



YEARBOOK 2019

LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa)

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria



From the Director

Since its introduction in 2003, the LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) (TILA) has become firmly embedded as an academic programme of great significance within the Centre for Human Rights. Although the Centre is mostly associated with advancing human rights in Africa, there is a distinct link between this objective and the TILA's focus. One of the uniquely 'African' features of the African Charter on Human and People's Rights is that it provides for a justiciable right to development, and for a number of justiciable socio-economic rights. Trade and investment are important tools for development; and are closely related to the realization of rights such as the right to health and property. States often invoke resource constraints as justification for not realizing the socio-economic rights of their people.

For these reasons, an academic programme dealing with trade and investment in Africa is firmly rooted in and a source of pride for the Centre for Human Rights. Through this programme, we hope to address persistent concerns about African under-utilisation of international trade and investment dispute settlement mechanisms, and the under-representation of African experts in international trade and investment fora.

The TILA programme brings together students from all over Africa. Its alumni are present in countries across Africa – and beyond Africa. It has contributed significantly to create a cadre of African lawyers in an important niche area. It has reinforced the Centre's pan African ambition and reaffirmed its aim to contribute to a better Africa for all its people.

I gladly thank Professor Danny Bradlow, holder of the SARChI Chair in International Development Law and African Economic Relations, who has provided the stable hub of support around which the programme grew and prospered. I also acknowledge and deeply appreciate the role of Dr Oyeniyi Abe, who since the latter half of 2018 and in 2019 acted as academic coordinator of the programme, and worked closely with the students to ensure that this academic year would be both academically challenging and fulfilling. The collaboration over many years with our colleagues at the University of the Western Cape should also be acknowledged.

I congratulate the TILA Class of 2019 and look forward to all of you playing a productive and meaningful role and leave your mark on the African trade and investment landscape. The Centre's best wishes accompany you!

Prof Frans Viljoen
Director, Centre for Human Rights
University of Pretoria

From the Programme Director and Programme Manager

Congratulations:
The TILA class of 2019

Well done! We are incredibly proud of your class and what you have achieved during the 2019 LLM programme.

Although the TILA academic programme is intense and challenging, each of you individually and as a class consistently performed at a very high level. Your persistence, intelligence, willingness to work long hours – often late into the night -- and determination was rewarded by your successful completion of the many assignments, group exercises that your lecturers gave you. All your lecturers confirmed this and told us how impressed they were with the 2019 LLM class. They all commented on your thirst for knowledge, hard work, determination, and active and intelligent engagement in class discussions and group exercises.

We are honoured to have played a role in your education and professional development. You have convincingly demonstrated both in your academic work and in your class engagements that you will be first rate international trade and investment lawyers.

We are confident that you are all capable of making important and significant contributions to the sustainable and equitable development of your societies and of Africa. We also hope that you will share the knowledge and skills that you have acquired at the University of Pretoria with your colleagues in your home countries and, as your career progresses, will pass this knowledge onto the next generation of lawyers. As you graduate, this gives us the confidence that you are change agents, and worthy ambassadors of the TILA LLM programme.



We are beginning to build a powerful network of international trade and investment lawyers across the African continent, all of whom share the experience of having studied in the TILA LLM programme. We hope you will help strengthen this network and will benefit from being part of such a network.

Today, we welcome you into the TILA alumni network and invite you to be its newest ambassadors.

Good luck and Godspeed! We look forward to learning about all your future successes. Please stay in touch!

With our very best wishes,

Prof Danny Bradlow

*SARCHI Professor of International Development Law and African Economic Relations
Programme Director: International Trade and Investment Law in Africa*

Dr Oyeniya Abe

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From the Tutor

It was a privilege working with the outgoing students on the TILA Master's programme. These students are intelligent and hard working. They're admired for working closely as a team.

