

African-Caribbean Dialogue on Justice through Reparations

Justice à travers les réparations: Dialogue **Afrique-Caraïbes**

PROGRAMME

AGENDA

Future Africa Campus, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa

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Monday 2 June 2025 Lundi 2 Juin

08.30-09.00: Opening and welcome Ouverture officielle et allocutions de circonstance

Chair: Prof Frans Viljoen Centre for Human Rights, NRF Chair in International Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

University of Pretoria Prof Loretta Feris Vice Principal: Academic

University of The Bahamas Dr Maria Woodside Oriakhi *Provost, Vice President, Academic Affairs (online)*

Université de Goma Prof Trésor Muhindo Makunya

Bahamas National Reparations Committee Dr Niambi Hall Campbell-Dean *Associate Professor, University of the Bahamas*

African Judges and Jurists Forum Dr Justice Alfred Mavedzenge Programs Director

Office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Regional Office for Southern Africa Ms Abigail Noko

Regional Representative for Southern Africa

UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent Ms Gaynel Curry

Vice-Chairperson

UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Dr Catherine Namakula Member

09.00-10.15: African-Caribbean Dialogue Dialogue Afrique-Caraïbes

Chair: Prof Nkatha Murungi

Assistant Director, Center for Human Rights

Representatives of African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

Dr. Mwiza Nkhata *Principal Legal Officer (online)*

Representative of African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

Hon. Rémy Ngoy Lumbu Chairperson (online)

Representative of African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

Hon. Wilson Almeida Adão

Chairperson (online)

Representative of CARICOM

Dr June Soomer

Chair of the University of the West Indies Open Campus Council, former Ambassador of St Lucia to CARICOM, Immediate past Chair and Member of the UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, Member of St Lucia's National Reparations Committee (online)

Representative of AUDA-NEPAD

Daphine Muzawazi Senior Programme Officer, Institutional and Social Development

African continental reparations framework and strategies for compensation for European Slave Trade, colonial exploitations and injustices Michael Chukwujindu Ogwezzy

Professor of Human Rights Law, Head of the Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, Rivers State University, Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Across the Atlantic: Africa-Caribbean shared histories and collaborative pathways toward reparative justice Takudzwa Mharadze PhD Candidate in Development Studies, University of Johannesburg; Part-time Lecturer, Zimbabwe Open University

Strengthening AU-CARICOM collaboration on historical injustices: enhancing strategies for reparations Sidney Tambasi Netya LLM student, International Law at the Graduate Institute Geneva (online)

10.15-10.30: Tea

10.30-12.00Panel 1: Conceptual framing and ambiguitiesCadre conceptuel et zones d'ambiguïté

Chair: Ms Bonolo Makgale

Manager, Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit, Centre for Human Rights, UP

Le droit à réparation des victimes des injustices historiques causées par l'esclavage et la colonisation Mutoy Mubiala Professor, University of Kinshasa; Coordinator,

AU Reference Group on Transitional Justice in Africa (online)

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(Re)imagining reparative justice: epistemic fractures and ontological limitations in international human rights discourse Michael Khorommbi PhD candidate, Public and Development Management, School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University

Africa, reparations and the right to development: is the right to development an alternative to reparations? Dr Aaron Olaniyi Salau Faculty of Law, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Nigeria

An analysis of reparative justice frameworks for biocultural exploitation: a case study of Africa and the Caribbean Mitchel Kakai Consultant at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Rule of Law Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

12.00-13.30 Panel 2: Reparations: African case studies I Réparations: études de cas africains

Chair: Prof Charles Fombad

Director, Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa, Faculty of Law, UP

Reparation for historical injustice committed during the Italian occupation of Ethiopia 1935-1941: analysis of challenges and opportunities Dr Tsega Andualem Gelaye Former Assistant Professor, Ethiopian Civil Service University, School of Law

The politics of memory and Mau Mau veterans in Kenya: can reparations heal past human rights violations? Tioko Emmanuel Ekiru Constitutional Law and Media Law Lecturer, Daystar Faculty of Law, Nairobi, Kenya

Quelle(s) réparation (s) pour les peuples autochtones pygmées victimes d'esclavage et autres exactions avant, pendant et après la colonisation en Afrique centrale ? Wenceslas Busane Ruhana Mirindi Professeur de droit public et administratif, Université Catholique de Bukavu (online)

Reparations for colonialism and historical injustice: insights from the Lusophone experience Prof Rui André Lima Gonçalves da Silva Garrido Assistant Professor, Universidade Portucalense

