

CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AT A GLANCE

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The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, is an **internationally recognised** hybrid institution; both an **academic department** in the Faculty of Law and a **NGO/CSO** that combines academic excellence, effective activism, education, training, research and capacity-building to **advance human rights in Africa**.



5 MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

- Human Rights & Democratisation
- Trade & Investment Law
- Multidisciplinary Human Rights
- Sexual & Reproductive Rights
- Disability Rights

...in an African context



115 DOCTORAL GRADUATES

from 2002 to 2024
in the Centre



3 JOURNALS

edited & published by the Centre

African Human Rights Law Journal

African Human Rights Yearbook

African Disability Rights Yearbook



3 MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS



CHRISTOF HEYNS
African Human Rights Moot Court Competition
Concours Africain de Droits Humains des Droits de l'Homme
Concurso Africano de Derechos Humanos
مسابقة كريستوف هاینز للمحاكمة الدولية لحقوق الإنسان

Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition



NELSON MANDELA
World Human Rights Moot Court Competition
Concurso Mundial de Derechos Humanos
Competencia Mundial de Derechos Humanos

Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition



NATIONAL SCHOOLS
Moot Court Competition
our rights | our duties | our constitution

National Schools Moot Court Competition

1986

Centre established, following symposium on **Bill of Rights for South Africa**

1989

Integrated Bar Project starts placing senior black law students with firms

1990

Scholarship scheme that enables black students to study at the University of Pretoria established

1992

African Human Rights Moot Court Competition launched in Harare

1993

Southern Africa Student Volunteers established, involving students in developmental work

1995

Centre's first Master's degree programme, **LLM in Human Rights & Constitutional Practice** launched

2000

Master's degree in **Human Rights & Democratisation in Africa** launched

2001

African Human Rights Law Journal launched

2003

Master's degree in **Trade & Investment Law in Africa** launched, with the University of the Western Cape

2005

Pretoria University Law Press (PULP) established and publishes first book

2006

Centre awarded **2006 UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education**

2007

Centre becomes **academic department** in Faculty of Law

2009

Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition launched

2009

Master's degree in **Multidisciplinary Human Rights** launched

2010

Short course on **Sexual Minority Rights in Africa** presented for first time

2011

The first annual **National Schools Moot Court Competition**, at the Constitutional Court on National Human Rights Day, 21 March 2011

2012

Centre awarded **2012 African Union Human Rights Prize**

2013

Yearbook and annual **Conference on Disability Rights in Africa** started

2015

Centre becomes seat of the secretariat of **African Coalition for Corporate Accountability (ACCA)**

2015

First online/hybrid programme, Master's degree in **Sexual & Reproductive Rights in Africa** launched

2016

Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics Unit established

2017

Record number of **12 doctoral candidates** in Centre graduated

2019

Master's degree in **Disability Rights in Africa** launched

2020

Centre for the first time presents its two moot court competitions in an **online format**

2021

Centre and Africa commemorate **40 years** since the adoption of the **African Charter**

2022

Centre hosts **Global Classroom 2022** on **Internal Displacement**

2023

Centre launches **two books** on **Maputo Protocol** to mark the treaty's **20th Anniversary**

2024

Centre and partners admitted as **joint amici** in **Constitutional challenge** on **parental leave laws**

10 RESEARCH & ADVOCACY UNITS



Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression, and Sex Characteristics Unit



Disability Rights Unit



Children's Rights Unit



Women's Rights Unit



Business & Human Rights Unit



Democracy & Civic Engagement Unit



Expression, Information and Digital Rights Unit



Freedom from Violence Unit



Litigation & Implementation Unit



Migrants' Rights Unit

12 ADVANCED HUMAN RIGHTS COURSES



Sexual Minority Rights in Africa



Disability Rights in an African Context



Children's Rights in Africa



Women's Rights in Africa



Judicial Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights



Accountability and Oversight of the Criminal Justice system



Right to Development in Africa



Civil Society Law in Africa



Comparative African Human Rights System



Indigenous Peoples' Rights



Data Protection In Africa



Protection of Forcibly-Displaced Persons in Africa



2 HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZES

2012

African Union Human Rights Prize

The Centre for Human Rights was awarded the 2012 African Union Human Rights Prize in recognition of the Centre's contribution to the work of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in the promotion and protection of human rights in Africa.

2006

UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education

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



2 ASSOCIATE INSTITUTIONS



International Development Law Unit



Institute for International and Comparative Law

