



# Call For Abstracts: A Comprehensive Exploration Of Cybercrime Regulation In Africa

## INVITATION FOR ABSTRACTS

The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria in collaboration with the University of the Western Cape and University of Cape Town invite scholars to submit abstracts on Cybercrime Regulation in Africa.



## BACKGROUND

In recent years, Africa has experienced a significant surge in digital transformation, with the adoption of technology rapidly changing the socio-economic landscape. However, this progress has also led to an increase in cybercrime activities, posing significant challenges to individuals, businesses, and governments across the continent. Addressing these challenges requires a nuanced understanding of cybercrime regulation tailored to the African context. The objective of this book is to provide a comprehensive examination of cybercrime regulation in Africa, focusing on its legal, social, and technological dimensions. It aims to analyse the existing legal frameworks, highlight their strengths and weaknesses, and propose effective strategies for combating cybercrime while safeguarding digital rights and freedoms.

The book will cover a wide range of topics related to cybercrime regulation in Africa, including:

- The regulation of cybercrimes in Africa at national, sub-regional, and continental levels.
- Commentary in the cybercrime landscape in Africa: Trends, challenges, and implications.
- Case studies illustrating key cybercrime incidents and their legal ramifications.
- Examination of international cooperation and coordination in combating cybercrime.
- Exploration of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and their impact on cybercrime regulation.
- Evaluation of the role of law enforcement agencies, judiciary, and other stakeholders in addressing cyber threats.
- Consideration of ethical and human rights implications of cybercrime regulation.

The book will employ a multidisciplinary approach, drawing on insights from law, criminology, sociology, political science, and technology studies. It will combine desk research, legal analysis, case studies, and interviews with experts and practitioners in the field of cybercrime regulation in Africa.

The book is intended for policymakers, legislators, legal practitioners, law enforcement agencies, academics, researchers, and students interested in cybercrime regulation, cybersecurity, digital rights, and African studies. It will serve as a valuable resource for understanding the complexities of cybercrime governance in the African context and informing policy debates and decision-making processes. By offering a comprehensive analysis of cybercrime regulation in Africa, this book aims to contribute to scholarly research, policy development, and capacity-building efforts in the field of cybersecurity. It seeks to enhance understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities facing African countries in combating cyber threats and fostering a secure and resilient digital environment.

In conclusion, “Navigating the Digital Frontier: A Comprehensive Exploration of Cybercrime Regulation in Africa” will provide a timely and insightful examination of cybercrime governance in Africa, offering practical recommendations for strengthening legal frameworks, enhancing international cooperation, and promoting digital security and human rights in the region. Through collaboration and knowledge-sharing, African countries can effectively address the challenges posed by cybercrime and harness the transformative potential of digital technologies for sustainable development and inclusive growth.

Abstracts of no more than 300 words inclusive of keywords should be sent to the editors:

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### **Please, take note of the following dates:**

- **30 April 2024** - deadline for submission of abstracts. Acceptance of abstracts to be communicated on a rolling basis.
- **30 November 2024** deadline for submission of draft chapters
- Publication **late 2025** (Date to be Confirmed).

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