Le massacre «de Thiaroye 44» sous le prisme du droit international des droits humains: comment réparer une si grande injustice historique? Prof. Abdou Khadre Diop Directeur des Etudes et de la Scolarité, Université Numérique (online) Cheikh Hamidou KANE UN-CHK, Dakar, Sénégal and Tapsirou Bocar Diop Docteur en droit

13.30-14.30

Lunch

Panel 3: Reparations: African case studies II 14.30-16.00 Réparations: études de cas africains II **Chair:** Prof Babatunde Fagbayibo Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, UP Justice, restoration, and reparations: A Nigerian perspective on addressing the precolonial, colonial and post-colonial economic legacies Dr Olalekan A. Bello School of Law, University of Leicester and Olusegun Gbede Doctoral Researcher, School of Law, University of Leicester Making a case for reparations in favour of Zimbabwe Dr Michelle R Maziwisa Researcher and HRDA Programme Manager, Centre for Human Rights, UP Conflict resolution or conflict transformation? the case of reparations for the Nama and Oveherero genocide of 1904-1908 Eva Church Research Assistant at the International Centre of Nonviolence, Durban University of Technology Réparer le passé colonial au prisme des initiatives judiciaires et extra-judiciaires nationales: réflexion prospective à partir de l'exemple belge

Jonas Kakule Sindani

Doctorant, Faculté de droit et criminologie, Centre Charles de Visscher pour le droit international et européen, Equipe Droits et Migrations, Louvain-la-Neuve (online) Africa Museum and the 2022 Belgium Restitution Bill: decolonizing cultural heritage for a culturally relevant education in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Rugenge wa Nciko

LLB candidate, Kabarak Law School, Nakuru, Kenya; Head of the Bureau of Students, Kabarak Law Clinic (online)

16.00-17.30Panel 4: Panel: Gendered reparationsRéparations tenant compte du genre

Women and reparations: exploring pathways to address gendered harms? Dr Satang Nabaneh Director of Programs, University of Dayton Human

Rights Center, USA; Founder; Editor, Law Hub Gambia

Gaynel Curry

Faculty Member at the University of The Bahamas and Vice-Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent

Matilda Lasseko-Phooko

Programme Manager, Women's Rights Unit, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

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Ida Persson

Gambian lawyer and transitional justice expert; Special Adviser on Transitional Justice, Ministry of Justice, The Gambia

19.00-21.00:Conference Dinner (Speakers)Kream Restaurant, Brooklyn Pretoria, 83 Dey Street

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08.30-10.00 Panel 5: Reparations of land Réparations foncières

Chair: Ms Gaynel Curry Vice-Chairperson UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent

Land back: what happens when we think of land rights as reparations for colonisation in Africa? Beth Davies-Kumadiro MA Political Studies Candidate, University of the Witwatersrand

Land, law, and legacy: a comparative study of indigenous peoples' land rights and reparative justice in Tanzania and South Africa Raymond Venance Kaswaga Resident Magistrate in Charge, Momba District Court, Songwe Region, Tanzania

The unresolved land question in Zimbabwe: reparations for colonial injustices versus compensation to white farmers Dr Noah Maringe Professor, Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University and Nyasha Makuzwa Lecturer, Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University

10.00-10.30

Tea

10.30-12.00 Panel 6: Reparations and culture Réparations et culture

Chair: Professor Pierre Kilele Muzaliwa

University of Goma

Beyond recognition: economic reparations for African women's cultural and intellectual exploitation Dr Olayinka Adeniyi Researcher, ISER, Rhodes University, South Africa and Dr Dorcas Basimanyane ACCA Manager, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Restitution du patrimoine culturel spolié pendant la colonisation L'apport du droit africain à la réparation d'une violation continue Bulangalire Birindwa Espoir

Teaching Assistant, Catholic University of Bukavu (online) and **Nyaluma Mulagano Arnold** Avocat (Barreau de Bukavu); Enseignant Chercheur (Droit public, Droits humains) à l'UCB et à l'ISTM-Bukavu

Colonial displacement and cultural erosion: the struggle for Maasai cultural survival and the case for reparations Winnie Naini Masaai curator, Kenya (in person) and Dr. Patrick Michael Ogeto Pacha Research Centre, Kenya and Prof Babere Kerata Chacha Laikipia University, Kenya and Dr Evans Nyamwaka Kisii University, Kenya

12.00-13.30

Panel 7: AU human rights institutions Les organes des droits de l'homme de l'Union africaine