I encourage you all to continue working hard towards fulfilling your dreams. Do not let anything hinder you from achieving your goals which is what you strived to achieve in the past months. Take advantage of opportunities that will enable you become the person you desire. You can be what you want to be if you put your mind into it and have the necessary tools.

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STUDENT PROFILE

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Bachelor of Laws, Post Graduate Certificate in
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TILA programme:**
Attorney

Academic field(s) of interest:
Business and Human Rights law, Special
Economic Zones, International Investment Law,
Employment and Labour law

Favourite memory?
Every moment in TILA was special for its
uniqueness and pure enjoyment, both inside
and outside the class room.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?
The connections and friendships made during the duration of our studies will be invaluable as they
allowed us fresh perspectives in our everyday thinking.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
Be prepared to meet the best of the best in respective fields and be the best version of yourself
because that's what it takes to make it.

Favourite module:
Alternative Dispute Resolution by Darren Thorne. The module gave us an escape from the law and
enabled us to think out of the box.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
I believe assisting alumni and prospective students with material and information for various
countries across the continent is vital and I'll always be open to share any needed data relating to my
home country.

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Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

**Position and experience before joining the
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Practicing Lawyer

Academic field(s) of interest:
Trade and Gender, Corporate Law, International
Investment and Tax Law

Favourite memory?
The programme was inspiring and given by well
experienced professors.

**How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career
and plans in the near future?**
The programme has given me practical knowledge that I'll use it while practicing law.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
If you are interested in international trade and/or investment with a focus on Africa, TILA is the best
choice.

Favourite module:
Negotiation, Regulation of International Trade. The courses were very interesting, practical and
engaging.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
In any best possible way, I can.



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Personal Banker

Academic field(s) of interest:
International Trade Law, International Finance

Favourite memory?
TILA was the best place to know Africa.

**How will the MPhil obtained under the
Centre for Human Rights advance your
career and plans in the near future?**

It will further enhance my understanding about Africa and trade negotiations, which is directly related with my career plan in African Development Financial Institutions.

Any advice for a prospective applicant?

TILA is worth the time and the effort and will put you in a special position to advance one life career.

Favourite module:

Legal Aspects of Trade Finance because I am passionate about banking and finance

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

Attendance at every alumni event and programme.

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**Position and experience before joining the
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Junior Associate in Law Office

Academic field(s) of interest:
Investment Law

Favourite memory?
Very fascinating class discussions, other socioeconomic discussions outside of the class and the trip to Competition Commission, Sunnyside.



How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?
I was always aspiring to be a corporate lawyer and this program assisted me in grasping the main and contemporary investment and trade law issues.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
Stay focus and work hard! It's really a wonderful programme!

Favourite module:
Foreign Investment Law since it is directly connected with my mini dissertation.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
Active engagement through social media platforms such as WhatsApp and email.

STUDENT PROFILE

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Senior State Counsel, Attorney General's
Chambers and Ministry of Justice of The
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Academic field(s) of interest:
International Arbitration, International
Commercial Law, International Trade.

Favourite memory?
A cumulative memory of the camaraderie and
light exchanges amongst colleagues during
class.

How will the LLM(TILA) programme advance your career and plans in the near future?
It provides much needed capacity in the field of international trade. At such a key moment in Africa's formation of the AfCFTA, the course provides just the right focus on Africa which I believe gives me that extra edge in a currently crowded job market.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
Give the course your undivided attention but above all do not forget to have fun while at it.

Favourite module:
International Disputes Settlement.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
By being an active member and by contributing intellectually and materially to activities of the platform that promote development and cohesion.

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MA (Governance and Sustainable Development), LL. B; B.Ed, Diploma (Basic Education); Certificate 'A' (Teaching)

Position and experience before joining the TILA programme:

Director, Sakyiba Enterprises Ltd; District Chief Executive (Mayor), Twifo Hemang Lower Denkyira District, Ghana (2013- 2017); Head, Language Department, Efutu Senior High School, Cape Coast, Ghana (2007-2013).

