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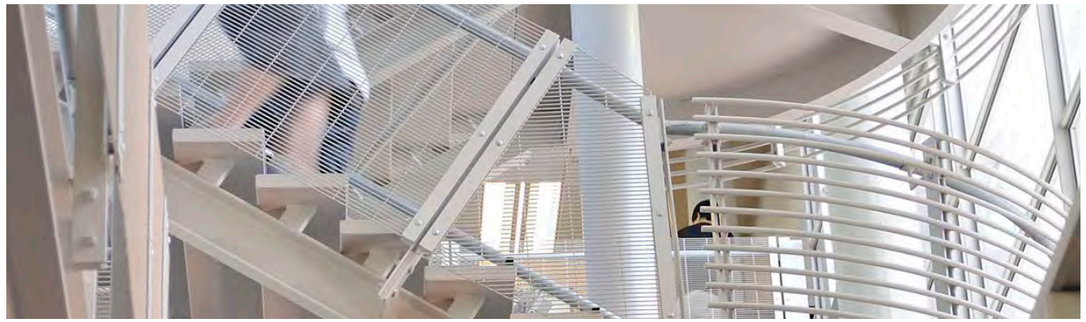


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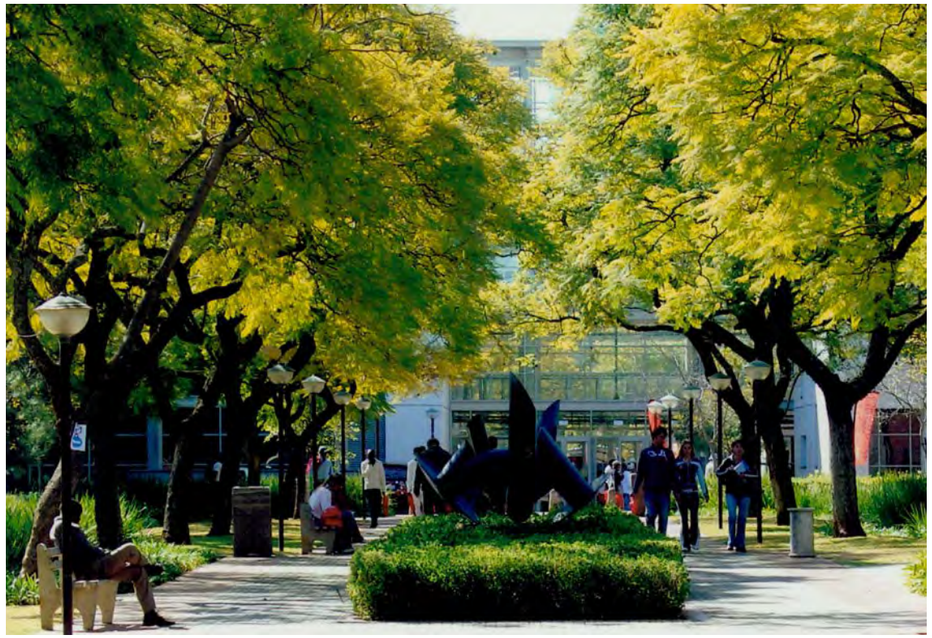
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PART I
INTRODUCTION



This publication commemorates 23 years of the Master's programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA).

It gives a snapshot of the HRDA programme, its alumni achievements, the Centre for Human Rights where it is based, and the partner universities in collaboration with which it is presented. The reader will find comprehensive information on the donors, who have contributed to the existence of the programme, and the administrative and academic staff whose competence and expertise have set high standards and given it world wide recognition.

Above all, this publication recognises the work of the alumni for the past 23 years, and whose achievements in the field are contributing to advancing human rights and democracy, primarily in Africa, but also in other parts of the world. They are the manifestation of a momentum to move Africa forward; the vindication of the idea that expertise and a common understanding are important tools in addressing today's development challenges.

Please note:
Alumni's past and present professional positions are indicated, as the publication is intended to show both what alumni are doing and what they have done. The claim of making a contribution to advancing human rights in Africa is premised on work done, and so previous positions and experience are also acknowledged.

