof Heyns** and **Charles Fombad**.

The Centre is a pioneer in African human rights education, having established the HRDA in 2000 as the first ever Africa-specific human rights Master's degree. Students spend their first semester in Pretoria and the second semester in smaller groups of 2 or 3 at one of the following 12 partner universities across Africa: Université d'Abomey-Calavi (Benin), Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), Catholic University of Central Africa (Cameroon), University of Nairobi (Kenya), Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique), Université Gaston Berger de Saint Louis (Senegal), University of Ghana, University of Lagos (Nigeria), University of Mauritius, Makerere University (Uganda), University of Venda and the University of the Western Cape (South Africa). Training on the HRDA programme is a blend of theory and practice. The HRDA is an intense programme which includes expert knowledge and, especially, the development of research, writing, critical thinking and analytical skills.

The 21st group of the HRDA students held an informal graduation ceremony in person, and graduated officially by way of a virtual ceremony on 10 December 2020.



Some 2020 Master's students

Prizes for 2020 HRDA students: The following award of prizes were made for the HRDA Class of 2020:

Nelson Mandela Prize for the student with the best overall performance: **Girma Gadisa Tufa** (Ethiopia)

Kéba M'Baye Prize for the best mini-dissertation: **Wilson Nderitu Macharia** (Kenya) and **Opal Masocha Sibanda** (Zimbabwe)

Victor Dankwa Prize for the best student in the module African Human Rights: **Kelvin Chrishopher Vries** (Namibia)

Ubuntu Prize for the student who best captured the values of humanity: **Emmanuel Chibuike Njoku** (Nigeria)

The prestigious **Vera Chirwa Award** is made to a graduate on the HRDA who has after completing the degree shown singular commitment, self-sacrifice and significant contributions in furtherance of human rights and democracy. The award was named after the fearless Malawian lawyer and activist on her work for defending human rights in Malawi and Africa. This year, the Vera Chirwa Award's joint winners are **Commissioner Dr Solomon Ayele Dersso** (Class of 2003) and **Professor Benyam Mezmur** (Class of 2005) for their commitments to championing human rights development in Africa in various facets of their endeavours and their life-long commitments to human rights work both locally and internationally.

Opportunities to four graduates of the HRDA Class of 2020: Annually, the Centre identifies some of the top HRDA graduates to undertake one-year paid internship at African Union human rights institutions. The following graduates of the Class of 2020 have the opportunity to contribute as follows in 2021:

Intern/Legal officer, African Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child: **Opal Masocha Sibanda** (Zimbabwe)

Intern/Legal officer, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights: **Finh Monique Carine Traoré** (Burkina Faso)

Intern/Legal officer, African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights: **Girma Gadisa Tufa** (Ethiopia)

Doctoral candidate and tutor, Centre for Human Rights: **Wilson Nderitu Macharia** (Kenya)

MASTER'S IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY HUMAN RIGHTS (MDHR)

Professor Frans Viljoen was the Academic Coordinator, and **Professor Magnus Killander** was responsible for presenting this programme. **Janet Gbam** was the Manager of this programme. This programme is offered on a part-time basis, over two years, principally for students with fulltime employment in South Africa.

MASTER'S IN DISABILITY RIGHTS IN AFRICA (DRIA)

DRIA is presented by the Centre in collaboration with the Department of Public Law. The programme was launched in 2018 and is the first Master's degree programme in Africa focusing specifically on the rights of persons with disabilities in Africa. DRIA is a two-year programme, with an intake every second year. The first cohort of DRIA students enrolled in 2019 consisted of **10 students**. One of the students discontinued due to unforeseen personal circumstances. The first **7 students graduated** in December 2020.

MASTER'S IN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS IN AFRICA (SRRA)

Professor Charles Ngwena and **Dr Nkatha Murungi** were the Academic co-coordinators of the LLM/MPhil in Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa (SRRA) programme, with **Satang Nabaneh** as the Manager. The assistance of **Professor Ebenezer Durojaye** from the University of the Western Cape is also acknowledged with gratitude.