Academic field(s) of interest:
Trade Finance, Banking Reforms and Regulations (with focus on credit to SMEs), local governance law and investment, Investment Law and Human Rights, Trade Negotiations, African Regional Integration.

Favourite memory?

The experiences we had with the highly qualified lecturers from the academia and the corporate world as teachers were great. The lessons we took at the Competition Commission of South Africa was a memorable academic trip and the social gathering at the Sun City was worth memorable. My greatest memory is the privilege to serve as the 2019 class representative.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?

The research work exposed me favourably to the attitude to persevere and advance in new fields of knowledge. My motivation to research into "FACTORING"; a financial concept I had never come across until this course was as a result of the deep insights the course lecturers offer in every module. The result has given me the hope that I shall contribute effectively to any organisation I associate with in future in my career in trade finance.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?

A candidate for this programme must have the intrinsic motivation to work harder believing that this programme holds a brighter prospects for him or her. He or she must be ready to sacrifice time and resources to achieve his or her dreams for enrolling on the course.

Favourite module:

International Trade Finance

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

By helping to coordinate our social media platforms and motivating colleagues to update their ourselves on our careers and challenges.

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Position and experience before joining the TILA programme:

I am a Barrister and a Solicitor to the Supreme Court of Ghana.

Academic field(s) of interest:

Trade Facilitation, Regional Integration, Trade Finance, Project Finance and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms.

**Favourite memory?**

The fun we had with lecturers, the questions some colleagues asked that caused loud outbursts, the willingness of some to share the knowledge they had, the unity in the class and many more.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?

The modules were all-encompassing. It touched on almost everything to help you whether in private practice or public practice. I am confident I am currently equipped to work both in the private and public space. Whether I decide later to work for the government or for a trans-national company, I know the learning from TILA will be there to guide me.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?

First, make time to establish a good bond with your colleagues. They have a good experience you can learn from. Secondly, do your possible best to extract all the knowledge you can from your lecturers because they are the best you can get in the field!

Favourite module:

Intellectual Property. I liked it because I was able to appreciate it better when it was taught.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

I will always try and make myself available for any form of re-union.

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**Position and experience before joining the
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Legal Researcher

Academic field(s) of interest:
International Public and Private Law

Favourite memory?
Eating Ethiopian injera, Malawian rice. Going to Sun City, TILA braai's and dinner events at Fairview.

**How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career
and plans in the near future?**

I want to work in an international organization and be in academia at the same time.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?

TILA is not all about admission. Extra energy and efforts are required to ensure that one's individual and collective objectives are achieved.

Favourite module:

Trade finance. It formed the basis of my thesis on factoring and enlightened me so much on the ways in which EAC can enhance free movement of capital in its common market.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

By assisting more deserving but less financially fortunate applicants in the programme.

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**Position and experience before joining the
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Academic field(s) of interest:
International Economic Law, Business and
Human rights, Investor-state dispute resolution.

Favourite memory?
Interacting with Mr. Edward Kwaka, Legal
counsel for WIPO.

**How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career
and plans in the near future?**

Hopefully, the programme will enable me get into academia. I also have plans to start my LLD and the programme provided a foundation on what I am planning to write on.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?

Take a chance and make your application. The programme is intellectually engaging, fun and am sure you will not regret the experience.

Favourite module:

International Trade Law, It resonated well with the ongoing developments in international trade in Africa.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

Joining the social platforms created for alumni.

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Position and experience before joining the TILA programme:
Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Certified Professional Mediator

Academic field(s) of interest:
Corporate and Commercial Law, International Trade and Investment Law and Commercial Mediation and Arbitration

Favourite memory?
Being taught by experts from various renowned regional and international organizations and meeting and interacting with colleagues from various nationalities.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?
My proposed doctorate research topic is influenced by the course.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
The course is an eye opener.