This publication is a team effort. Despite our best efforts, it is bound to contain inaccuracies and mistakes. As much as we tried to capture all the achievements by every alumni, we had to be selective. No doubt, there are omissions and oversights, for which we apologise.
The bulk of this report was prepared by the former Assistant Director, Norman Taku, and Dr David Ikpo and updated by Davina Murden, Lizette Hermann, Busisiwe Crafford, Victoria Amaechi, Simphiwe Khumalo and Andile Mdleleni with editorial work by Prof Frans Viljoen and Dr Michelle Maziwiza.





Navi Pillay
Former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
While the sentiment is often expressed that human rights are driven by the Global North, initiatives such as this serve to emphasise the legitimate role of all parts of the world in this common enterprise.

Desmond Tutu
Anglican Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town
...you are joining the ranks of this generation in whose hands the realisation of human rights in Africa ultimately rests... Because freedom cannot be enjoyed amidst oppression and because there can be no peace without justice, I hope that you will return to your home country, empowered with knowledge and inspired by the friendships you have made with people from all over Africa... and go on to change our continent with the instrument of human rights.

The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, is an internationally recognised university-based institution combining academic excellence and effective activism to advance human rights, particularly in Africa. It aims to contribute to advancing human rights, through education, research and advocacy.

The Centre was established in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, in 1986, as part of domestic efforts against the apartheid system of the time.

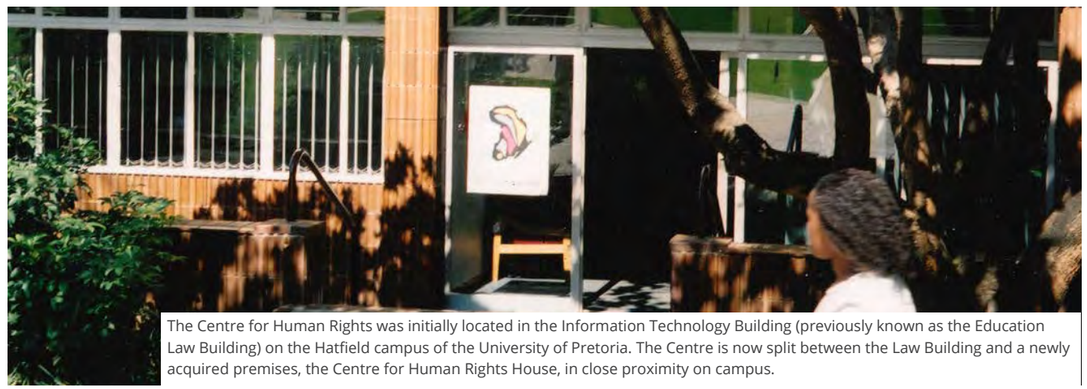
Over the years, the Centre has positioned itself in an unmatched network of practising and academic lawyers, national and international civil servants and human rights practitioners across the entire continent, with a specific focus on human rights law in Africa, and international development law in general.

The Centre presents twelve annual advanced human rights courses, has eight thematic research units, offers five Master's degree programmes, presents two major moot court competitions and houses one university press.

Today, a wide network of Centre alumni contribute in numerous ways to the advancement and strengthening of human rights and democracy all over the Africa continent, and even further afield.



The Centre's founding Director, Justice Johann van der Westhuizen, with students on the University of Pretoria campus.



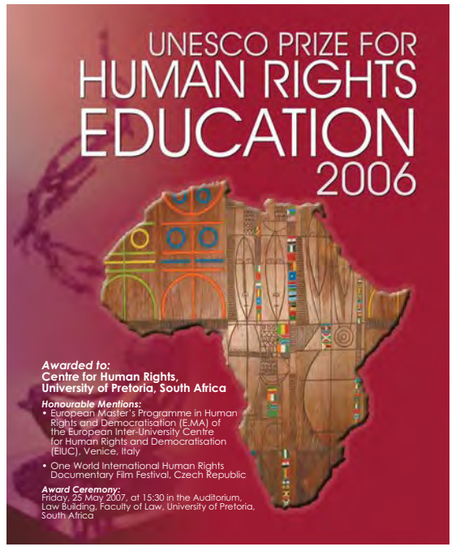
The Centre for Human Rights was initially located in the Information Technology Building (previously known as the Education Law Building) on the Hatfield campus of the University of Pretoria. The Centre is now split between the Law Building and a newly acquired premises, the Centre for Human Rights House, in close proximity on campus.