Chair: Prof Ebenezer Durojaye Acting Director, Centre for Human Rights, UP

Advancing justice through reparations for cultural artifacts illicitly trafficked from Africa: any role for the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights? Dr Victor Ayeni Senior Fellow, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (online)

A special mechanism on human rights and sovereign debt within the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights as a vehicle for sovereign debt justice reparations Harrison Mbori and Daniel Thamsanqa Moyo African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (online)

Enhancing access to reparatory justice for women: the role of African human rights bodies Rizzan Nassuna Senior Advisor and Rights Component Lead GIZ

Dispensation of justice through reparations: benchmarking the role of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in the Ogieks' case in protecting indigenous peoples' collective right to economic, social and cultural development in Tanzania Cecilia Ngaiza

Lecturer and Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies, University of Dar es Salaam, School of Law (online)

La contribution du Comité africain d'experts sur les droits et le bien-être de l'enfant dans le processus de réparation des injustices historiques : cas d'enfants d'ascendance nubienne au Kenya Prof Junior Mumbala Abelungu

Doyen de la Faculté de Droit de l'Université Protestante de Lubumbashi (RDC)

13.30-14.30	Lunch
	Panel 8: Reparations and health, the environment and the climate Réparations en matière de santé, d'environnement et de climat
	Chair: Dr Niambi Hall Campbell-Dean Psychologist and Chair of the Bahamas Reparations Committee
	Reclaiming African indigenous health systems and traditional knowledge post-colonialism Michelle Ruvimbo Mutogo Executive Director, Rozaria Memorial Trust, Zimbabwe and Melissa Ruvimbo Kubvoruno Rozaria Memorial Trust, Zimbabwe (in person)
	Reparations and mental health: the impact of traumatic generations in South Africa, Ghana, and the Caribbean Dr Shumani Mulaudzi Transformation unit, Gauteng Department of Roads, and Transport, Gauteng Provincial Government, South Africa (in person) and Prof Muhammad Hoque Department of Public Health, Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, Pretoria, South Africa
	Climate reparations and the continuing legacies of colonial harm: developing a Pan-African research and policy agenda Dr Patrick Toussaint Climate Research and Policy Advisor, African Futures Lab (online) and Krishnee Appadoo Senior Lecturer, University of Mauritius (in person)

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Beyond adaptation and climate aid: climate reparations as a driver of resilience and low carbon development in Africa Dr Michael Addaney Senior Lecturer and Postgraduate Coordinator, Department of Land Management, University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana

16.00-17.30 Panel 9: Reparations: actors and actions beyond the state Réparations : acteurs et actions au-delà de l'État

Chair: Lloyd Kuveya Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights, UP

Reparations beyond the state: the role of grassroots movements and informal networks in seeking justice for colonial and slavery legacies Henrietta Ekefre Legal Advisor, Africa Reparations Programme

The role of the International Court of Justice in advancing Africa's reparative justice agenda Dr Justice Mavedzenge Adjunct Senior Lecturer, University of Cape Town Programs Director, Africa Judges and Jurist Forum

The role of the African Union Transitional Justice Policy in guiding reparations for historical injustices Prof Steve Tiwa Fomekong Faculty of Law, Université Laval, Canada (online)

Reparations for sovereign debt crises Prof Matthias Goldmann Max Planck Institute for International and Comparative Law, Heidelberg, Germany

17.30-18.00: Closing Frans Viljoen, Gaynel Curry, Tresor Makunya





he African Union (AU) declared 2025 as the "Year of Reparations" under the theme "Advancing Justice through Reparations: Reparations, Restoration, and Renaissance". Reparations for historical injustices and human rights violations due to slavery, colonialism, and other forms of exploitation against people of African descent is one the burning issues of our time.

To explore this topic further, particularly against the background of the strategies devised and measures taken by countries in the Caribbean, individually and collectively as part of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), a conference titled Justice through Reparations: African-Caribbean Dialogue is organised. Over the two conference days, around 40 papers will be presented, as set out in the preliminary programme.

The organisers are three academic institutions (the University of The Bahamas, the University of Pretoria (Centre for Human Rights and NRF Chair in International Constitutional Law) and the University of Goma), together with the Bahamas National Reparations Committee, and the African Judges and Jurists Forum, in partnership with CARICOM and the United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent. The event is further undertaken in collaboration with the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.

The format of the event is: a two-day, hybrid, conference, bringing together experts and interested stakeholders from across Africa and the Caribbean, together with local South African participants, including the University of Pretoria and other students. There will be simultaneous English-French interpretation.

ABOUT THE AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN DIALOGUE ON JUSTICE THROUGH REPARATIONS

