



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

25 – 29 March 2019
Room 1-76, Graduate Centre
University of Pretoria

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Programme



Day 1: Monday 25 March 2019

Theme: *Women's rights: Introduction and context*
Moderator: *Patience Mungwari Mpani*

08:00 – 08:30 **Arrival & registration**
Annie Mulamba Bipendu

08:30 – 08:45 **Setting the scene and course themes**

Patience Mungwari Mpani
Programme Manager, Women's Rights Unit
Centre for Human Rights

Dennis Antwi
Programme, Manager Advanced Human Rights Courses
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08:45 – 09:00 **Welcome remarks**
Prof Frans Viljoen
Director, Centre for Human Rights

09:00 – 11:00 **Women, law and human rights: An African perspective**
Prof Fareda Banda
School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

11:00 – 11:15 **Tea break and group picture**

11:15 – 13:00 **Women, law and human rights: An African perspective**
Prof Fareda Banda
SOAS

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 – 16:30 **Advocacy, activism and social justice**
Isthar Lakani
Advocacy & Human Rights Defence Manager
Sex Worker Education and Advocacy Taskforce (SWEAT)

Day 2: Tuesday 26 March 2019

Theme: *Women's rights, regional and international human rights law*
Moderator: *Oluwatomi Sode*

08:15 – 09:30 **Overview of the human rights framework**
Prof Frans Viljoen
Director, Centre for Human Rights

9:30 – 11:00	Gender equality and women's rights in the UN system Karen Stefiszyn <i>Gender Specialist & Independent Consultant</i>
11:00 – 11.15	Tea break
11:15 – 13:00	The Maputo Protocol and women's rights in Africa Dr Ashwanee Budoo <i>Centre for Human Rights</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 16:00	Roundtable: Transforming international human rights from an African feminist perspective Moderated by Tabitha Saoyo (KELIN/Kenya) With: Prof Fareda Banda (SOAS) and Prof Rashida Manjoo (UCT)
Day 3: Wednesday 27 March 2019	
Theme: <i>Select thematic women's rights issues</i> Moderator: <i>Adetokunbo Johnson</i>	
08:30 – 10:45	Sexuality and the law Prof Sylvia Tamale <i>University of Makerere</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Tea break
11:00 – 13:00	The legal protection of women from violence: Normative gaps in international law Prof Rashida Manjoo <i>University of Cape Town & Former UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00	Using human rights principles to realise sexual and reproductive health rights: Legal and advocacy approaches Tabitha Saoyo Griffith <i>Deputy Executive Director, KELIN Kenya</i>

Day 4: Thursday 28 March 2019

Theme: *Engaging with the African human rights system on women's rights*
Moderator: *Annie Mulamba Bipendu*

08:30 – 10:45 **Frameworks for understanding oppression: Theoretical and practical perspectives**
Prof Sylvia Tamale
University of Makerere

10:45– 11:00 **Tea break**

11:00 – 13:00 **The gender responsiveness of the African human rights system:
The jurisprudence of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights**
Dr Mariam Kamunyu
Gender Equality Specialist
Catholic University of Eastern Africa

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 – 15:00 **Breathing life into the Maputo Protocol**
Esther Waweru
Legal Advisor, Legal Equality Equality Now
Solidarity for African Women's Rights (SOAWR)

15:00 – 16:30 **State Reporting Exercise**
Patience Mungwari Mpani
Centre for Human Rights

Day 5: Friday 29 March 2019

Theme: *Culture and women's rights*
Moderator: *Patience Mungwari Mpani*

08:30 – 10:30 **Culture, tradition, religion and women's human rights in Africa**
Prof. Thandabantu Nhlapo
University of Cape Town

10.30 – 10.45 **Tea break**

10:45 – 12:45 **Panel discussion:
Human Rights and cultural practices**

Dr Mariam Kamunyu in a conversation with Prof. Thandabantu Nhlapo (UCT),
Dr Nkatha Murungi (CHR) and Esther Waweru (Equality Now/SOAWR)

12:45 – 14:45 **Lunch**

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Women's Rights Unit

The Women's Rights Unit aims to promote implementation and popularisation of the Maputo Protocol through research, training and advocacy. The Unit aims to further support the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa, to strengthen regional mechanisms with a commitment to the advancement of women, to promote gender sensitive policies and practices, and strategise for the provision of equal opportunities for women in Africa.

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