The South African Student Volunteers (SASVO) programme of the Centre for Human Rights, once the largest recipient of funding from the Nelson Mandela Fountation.



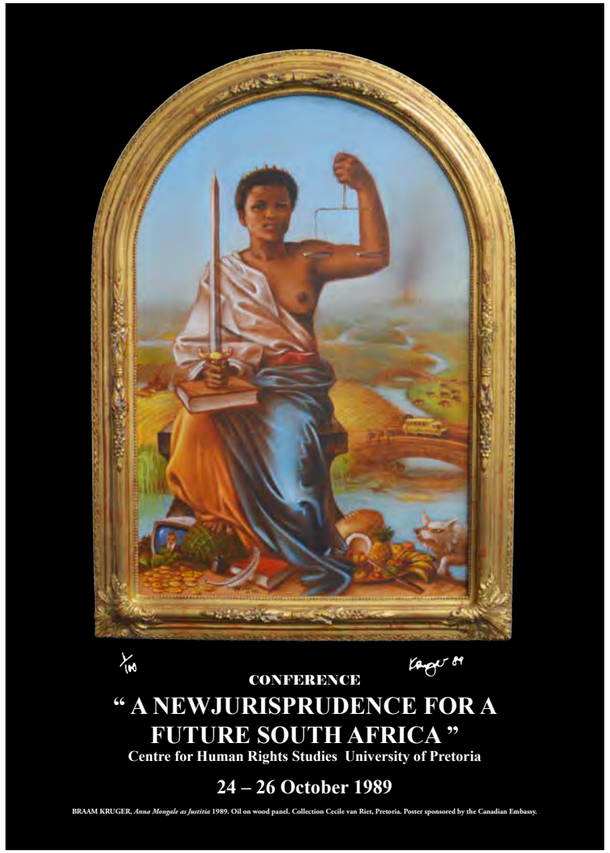
The three Directors of the Centre for Human Rights *left to right*: Justice Johann van der Westhuizen (1986–1998), Prof Christof Heyns (1999–2006) and Prof Frans Viljoen (2007–).



▲In 2006, the Centre for Human Rights was awarded the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education, with particular recognition for the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition and the LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa.

▼In 2012, the Centre for Human Rights was awarded the 2012 African Union Human Rights Prize.





Shock, anger over Tuks poster

Does UP’s human rights centre get money from the USA?

Translated article from ‘Die Afrikaner’
(published Wednesday 8 November 1989)

The University of Pretoria’s Centre for Human Rights has become a breeding ground for the ANC and its followers. At a three-day conference hosted by the Centre, a report written by the government’s Commission on Human Rights, including all the legal questions, was discussed in detail with ANC affiliated organisations, Lawyers for Human Rights and the National Association of Democratic Lawyers. The Bill of Rights is actively being propagated by the extremely left Broederbond (sic), and the apparent purpose of the conference was to form a united front to oppose recommendations made by members of government to include group rights in the Bill of Rights.

The Broederbond, through Dr Wimpie De Klerk (the older brother of FW De Klerk), have expressed their opposition against the inclusion of group rights. The Law Commission also believes that ‘group rights’ is an impossible concept, but the ANC does not agree.

At the conference, coordinated by the director of the Centre, Prof Johan van der Westhuizen, emphasis was placed on the power that the black government should have in the ‘new South Africa’ to restrict the activities of organisations they don’t like, as well as what the Americans call ‘affirmative action’. Apparently, a Bill of Rights must have some sort of affirmative action to address ‘inequalities’. Blacks would have to be favoured over Whites, irrespective of the merits of the case, in order to address the inequalities around economic and social positions. This would mean that whites would not only be suppressed for being the minority, but explicitly be discriminated against by the law.