The SRRA is the Centre's first hybrid learning programme. The programme is delivered on-line as well as through contact block weeks.

The fifth cohort on this programme completed their first year in 2020.

LLM IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT LAW IN AFRICA (TILA)

The TILA programme was not presented in 2020.

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS

5 post-doctoral fellows were involved in the Centre's work in 2020:

Dr Admark Moyo and **Dr Godfrey Kangaude** were both involved in the Children's Rights Project.

Dr Romola Adeola worked in the area of migration.

Dr Jonathan Kabré and **Dr Benjamin Traoré** were based with the International Development Law Unit (IDLU).



HRDA lecture by **Dr Solomon Dersso**, Chairperson of the African Commission and recipient of the 2020 Vera Chirwa Award



Professor Lilian Chenwi, an alumna of the HRDA, teaching on the short course on socio-economic rights



Participants of the Colloquium on safe abortion

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PAP workshop in 2020 on Silencing the Guns



Dinendri Pillay and Thuwaybah Moses, members of the UP team, together with their supporting team

EDUCATION PROJECTS

MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS AND SHORT COURSE

AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Ahmed Sayaad coordinated the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

The 29th edition of the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition was to be held in Senegal, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, for the first time in its history, the African Moot was held completely virtually with teams from across the African continent participating in rounds with panels of judges via Zoom links. The Moot was organised in collaboration with Université Virtuelle de Sénégal (UVS) and Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (UCAD).

29 English-speaking teams from 10 countries and 7 French-speaking teams from 2 countries took part in the online preliminary rounds from 21 September to 21 October 2020. The semi-final rounds took place from 9 to 14 November, and the final round on 5 December.

A unique feature of the African Moot, which distinguishes it from other similar moot court competitions, is that after the preliminary rounds and semi-finals, the Competition ceases to have single-university participation. The finalist teams are recomposed into 2 combined teams. This reconfiguration requires that finalists, who are from different universities, different backgrounds, and even speak different languages, to work together so as to bridge the artificial colonial divide of language and legal traditions.

The combined team of Makerere University, Uganda, and the University of Pretoria, South Africa, who appeared for the applicants, emerged as the winners. The runner-up was the combined team of the University of Ghana, Legon; and Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny Cocody, Côte d'Ivoire.

During the final round on 5 December, virtual opening remarks were delivered by **Professor Tawana Kupe**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Pretoria, **Professor Moussa Lo**, Rector, Université Virtuelle de Sénégal and **Professor Samba Thiam**, Director, Institute of Human Rights and Peace, Université Cheick Anta Diop de Dakar.

The following eminent personalities and jurists served as judges in the final round:

Ms Jamesina King, Commissioner, African Commission on Human Peoples' Rights;
Justice Stella Anukam, Judge, African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights;
Dr Solomon Dersso, Chairperson, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights;
and **Professor Laurence Burgorgue-Larsen**, Professor of Law, Sorbonne, Université Paris.

The presiding Judges remarked that the students in the final displayed a high level of knowledge and skills, great dexterity, demonstrated incredible technique of persuasion and ability to think on one's feet in answering judges' questions.

NELSON MANDELA WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Dr Eduardo Kapapelo coordinated the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

The 12th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition was held virtually from 19 September to 10 December 2020. The Competition is presented by the Centre, in partnership with the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, American University, and the United Nations Human Rights Council Branch (HRCB) at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Ordinarily, the Competition takes place around Nelson Mandela's date of birth (18 July), but in 2020 the preliminary rounds were spread out over the year, and the competition culminated in the final round on 10 December, International Human Rights Day.

The Competition saw 44 teams (39 English-language and 5 Spanish-language teams) participating for the eight quarter-finalists positions places. Although the Competition is open to French-language teams, regrettably, only two teams submitted their memorials (Ecole Supérieure des Sciences de Pierre Elliot Trudeau (Esseget) and Catholic University of Bakavu). The intense quarter-final rounds were followed by semi-final rounds.