Favourite module:
Advanced International Trade Law. My keen interest in the module influenced my decision to major my mini-dissertation on the module.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
By availing myself and creating time to support and promote any incentives put forth to build a strong alumni platform. I will also not hesitate to circulate any information that can help in advancing the careers of the alumni.

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Senior Analyst, Compliance, Reserve Bank of
Malawi.

Academic field(s) of interest:
International Trade, Finance, Public
Administration, Gender and Trade

Favourite memory?
Selection of resource persons is top notch.

**How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career
and plans in the near future?**

TILA has equipped me with the relevant practical knowledge of many issues related to the field of international trade transactions especially now that Africa wants to implement the continental free trade area.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?

Do not think twice about enrolling for the program. It's advantages are quite many and so enriching. However you must come well prepared to last the duration.

Favourite module?
Trade Finance and Factoring

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

By maintaining close links with fellow classmates.

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Principal Law Research Officer/ Legislative Drafter

Academic field(s) of interest:
Corporate Law, International Business/Investment Law, International Taxation Law, Technology/ E-Commerce Law, Human Rights Law, Dispute Resolutions

Favourite memory?
Working in Groups/Teams and group assignments, Visiting key institutions such as the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and the Competition Commission, Attending Advanced Human Rights Courses, presenting a paper in a Campus Environmental Conference in Cape Town, Class excursion to Sun City among others. In Darren Thorne's Negotiation class, the reactions were real and provided a true learning opportunity and experience.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?
The LLM (TILA) has increased my understanding of the main principles and tenets of International trade and investment such as tariff, customs regulations, trade remedies, and investment agreements. This will enable me analyse complex issues emerging in this area particularly in Africa.

It has also equipped me with specialist knowledge and skills to become an expert advisor and consultant in the field of International Trade & Investment Law. It has developed my capacity for proffering creative solutions to improving Africa's currently dismal contribution to global trade and investment by creating effective trade & investment friendly policies and laws in Africa.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
Having the right attitude, preparation and purposeful focus. LLM TILA is an intensive programme. There are times doubt from fatigue creep in, but the right attitude of positivity and resilience keeps one going. Preparation from day one is key because of the course work volume and technicalities especially in Advance International Trade Law (WTO). Lastly, do not forget to have fun and make friends while at it. Pretoria is a beautiful city with friendly, helpful and hospitable people.

Favourite module:
Hard to pick. I enjoyed every module because I learnt so much and the mode of delivery was excellent.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
I can assist financially in due course. I would like to assist by providing career opportunities to students especially internships (regardless of nationality) which is extremely vital to internalising what has been learnt and providing relevant real-life work exposure.

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STUDENT PROFILE

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Position and experience before joining the TILA programme:

I was into active legal practice as a prosecutor in the Office of the Special Prosecutor on violent crimes and other related offences in the Ministry of Justice, Bayelsa State of Nigeria. I prosecute criminal matters in all the Superior Courts of Records within and outside the state.

Academic field(s) of interest:
International Trade and Investment Law in Africa; Regional Integration; Compliance-Anti-money laundering compliance; Illicit financial flows and Corporate Governance



Favourite memory?

The Negotiation class facilitated by Mr. Daren Thorne. It proffered practical steps to negotiations in trade transactions.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?

Learning is a relatively permanent change in behaviour as a result of experience. The experience garnered in the course of this TILA program would further advance my career and plans in the future as a person who desires to practice law and go into academic contemporaneously. Trade and investment are areas of law that few legal practitioners explore. When it comes to trade negotiations at the international space, few legal practitioners are often used compared to other disciplines like economics. Going through this course would make me a hybrid of both a legal practitioner and an economist in the practical sense.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?

Know and decide first what your desire is. There are many LLM programmes globally. Decide whether TILA programme fits into your future career plans and goals. Secondly, prepare your mind for the stress and workload of the course as it is very intensive and demanding and lastly, when fortunately you are admitted, build good and solid human relationships and networking with your course mates and the lecturers as life continues after the programme.

