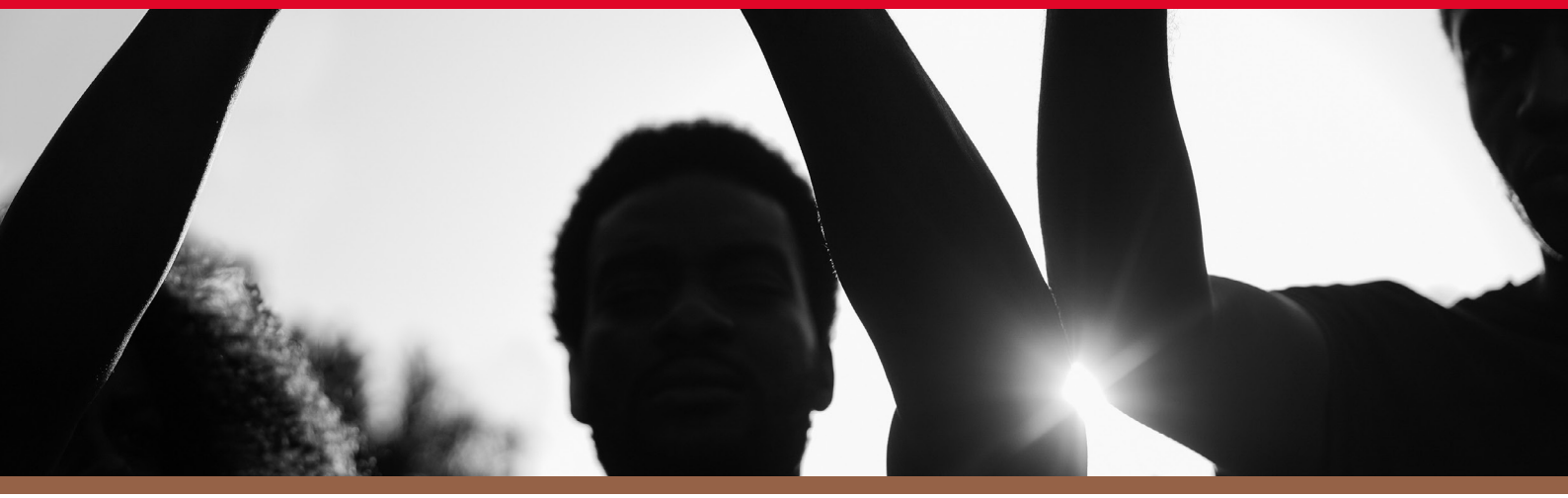


CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Advanced Human Rights Course

Civil Society Law in Africa

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, in collaboration with the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, will host a 5-day intensive hybrid short course on Civil Society Law in Africa from 9 - 13 August 2027.

About the course

Through the Legal Education Initiative, ICNL partners with selected African educational institutions to promote the study of laws affecting civil society. The Legal Education Initiative seeks to:

- Strengthen the capacity of stakeholders with respect to the legal and regulatory principles affecting civil society;
- In collaboration with partner institutions and organisations, develop (model) courses on civil society law that cater to a variety of audiences and can be used at law schools, legal aid clinics, continuing education programmes, community legal education classes, etc. throughout the region; and
- Provide opportunities for interaction among legal professionals, civil society leaders, students, government officials and legislators across the region with a view to facilitating the exchange of ideas and experiences.

Course objectives

- To exchange views and experiences about the role of civil society in a State;
- To strengthen capacity on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association in international law and comparative perspectives;
- To raise awareness of the challenges civil society faces and efforts to respond to those threats;
- To strengthen capacity, in practice, to identify and analyse legal barriers to the right to freedom of association;
- To stimulate interest in civil society law and encourage further research in this field;
- To build a network of legal professionals working in the field and encourage collaborative efforts within the network.

Visit **www.chr.up.ac.za/ahrc** for more information.

Course length:
5 days

Estimated effort:
7+ hours/day

Price:
Online - 150 USD
In-person - 250 USD

Course type:
Short course

Certificate:
On successful completion

Language:
English

Course dates
9 – 13 August 2027

Apply until
30 July 2027

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Topics may include the following:

- Perspectives on the role of civil society
- Conceptual issues on the right to freedom of association
- Right to freedom of association in Africa and international law
- Regulation of and governance within the civil society sector
- Access to resources and sustainability of associations
- Right to freedom of peaceful assembly including peaceful protest
- Freedom of association and peaceful assembly online

Methodology may include practical exercises/group work, lectures, interactive discussions and moderated panel discussions.

Potential presenters/facilitators may include:

- Individuals working in the field of civil society law
- Regional and national-level organisations with expertise
- Government representatives
- Representatives from global and regional human rights bodies working on relevant issues e.g. Special Procedures of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the United Nations.

Scholarships

All applicants wishing to apply for scholarships are required to write a short motivation. A limited number of scholarships are available. These scholarships are awarded on a very competitive basis.

Application procedure

Documents to be submitted:

- Curriculum Vitae (short CV in PDF or Word document, 1–2 pages, maximum 10 MB in file size)
- One Letter of Recommendation (PDF or Word document, maximum of 10 MB in file size)
- Academic Records (students only) (combined in one PDF or Word document, maximum 10 MB in file size).

Important Notice:
A high proficiency in English is required to attend this course. All lectures and materials are in English. Prior to applying for this course, please read through the information on the practical information and the payment details pages.

** Please note that in order to apply for any of the Advanced Human Rights Courses, you are required to use a Google account.*

If you do not hear from us within 5 days after applications have closed, please consider your application unsuccessful.

Payment

Account name: University of Pretoria
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As reference please supply the following information: ***(A1H394)*** and ***surname.***

Please email a proof of payment to Mr Dennis Antwi at **Dennis.Antwi@up.ac.za**.

NB: Please do not make payment until you have received confirmation that you have been accepted for the course.

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