

# COLLOQUIUM ON THE RIGHTS OF SEXUAL MINORITIES IN AFRICA: CHARTING A WAY FORWARD



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## VENUE INFORMATION

**CONFERENCE VENUE DAY 1 & 2**  
Merensky Library Auditorium, Main Campus,  
University of Pretoria

**TEAS**  
Foyer, Merensky Library Auditorium,  
Main Campus, University of Pretoria

**LUNCH**  
Adlers Restaurant (next to the Graduate Centre)

**WELCOME COCKTAIL**  
Adlers Restaurant (next to the Graduate Centre)

**DAY 2 DINNER**  
Capeesh Restaurant, Brooklyn, Pretoria

## PROGRAMME

### MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 2014

**THEME: Taking stock**

08:30 - 16:45 Conference Day 1

17:00 Welcome cocktail

### TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2014

**THEMES: Litigation, fundamentalisms, and  
the way forward**

08:00 - 17:00 Conference Day 2

19:00 Conference dinner



## Day 1: Monday 8 December 2014

### Theme: Taking stock

<b>08:30 - 09:00</b>	Registration	<b>Angela Bukenya</b>
<b>09:00 - 09:15</b>	Welcome remarks, review of colloquium agenda, goals and objectives	<b>Prof Frans Viljoen</b> , <i>Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i> <b>Sylvie Namwase</b>
<b>09:15 - 09:45</b>	Introductions: what do I bring to the colloquium? (Experiences, skills, connections etc.)	<b>Norman Taku</b> , <i>Deputy Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i> <b>Prof Frans Viljoen</b> <b>Sylvie Namwase</b>
<b>09:45 - 11:30</b>	Regional Panel – Southern Africa	<b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Ms Annette Lansink</b> , <i>Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Venda</i> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zimbabwe: <b>Mandipa Esau</b></li> <li>• South Africa: <b>Ella Scheepers &amp; Ishtar Lakhani</b></li> <li>• South Africa (transgendered persons): <b>Busisiwe Deyi</b></li> <li>• Botswana: <b>Lame Olebile</b></li> <li>• Mozambique: <b>Emerson Lopes</b></li> </ul>
<b>11:30 - 11:45</b>	Tea	Foyer
<b>11:45 - 12:30</b>	Regional Panel – West and Central Africa	<b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Dr Winifred Kamau</b> , <i>Head of Department, School of Law, University of Nairobi</i> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nigeria: <b>Jegede Ademola &amp; Azubike Onuora-Oguno</b></li> <li>• Cameroon: <b>Michel Togue</b></li> </ul>
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b>	Lunch	Adlers Restaurant
<b>13:30 - 14:30</b>	Regional Panel – Eastern Africa	<b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Dr Damalie Naggita-Musoke</b> , <i>Makerere University, Dean, School of Law</i> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kenya: <b>Seith Wekesa</b></li> <li>• Uganda: <b>Sylvie Namwase</b></li> </ul>
<b>14:30 - 15:30</b>	Paper: The status quo on genetic and scientific other factors that affect sexual orientation, and its relevance for Africa (followed by questions, answers and discussion)	<b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Mr Roopanand Mahadew</b> , <i>Lecturer, Faculty of Law and Management, University of Mauritius</i> <b>Prof Marc Epprecht</b> , <i>Dept of Global Development Studies, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada</i>
<b>15:30 - 15:45</b>	Tea	

<b>15:45 - 16:45</b>	Plenary (open discussion): The politicisation of sexual minority rights in Africa and the way forward – Preliminary reflections	<b>Chairs:</b> <b>Justice Monica Mbaru &amp; Mandala Mambulasa</b>
<b>17:00</b>	Welcome Cocktail	Adler's Restaurant

## Day Two: Tuesday 9 December 2014

### Themes: Litigation, fundamentalisms, and the way forward

<b>08:00 - 08:30</b>	Recap	Rapporteur
<b>08:30 - 09:15</b>	Paper: Can Europe and North America offer any advice on struggles for decriminalisation in Africa?	<b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Prof Akinola Ibidapo-Obe</b> , <i>Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos</i> <b>Prof Rob Wintemute</b> , <i>King's College London</i>
<b>09:15 - 10:30</b>	Panel: Litigation on sexual minorities' rights in Africa: Recent developments	<i>Session Chair:</i> <b>Dr Biruk Haile Gereyo</b> , <i>Lecturer, School of Law, University of Addis Ababa</i> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uganda: <b>Adrian Jjuuko</b></li> <li>• South Africa: <b>Priti Patel</b></li> <li>• Malawi: <b>Mandala Mambulasa</b></li> </ul>
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	Tea	
<b>10:45 - 11:30</b>	Panel: Fundamentalisms and LGBTI rights in Africa	<b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Prof Kofi Quashigah</b> , <i>Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana</i> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stella Nyanzi</b>, <i>Senior Researcher, Makerere University, Uganda</i></li> <li>• <b>Monica Kirya</b> (paper presented by Sylvie Namwase)</li> </ul>
<b>11:30 - 12:30</b>	Panel: HIV and MSM: HIV and MSM in Africa: a gateway to enhancing protection of sexual minorities in Africa	<b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Prof Atangcho Akonumbo</b> , <i>Sub Dean, Catholic University of Central Africa</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kene Esom</b> (AMSHER)</li> <li>• <b>Patrick Eba</b> (UNAIDS)</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b>	Lunch	

<b>13:30 - 14:15</b>	Panel: Africa's regional human rights systems and LGBTI rights	<b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Prof Frans Viljoen</b> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof Benyam Mezmur</b>, <i>Committee on the Rights and Welfare of the Child</i></li> <li>• <b>Adv Pansy Tlakula</b>, <i>African Commission</i></li> </ul>
<b>14:15 - 15:00</b>	Panel: National Human Rights Institutions/Commissions and LGBTI rights in Africa	<b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Dr Papa Sy</b> , <i>Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Universite Gaston Berger</i> <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Uganda Human Rights Commission</b> <i>Diana Rutabingwa</i> (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>South African Human Rights Commission</b> (TBC)</li> <li>• <b>Senegal Human Rights Commission</b> <i>Malick Tamedou</i></li> </ul>
<b>15:00 - 15:15</b>	Tea	
<b>15:15 - 16:15</b>	Panel: Homophobia, hetero-normativity and the teaching of law in Africa	<b>Session Chair:</b> <b>Ms Orquidea Massarongo-Jona</b> , <i>Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane</i> <b>Representatives of each of the LLM/ MPhil partner faculties</b>
<b>16:15 - 17:00</b>	Plenary: Way forward, adoption of statement	<b>Chairs:</b> <b>Justice Monica Mbaru &amp; Mandala Mambulasa</b>
<b>19:00</b>	Conference Dinner	<i>Capeesh Restaurant, Brooklyn</i>