Favourite module:

Both modules are interesting to me. However, I enjoyed investment law more; mostly because investment issues are often neglected and not addressed like trade issues.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

I would volunteer to create a Facebook page and a WhatsApp group for this purpose and if need be, contribute financially for the platform when the need arises.

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STUDENT PROFILE

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Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws

**Position and experience before joining the
TILA programme:**
Legal Advisor

Academic field(s) of interest:
Investment Law

Favourite memory?
The high quality of lecturers that taught within the programme.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?

I hope that this programme will aid my transition from mainstream corporate banking to public and development finance.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?

Leverage as much information as possible from the lecturers' knowledge and experience by asking probing questions as it will broaden your knowledge and give you more insight into critical topics affecting the world today.

Favourite module/course and why?

Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform, due to the exceptional knowledge and experience of the instructor, Prof. Lucy Reed. She delivered the subject material in a manner that forces you to critically think. The skills that she imparted during the lectures are skills that are fundamentally useful to lawyers.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

By offering my knowledge gained through my education and experience in financing and investment from a South African perspective

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STUDENT PROFILE

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LLB

**Position and experience before joining the
TILA programme:**
Legal Advisor

Academic field(s) of interest:
Trade and investment

Favourite memory?
The numerous field trips.

**How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career
and plans in the near future?**

Through this LLM and the knowledge obtained, will definitely bolster my negotiating skills having better understanding of my country's position in the international world in terms of international standards

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?

To know the international trading norms and standards in terms of WTO Rules is very crucial for an individual career. Therefore, this LLM provides extensive knowledge on interaction between African countries and international communities

Favourite module:

Advanced International Trade Law. This course provides an in-depth knowledge on WTO Rules

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

By availing myself to provide academic advice to new students when required

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**Position and experience before joining the
TILA programme:**
Finance Lawyer

Academic field(s) of interest:
Finance, Human Rights, Tax and commercial arbitration

Favourite memory?
The very smart and robust debaters I met in the class made the programme so much fun.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?

I intend to make commercial arbitration a major focus in my practice in future. All of the dispute resolution pedagogy we received on the programme will assist with this endeavour.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
Immerse yourself in the experience. It's a hell of a ride!

Favourite module:
The trade finance module taught by Enga Kameni and Negotiation strategies taught by Darren Thorne. The method of delivery and the subject matter of both courses were well done.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
I would like to teach on the programme in future.

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Bachelors of Law

**Position and experience before joining the
TILA programme:**
LLB student

Academic field(s) of interest:
Competition law and international dispute
settlement.

Favourite memory?
Our welcoming ceremony, SunCity trip, JSE trip
and being in class with people from different
countries.



How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?
It will help me with getting a job in International Law Firms and working for the Department of Trade and Industry.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
Enjoy every moment and build friendships with people from all over the African continent. Be emotionally and physically ready for a hectic programme.

Favourite module:
WIPO which dealt with international intellectual property. It is my favourite module because I have learnt about registering IP on the international platform and how registering indigenous geographical indications could help African countries generate more wealth.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
We need to create an alumni page on all social media platforms and coming back to teach or motivate prospective candidates.

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Academic qualifications:
LLB

**Position and experience before joining the
TILA programme:**
Consultant/Farmer

Academic field(s) of interest:
International Trade

Favourite memory?
The delivery of the lectures by various
Professors

**How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career
and plans in the near future?**
To become an authority/expert in international trade and investment law in Africa

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
It is a very intensive course.

Favourite module:
Negotiations on trade and human rights aspect.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
Enhancing networking among other alumni members

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Academic qualifications:
BA, LLB Law (UP)

**Position and experience before joining the
TILA programme:**
Student

Academic field(s) of interest:
International Investment Law and Trade
Facilitation

Favourite memory?
Welcoming ceremony and the practical exercises
undertaken during lecture presentations.