Sources at the conference declared that the discussions held by the centre for human rights consolidated the united front formed by the Law Commission, the Broederbond and the ANC.
Many alumni from the University of Pretoria have also expressed outrage in reaction to a poster disseminated by the Centre for Human Rights, to advertise a recent conference. It is a very fancy poster (‘the Yankees has a lot of money’ was mentioned by one commentator) depicting a black woman, with what has been described to be a very arrogant facial expression. Her one breast is exposed, with her foot on a military helmet, symbolising the subjugation of the SA Safety Police force. A scale symbolising justice, money symbolising affirmative action, and a television (symbolising the role of television in the propaganda for human rights) can also be seen in the picture. As a finishing touch, a white wolf can be seen stalking the woman. The black Lady Justice in the picture is also not blindfolded, as traditionally portrayed to symbolise the impartiality of the law. Her eyes are open, ignoring the burdens of impartiality.

People interviewed by Die Afrikaner (The Afrikaner) mentioned that the poster would cause them to reconsider before sending off their children to Tukkies.

In the meantime it has surfaced that the Centre for Human Rights is being accused by senior academics in the fields of constitutional and equality law, of receiving funds from the secret American AID program.

This program is theoretically aimed at third world countries, but according to the official American budget, it donates up to R 33 million to extreme ‘left’ (liberal) groups and organisations - of which human rights institutions are explicitly mentioned. The Vice-Rector and business management of the University, as well as the director of the Centre were not available for comments.

Allegedly, there is a lot of information about secret conferences held at the American Embassy, involving lawyers from the University of Pretoria, and the Centre for Human Rights in particular.

Any lawyer hoping to attend conferences abroad holds Professor Johan van der Westhuizen’s recommendation letters in high regard. This comes as a result of the UN organised boycott against South Africa, requiring recommendation letters in order to be exempted (from the boycott).

The importance of the anti-white bill of rights to the Broederbond (Brotherhood), is apparent from the orchestrated attacks on Dr Vic D’Assonville (the editor of Die Kerkblad, which is the monthly journal of the reformed church) after he wrote a piece on the human rights ideology in the light of the Bible, criticising the principle of a bill of human rights. The Bill of Rights, without any guarantees of ‘group rights’, is central to the planning of the Broederbond (Brotherhood).


DIE AFRIKANER
Woensdag, 8 November 1989

Skok op Tuks

(Vervolg van bl. 1)

CONFERENCE
“A NEW JURISPRUDENCE FOR A FUTURE SOUTH AFRICA”
Centre for Human Rights Studies University of Pretoria
24 — 26 October 1989

Ontvang UP se menseregtesentrum geld uit VSA?

Skok, woede oor Tuks-plakkaat



‘Anna Mogale as Justitia’ (1989) by Braam Kruger, commissioned and paid for by Ms Cecile van Riet, founding member of the Centre, here donating it to the Centre 25 years later. The painting was considered controversial at the time, drawing the ire from conservative pockets of white society.



Prof Danie Brand and Prof Frans Viljoen (Swaziland, 1993)



Shane Stoffels (Financial Manager), Norman Taku and Martin Nsibirwa (Egypt, 2002)



Mrs Isabeau de Meyer and Mrs Gill Jacot-Guillarmod (Egypt, 2002)



Martin Nsibirwa, Norman Taku, Mrs Carole Viljoen (Office Manager) and Ms Agnieszka Wlodarski (Project Assistant)















NATIONS UNIES
HAUT COMMISSARIAT AUX DROITS DE L'HOMME

UNITED NATIONS
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Message from Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Secretary-General of the World Conference against Racism

I wish to extend good wishes to all of the students taking part in the African Masters Programme in Human Rights at the University of Pretoria. I welcome the initiation of this Programme under the auspices of the Association of African Universities and with the support of the Organisation of African Unity. The cooperation with the European Masters in Human Rights Programme is something which I also welcome very much.

Defending human rights requires a detailed knowledge of the norms, standards and legislation. That is an area which is expanding and growing ever more complex. It is vital that students are trained in all aspects of the subject, whether they intend to become specialists in the field or simply to champion the cause of human rights in their communities. I am confident that this new Masters Programme will provide an intensive training for the students involved, both in the initial phase in Pretoria and at Makerere University in Uganda, the University of Ghana and the University of the Western Cape. I urge all the students attending the course to give of your best so as to make this very worthwhile initiative a success.