Poster for the 2020 African Moot Court Competition

The semi-finalists were Oxford University (from the United Kingdom), the Universidad Católica Boliviana San Pablo-Unidad Académica Regional Cochabamba (from Colombia), Strathmore University and Kenyatta University (both from Kenya).

The final round on 10 December was presided over by a panel of five judges representing the International Criminal Court (**Judge Paul Pangalangan**), the European Court of Human Rights (**Judge Ivana Jelić**), the Global Campus of Human Rights (its **President Professor Veronica Gomez** and its **Secretary-General Professor Manfred Nowak**) and the UN Human Rights Committee (**Professor Christof Heyns**).

The team of Strathmore University, Kenya, consisting of **Mariam Malik** and **Eugene Kanyugo**, claimed the title as 2020 winners. The runner up team was Kenyatta University, also from Kenya.



Professor Christof Heyns addressing the World Moot

ADVANCED HUMAN RIGHTS COURSES (AHRC)

Dennis Antwi managed the Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC), with the assistance of **Dorcas Basimanyane**.

The goal of AHRC is to develop the capacity of human rights professionals (including governmental officials, managers and staff of civil society organisations, judges and magistrates, legal practitioners, staff of international and intergovernmental organisations, academics and senior students) in relation to contemporary human rights issues.

In 2020, over **600 participants** attended courses presented by AHRC. During 2020 the following courses were presented:

Name of the course	Date presented	Number of participants	Mode of course delivery
Sexual minority rights	24-28 February	60	Physical
Disability rights	9-13 March	50	Physical
Judicial enforcement of socio economic rights	18-22 May	47	Online
Police oversight and vulnerable groups	7-11 September	54	Hybrid
The right to development	14-18 September	57	Online
Civil society law	22-25 September	38	Online
African human rights system	5-9 October	47	Online
Women’s rights	26-30 October	69	Online
Children’s rights	2-6 November	72	Online
Indigenous peoples’ rights	9-13 November	59	Online
Total: 10 Courses		553	



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of international borders and academic institutions in South Africa, most AHRC courses were delivered and attended virtually on Zoom. The ‘Sexual Minority Rights in Africa’ and ‘Disability Rights in an African Context’ were presented in person, before COVID-19 had made its presence felt. The ‘Police and Vulnerable Groups’ course was conducted in a hybrid format with participants attending virtually and others attended physically at the University of Pretoria’s Future Africa Campus.

The AHRC courses presented virtually or through hybrid means witnessed a significant increase in the number of participants, as compared to preceding years, which enabled the courses’ wider outreach. The relative success of the virtual hybrid format has caused the Centre to re-look the way it would be presenting these advanced human rights courses in future. It is proposed that a combined model be followed, with some participants, at least in some courses, being physically present, while a limited selected group participate on-line.

A number of partnerships were maintained and strengthened with various renowned local and international institutions, such as the Institute for Human Rights Law, Vrije Universiteit Brussels, Belgium; University of Antwerp, Belgium; Ghent University, Belgium; the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights Working Group on Indigenous Populations, Sonke Gender Justice Network; Centre for Child Law, University of Pretoria, Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape; Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender, University of Pretoria; the International Centre for Not-For-Profit Law (ICNL) and African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF).





ACCA Round table meeting

RESEARCH UNITS

ACTIVISM AND RESEARCH-BASED ADVOCACY THROUGH THE CENTRE'S 9 RESEARCH, CAPACITY-BUILDING AND ADVOCACY UNITS

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS UNIT

Arnold Kwesiga started as the Manager of the Business and Human Rights Unit in late 2020, while being based in Uganda. He was assisted by **Thomas White**.

The Unit hosted meetings of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and other experts to develop soft law standards on the regulation of the role of private actors' involvement in the provision of social services, in line with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Commission or Commission)'s Resolution 434, on the Need to Develop Norms on States' Obligations to Regulate Private Actors in the Provision of Social Services. Resolution 434. This Resolution mandates the adoption of soft-law standards setting out the State obligation to regulate the conduct of private actors in this domain. This drafting process is ongoing.