**How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career
and plans in the near future?**

TILA has advanced my knowledge and understanding of international trade and investment law. The LLM has laid the foundation for my career plans which have since changed after joining the programme. The programme has equipped me with adequate skills needed to assist governments in investment policy and legislative framework.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?

Be open minded when you enter the programme. The programme will broaden your views and thoughts about international trade and investment. Besides, the programme is challenging. It will need a full time commitment.

Favourite module:

International investment law was my favourite course. The course aligns with my academic interest and career goals. Coming from a country currently struggling to attract investment, this course enabled me to understand how to attract foreign investment, how to protect the needs of the local market and how to regulate foreign investment in a modern contemporary world.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

Willing to share opportunities with students.

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STUDENT PROFILE

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Academic qualifications:
Bachelor of Arts (Law) (cum laude) and LLB.

**Position and experience before joining the
TILA programme:**
Political Attaché, Embassy of the Holy See,
Pretoria.

Academic field(s) of interest:
International Private Law, Extractive
Industries, Investment Dispute Resolution and
Environmental Law.

Favourite memory?
Obsessively playing cards with my colleagues
during coffee breaks.



How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?

This course has provided me with a springboard upon which to pursue a career in trade policy analysis. I am currently employed as an intern at an NGO that specializes in trade advisory and in this position, I am directly applying the knowledge I acquired during this course. The multi-disciplinary nature of the programme has also opened up career paths for me in the financial sector as well as within the sphere of human rights. In the near future I intend to pursue further legal studies in the extractive industries, and I can confidently say that this course has provided me with a baseline understanding of the contemporary issues in that field.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM (TILA) programme?

My advice to a prospective applicant is firstly, to submit an application despite the seemingly onerous admission requirements for the course. Secondly, use the year to make meaningful connections with both the lecturers who present the course and hold a vast wealth of knowledge, as well as with your classmates. Lastly, I would say, despite the sometimes-overwhelming nature of the course, stick it out until the end, the experience will be worth your while.

Favourite module:

International Financial Regulation presented by Prof. Sunduzwayo Madise; International Environmental Law presented by Prof Hunter.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

I commit to keeping our current class, WhatsApp group active, as well as by reaching out to the Alumni I know personally and encouraging them to remain involved with the programme.

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STUDENT PROFILE

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Bachelor of Business Administration; Bachelor of Laws

Position and experience before joining the TILA programme:
Business Development Consultant.

Academic field(s) of interest:
Investment Law, Sustainable Development, Project Finance

Favourite memory?
The diversity of personalities and nationalities in the class was an amazing learning experience. After my experience with the class of 2019, I have no doubt that the beauty of life lies in the diversity of human beings.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?
The LLM has widened my perspective on many issues and has equipped me to play an active role in African business transactions within Africa and the rest of the world.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
If you are looking to being a change agent in Africa and help change the trajectory of African economies, then the LLM in trade and investment law in Africa programme may just be what you need. It is cutting edge, fast paced, current and has a host of experienced lecturers.

Favourite module:
Project Finance. It is very relevant to Africa's development needs. Africa has a major need for infrastructural development and the module gives one a good grasp of the issues to be considered when structuring project finance transactions.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
I will make myself available to the TILA network and participate as much as I possibly can in any initiative the alumni may embark on.

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STUDENT PROFILE

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LLB (Hons) (UZ, Zimbabwe), Post Graduate Certificate in Trade Facilitation (TRAPCA, Lund University)

Position and experience before joining the TILA programme:
Advocate of the Superior Courts

Academic field(s) of interest:
International Trade Law, International Arbitration, Trade and Gender, Human Rights Law.