The secretariat of the African Coalition for Corporate Accountability (ACCA) continued to be hosted by the Centre, and is located for logistical support with this Unit. ACCA saw a change of management, and a reinvigoration, with drives for increased membership, and events linking

members including numerous webinars on topics related to corporate responsibility on the continent. ACCA also developed accessible material on free and informed consent for distribution to its members. Due to COVID-19, the 2020 annual General Assembly did not take place.

In 2020, **Benjamin Traore** acted as ACCA Coordinator, and **Lyse Mpema** as Coordinator for Communication and Development. **Genny Ngende** acted as Project Coordinator.

CHILDREN'S RIGHT UNIT

Alina Miamingi coordinated the activities of the Children's Rights Unit.

The Unit developed a draft child-friendly version of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (African Children' Charter) with the aim of providing children with appropriate knowledge and understanding that will enable them to meaningfully participate in society in decisions affecting them. It also published a book on 'State reporting and the realization of children's rights in Africa', focusing on the link between reporting to child rights focused treaty bodies and the improvement of living conditions for millions of African children. The book is based on research undertaken in 17 countries across the continent and provides recommendations for States on better discharging their reporting mandate in order to enhance protection and promotion of children's rights. In collaboration with Plan International and expanding on its previous research study, the Unit undertook a multi-

country study on the extent of implementation of the African Children's Charter in 10 member states, under Phase II of the Pan-African States Accountability Project (PASAP).

On the Day of the African Child 2020, the Unit organised a webinar with the purpose of discussing relevant emerging issues related to the access by children to a child-friendly justice system in Africa. Panellists from the African Children's Committee, Committee on the Rights of the Child, regional NGOs highlighted the adverse effect of COVID-19 emergency measures adopted by member states in exacerbating prior difficulties in accessing the justice system by children on the continent. In September 2020, the Unit organized a webinar on the right of children in the digital era in Africa, as a side event during the 35th virtual Ordinary Session of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.

The Unit contributed to Centre's 2020 yearlong campaign #Tech4Rights campaign developing an advocacy campaign on the impact of new technological developments on the right to education of children in rural areas in Africa. The Unit coordinated a special issue on children's rights of the [African Human Rights Law Journal](#), linked to the 30th anniversary of the African Children's Charter.

DEMOCRACY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT UNIT

Bonolo Makgale managed the Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit.

The Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit continued the Centre's work with the Pan-African Parliament (PAP), through organising possibilities

for civil society engagement with the PAP, and forging a PAP Civil Society Forum. The Unit developed a [toolkit](#) for CSO engagement with the Pan-African Parliament. The toolkit is designed to strengthen awareness, communication, knowledge management and increase visibility of the PAP among African citizens and CSOs. The Unit offered the PAP technical support in the compilation of a Compendium of Resolutions and Recommendations of the Fourth Parliament of the PAP. The Unit commissioned a study on the PAP which is aimed at evaluating the PAP's contribution to the African Union governance architecture since its inception.

DISABILITY RIGHTS UNIT

Innocentia Mgijima-Konopi managed the Disability Rights Unit, working together with **Dianah Msipa**.

The Disability Rights Unit in 2020 was part of the COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor global initiative formed to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the rights of persons with disabilities. A [report](#) of the findings, *Disability rights during the pandemic: A global report on the findings of the COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor* was launched in October 2020. In terms of research the Unit participated in the research collaboration *Mothering, albinism, and human rights in Africa: Mapping patterns of resilience at the juncture of gender, colourism, and religion* and undertook research on access to services by mothers of children with albinism in Tanzania and South Africa. Continuing from the previous year, the Unit completed research into the barriers to access to justice for persons with disabilities in

South Africa and Zambia. A three-day human rights and advocacy capacity building workshop with civil society organisations working to advance the rights of persons with disabilities was organised by the Unit in July 2020. Amongst its annual activities the Unit facilitated the advanced course in Disability Rights in an African context in March 2020. The Unit also hosted its 8th annual disability rights conference online in November under the theme *Realising the right to health of persons with disabilities in Africa*.

EXPRESSION, INFORMATION AND DIGITAL RIGHTS UNIT

Hlengiwe Dube managed the Expression, Information and Digital Rights Unit, and worked closely together with **Marystella Simiyu** and **Tomiwa Ilori**.

In 2020 the Expression, Information and Digital Rights Unit continued to monitor developments in the spectrum of freedom of expression, access to information and digital rights on the continent and supported provided technical and logistical support to the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of expression and Access to Information in Africa in launching the revised Declaration of Principles of Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa. The Unit also launched an published its initial assessment of African States' compliance with the Guidelines on Access to Information and Elections in Africa, specifically focusing on South Africa's 2019 elections. The Unit hosted a conference on harnessing the pandemic to improve elections in Africa, and hosted various webinars on human rights, politics, elections in Africa.

FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE UNIT

Dr Thomas Probert, together with **Professor Christof Heyns**, oversaw the Freedom from Violence Unit.

Located in the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA), 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. It works closely on Strategic Development Goal 16. In 2020 it provided technical assistance to the African Commission in the preparation of a Study on the Use of Force by Law Enforcement Officials in Africa (following resolution ACHPR/Res.437). The Freedom from Violence's expertise in the thematic areas covered by SDG 16 partly contributed to the University of Pretoria in 2020 being ranked highly by *Times Higher Education* Impact Rankings for its engagements around SDG 16.

LITIGATION AND IMPLEMENTATION UNIT

Michael Nyarko was the Manager and **Foluso Adegalu** the Associate Manager of the Litigation and Implementation Unit.

The Unit in 2020 supported litigation through amicus curiae briefs, before the East African Court of Justice, including a joint amicus submission in a case on freedom of expression against Uganda. The Unit Also supported the mandate of the Human Rights Committee List of Issues Prior to Reporting Project and co-organised a

number of round table discussions in support of the mandate of the African Court and African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights. In the midst of the pandemic, the Unit coordinated the Centre’s COVID-19 database which brings together documentation on COVID-19 regulations adopted by governments across African and brief analysis highlighting the impact of these regulations on human rights.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION AND SEX CHARACTERISTICS (SOGIESC) UNIT

Ayo Sogunro headed the SOGIESC Unit. He was assisted by **Thiruna Naidoo** and **Tomiwa Mamhare**.

The Unit hosted two training sessions and three panel events that were attended by participants from Africa and other parts of the world. The Unit also published *Resolution 275 Guidelines for NHRIs* in collaboration with the Network of African Human Rights Institutions and a pamphlet on the impact of COVID-19 on LGBTIQ+ persons in Africa. In the area of advocacy, the Unit engaged with the University of Pretoria, the South African Human Rights Commission, and the Commission on Gender Equality on the Caster Semanya case. The Unit also collaborated with South African based LGBTIQ+ organisations such as OUT and ISLA on various projects including advising on equality court litigation and outlining proposals for the future of SOGIESC issues at



Ad hoc Sexuality and Gender based Violence photo workshop



Ad hoc Sexuality and Gender based violence photo workshop

the African Commission. Throughout the year, team members of the Unit made presentations on SOGIESC issues at various external trainings, panels, and events including giving interviews on local radio and television.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS UNIT

Patience Mpani was the Manager of the Women's Rights Unit, and worked together with **Susan Mutambasere, Lydia Chibwe** and **Annie Bipendu**.

In 2020, The Women's Rights Unit continued to provide technical and research support to the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa, popularise the Maputo Protocol and Older Persons Protocol and advocating for an end to gender based violence in South Africa. The Unit was instrumental in finalizing and launching General Comment 6 of the African Commission on Property Rights During Separation, Divorce and Annulment of Marriage. It hosted sensitization workshops with Civil Society Organisations and Trade Unions in Botswana, South Africa and Malawi to popularize and advocate for implementation of the Maputo Protocol and the ratification of the Older Persons Protocol.