Favourite memory?
The visit to JSE. The lecturers on intellectual property, alternative dispute resolution, regional integration and business and human rights stand out.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?
The program has already opened avenues for growth as I became a participant and presented at the UNCTAD Summer School (Geneva, Switzerland). I also plan to undertake PhD studies and believe that the LLM triggered the thirst to advance myself academically.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
'It always seems impossible until it is done' - Nelson Mandela

Favourite module:
Intellectual Property, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Regional Integration and Business and Human Rights. These courses presented opportunities for learning, growth, interaction, debate and trying to find solutions for what we perceived to be peculiar African issues.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
I would be happy to steer the Zimbabwean chapter of the network which can hopefully feed into a global alumni network and would be happy to follow up the creation of social media platforms that bring together the diverse professionals

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STUDENT PROFILE

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LLB

**Position and experience before joining the
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Law Researcher at the Constitutional Court of
South Africa

Academic field(s) of interest:
International Financial Institutions, International
Investment Law and International Arbitration

Favourite memory?
Each and every week was a major highlight for me, because we would have different guest lecturers from across the globe. Not only would they bring their expertise with regard to certain disciplines but also experience and advice that gives the practicality of the TILA program in the international sphere.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?
The TILA program has set up a fundamental foundation for my further future endeavors in areas such as International financial institutions, International investment law and international arbitration.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?
Do not think twice, apply for this program. This is indeed a sui generic program that will open you to a host of disciplines of not only legal but also economics and others.

Favourite module:
There were quite few modules that I found interesting. International Arbitration, delivered by Professor Lucy Reed made me fall in love with the discipline of International Arbitration. Dr Edwini Kessie and Dr Sundu Madise who took us WTO and Financial Markets respectively were phenomenal.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?
I will ensure I stay in contact with IDLU so share information on alumni such as who is where, who is doing what and how IDLU can assist prospective students with regards to internships.

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STUDENT PROFILE

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**Position and experience before joining the
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National Coordinator for Space Generation
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Academic field(s) of interest:

Space Law & Policy, Human Rights, Trade &
Investment Law

Favourite memory?

Trip to Sun City was a great team building
experience!



How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?

I believe it has diversified my career interests and will allow me to be dynamic enough to fit into a range of key sectors.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?

Definitely to come in with an open mind and brace yourself for the cultural melting pot that is the Centre for Human Rights.

Favourite module:

Negotiation and Dispute Resolution with Darren Thorne. I enjoyed the practicality of the seminars and the opportunity to engage with the theory in a realistic scenario.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

Definitely by creating an online community through which to connect even after the programme.

STUDENT PROFILE

Mr Isaac Marara

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LLB (Hons) University of Pretoria

**Position and experience before joining the
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LLB student

Academic field(s) of interest:
Law of International Business Transactions,
International Finance Law, Trade Facilitation &
Law of Foreign Investment.

Favourite memory?

The programme was structured in a way that students will have contact with lecturers from across the world, each responsible for a specific topic in their field of specialisation. This was beneficial and interesting as students get different perspectives on international trade from different experts, that is, academics, legal practitioners, governments employees and employees of international organisations like the WTO, to mention just a few. Students were also provided the opportunity to take part in social activities.

How will the LLM(TILA) advance your career and plans in the near future?

The programme equipped me with all the necessary tools required in the world of trade, for instance, understanding the operations of the WTO, international financial institutions, international bodies & regional trade agreements. This is the kind of knowledge a trade lawyer need in order to successfully advise and negotiate for their government or clients as well as drafting sound trade policies.

Advice for a prospective applicant to the LLM(TILA) programme?

This is one of the best Masters programmes in Africa considering the importance of trade and foreign investment to the development of Africa as a continent and its member states. There is a need for one to have perseverance in order to obtain this degree and a clear understanding of the law of international trade and investment in Africa

Favourite module:

International Finance Law, because finance is considered as the life blood of trade and one needs to understand how finance law operate at an international level or trade and investment to be specific.

How can you assist in building a strong alumni platform for this programme?

Alumni members need to connect through professional platform design for this programme for instance a platform like LinkedIn.