The Unit worked with Tshwaranang Legal Advocacy Centre to conduct an audit of laws in South Africa to assess the extent of their domestication of the Maputo Protocol. Findings of the audit have been used to develop a policy brief, on the need to lift reservations made by South Africa when the ratified the Maputo Protocol. Following the audit of laws, a sensitization workshop was held with civil society in South Africa. It also hosted an annual Advanced Human Rights Short Course on Women's Rights in Africa. The course was successfully delivered virtually for the first time and as a consequence accommodated a larger number of participants than in previous years.

The Unit continues to work with civil society, organised labour movements and the South African Government to address gender-based violence. This work involves monitoring the implementation of the National Strategic Plan to End Gender based violence. More recently the Centre has been invited to be part of the group of technical experts' supporting the development of an African Union Treaty on Ending Violence Against Women and to conduct a continental research on discriminatory laws that perpetuate violence against women.

PUBLICATIONS

REGULAR PUBLICATIONS EDITED BY THE CENTRE AND PRETORIA UNIVERSITY LAW PRESS

Lizette Hermann was the Manager of the Pretoria University Law Press. She was assisted by **Sydney Mdhlophe** and **Liesl Hager**.

In keeping with the Pretoria University Law Press (PULP) access to information policy, all PULP books are available online in electronic format at no charge. In this year, 16 publications were brought out by PULP.

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

During 2020, PULP presented two virtual book launches – one to mark 20 years of the *African Human Rights Law Journal* and the other one to introduce the publication *Exploring the link between poverty and human rights in Africa*, edited by Ebenezer Durojaye and Gladys Mirugi-Mukundi.



Police oversight and vulnerable groups lecture by Prof Christof Heyns



Validation of Liberia state report, Women's Rights Unit visit to Monrovia

ASSOCIATED ENTITIES

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LAW UNIT (IDLU)

Professor Danny Bradlow headed IDLU. He was assisted by **Thandeka Rasetsoke**.

The International Development Law Unit (IDLU) had an active year, despite the COVID pandemic and the fact that it did not offer the LLM in International Trade and Investment Law in Africa in 2020. At the beginning of the year, it welcomed, **Dr Jonathan Kabré** as a new post-doctoral fellow. In addition, it hosted two visiting scholars, one of from University of Essex and one from University of Neuchâtel. Unfortunately, one of these visits were cut short by the pandemic. However, before the visitor left, the two visitors and Dr Kabré organized a webinar on business and human rights.

IDLU also had an active year in scholarship. Dr Kabré's doctoral dissertation won the prize for the best doctoral dissertation at the University of Lausanne. He also submitted 2 articles for publication in 2020, one of which will be published in first half of 2021.

During 2020, Professor Bradlow co-edited a book, published 3 chapters in books, 2 peer reviewed articles, 3 policy-oriented booklets, and 15 shorter pieces as op-eds, blog posts or letters to editors. He also organized 7 workshops and was interviewed on a number of podcasts, TV and radio shows and spoke at 12 webinars, workshops or conferences. Finally, he served as the lead coordinator for the chapter on international relations in the study of the South African government's response to COVID-19.

INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW IN AFRICA (ICLA)

Professor Christof Heyns was the Director of the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA). He was assisted by **Pumeza Matwa** (office administrator). Academic staff at ICLA include: **Professors Charles Fombad, Dire Tladi, Corlia van Heerden, Niek Grove, Stuart Maslen-Casey** and **Dr Thomas Probert**. A number of doctoral students, focused on themes related to freedom from violence, are registered under the supervision of ICLA supervisors.

ICLA co-organises the National Schools Moot Court Competition, and conducts various research projects. Professor Heyns, together with Professor Viljoen, in 2020 continued overseeing a study on the impact of UN treaties at the domestic level in 20 selected UN member states. It also specialises on constitutionalism in Africa. Professor Fombad annually organises [The Stellenbosch Annual Seminar on Constitutionalism in Africa \(SASCA\)](#). The Freedom from Violence Unit also forms part of ICLA activities.

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