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ALUMNI CORNER

Ms Primrose Kurasha

TILA Alumna – Class of 2017

With a very strong background in law, liberal and fine arts, I knew I was diving into the deep end when I chose to study for the Masters' degree in Trade and Investment Law in Africa (TILA). However, as is typical of human nature when confronted with a sink or swim situation, I swam, and I thrived. My exceptional consistent performance in my coursework and thesis, earned me the esteemed honour of becoming a lifetime member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, whilst also commencing with my Doctorate a fortnight after submitting my LLM thesis. My saving grace was the open mind and humility to learn with which I approached this LLM programme. I was literally willing to forget about my previous qualifications and work experience and start from scratch. I would strongly recommend the LLM TILA programme to anyone, more so someone brave enough to continue learning, a visionary for Africa keen to develop their business acumen, and also to anyone equipped with an unrelenting and purposeful work ethic (because work you will).



ALUMNI CORNER

Ms Linda Ajemba

Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator,
Centre for Human Rights

TILA Alumna – Class of 2016

As an alumna of the Master's programme in International Trade and Investment Law in Africa (TILA), it is important for current and prospective students to pay attention to some salient facts that will make their experience enriching and rewarding.

Firstly, students should approach the course with an open mind, willing to learn and fully participate in lectures. In relationship with lecturers and fellow students, be willing to listen and learn. Engage deeply with course leaders and learn from your fellow students. As the programme is international in nature, there are obviously many things to learn culturally, academically and socially.

Secondly, students should prepare earnestly. Preparation includes paying attention to the application process, travel plans and settling in. For instance, prospective students should be able to inquire about the time lag between visa application and issuance of the visa. Students who experience delays in visa application always find it difficult to cope with the environment as well as academic activities. Thus, the need for early application to acclimatize and be ready for academic work.

For the prospective students, the TILA Masters programme is an intensive programme and requires great depth of preparation before and during the programme. To the current students, I wish you a successful and bright future.



ALUMNI CORNER

Mr Jacob Ssali

LLD Candidate

University of Pretoria

TILA Alumnus – Class of 2014

In 2013, I was given an opportunity to pursue the Masters in Trade and Investments Law in Africa (TILA). Working at the Centre for Human Rights, I had the luck of understanding what being on this programme meant. The TILA programme is the only one of its kind in Africa, providing graduates a niche opportunity in the market.



In hindsight, this was a worthwhile experience for me. It gave me the opportunity of sharing the class with some of the smartest brains on the continent. This diverse group of people not only turned the classes into mock courtroom sessions but also taught us about their countries, cultures, heritage as well as the aspirations to be the change on the African continent. The uniqueness of the TILA programme is its practicality. Knowledge is given by the people who are within the fields of study thus giving the students real experience of what to expect within the trade and investment space. This also gives one an opportunity to realize that there is more to the law than just being lawyer in a courtroom. The exposure to knowledge and different professionals show that the TILA programme is a launchpad to a vast array of opportunities within the trade and investment space.

The TILA alumni hold different positions across the trade and investment space in Africa. Some of the people include those that taught you. Like my class, you have been taught by seasoned professionals: legal advisors in major industries, anticorruption heads, Investment bankers, international policy advisors, diplomatic advisors. More importantly, the world's youngest continent provides a major potential for sustained development and access to wealth for the African people. This in turn creates a major obligation for the graduates of this class to utilise the knowledge acquired to assist in shaping the continent. Africa has always been at a disadvantage in negotiating major policy and investment contracts due to a shortage of skill in these areas. You now have the skill to plug the knowledge gap by advising and participating in such transactions for governments and also private sector players.

I want to commend the 2019 class for their perseverance and diligence. You now hold the key to some of the continent's solutions, so use them very wisely. Take the chance to look around for your fit. Do not get back into your legal comfort zone and at least try to look for a niche where you can make a difference. Good luck in your new adventure. Hope you will one day come back and pass on your knowledge and experience to others that will be seated in the places you once sat.

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