Mary Robinson

Mary Robinson
Unites Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

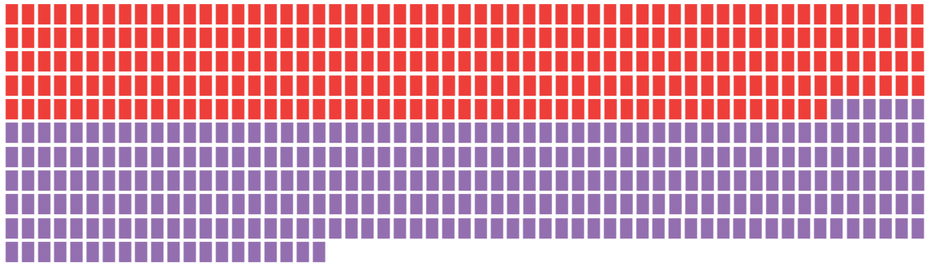
HRDA PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Established in 2000, the Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA) aims to develop capacity in the form of experts in the field of human rights and democratisation in order to strengthen national and regional structures that deal with human rights and democracy.

It is a regional cooperation initiative involving 13 leading African universities representing all the main geographic sub-regions, languages and legal traditions in Africa.

Candidates are taught by eminent lecturers in the field of human rights and undergo many practical training exercises. It is the only course of its kind in Africa. Graduates become members of the HRDA Alumni Association whose 636 members are currently active in the full spectrum of human rights work: from grassroots, through civil service, to international organisations including the African Union and the United Nations.

The HRDA programme has conferred **636** graduates over **23** years



– female – male



HRDA 2021 *left to right* Sanele Sibanda (Zimbabwe), Kwame Andrews Daklo (Ghana), Amy Tuchten (South Africa), Ramatoulie Jallow (Botswana), Olum Lornah Afoyomungu (Uganda), Benedict Wandeto Wachira (Kenya) and Siphiwe Phoya (Malawi).

HRDA PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE



HRDA 2007 *left to right* Jérémie Munyabarame (Project Officer), Syldie Bizimana (Burundi), Dejene Janka (Ethiopia), Polycarp Ngufor Forkum (Cameroon), Estelle Nkounkou (Congo Brazzaville), Gladys Wanjiru Mwariri (Kenya) and James Millya (Tanzania)

Selection criteria

- Excellent academic record
- Strong personal motivation
- Relevant experience
- Potential to impact the state of human rights
- Letters of recommendation
- Demonstrable skills in critical thinking, analysis, language proficiency, reasoning ability
- Variety of nationalities
- 50/50 balance between men and women
- Minority groups, including persons with disabilities, persons from sexual and gender minority groups and members of indigenous populations
- Diverse professional backgrounds, including non-lawyers

Relevance of the programme to Africa

- Addressing emerging issues
- Reversing the academic brain drain
- Filling the skills gap, addressing the absence of locally qualified personnel
- Creating networks and contact among African universities/schools/faculties
- Helping to improve academic infrastructure
- Strengthening capacity at African universities

First semester in Pretoria

Taught courses

- Daily lectures and other weekly academic activities per week
- Expert lecturers from partner universities and around the world
- Multi-disciplinary approach: law, political science, sociology and philosophy
- Academic tutors provide assistance to students and academic staff.

Module 1: Methodology of Human Rights Research and Human Rights Education (Including Human Rights Clinics)

Human Rights Clinics: students work on a practical question with measurable results

Module 2: Democratisation and Globalisation in Africa
Module 3: International and Comparative Human Rights
Module 4: Human Rights in Africa
Module 5: Introduction to the South African Legal System and Bill of Rights
Module 6: Human Rights in the field

Language

French, English, Portuguese or Arabic

Field study visits

Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland, Venda, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Rwanda, Somaliland, Cape Town, Eastern Cape, Durban

Constitutional Court of South Africa

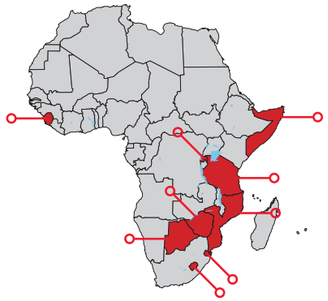
Students attend a hearing and write a shadow judgment; interact with judges of the Court.

Debates

Students work in teams to argue debates on controversial human rights questions.

Dissertation exercise

Students develop a research proposal through regular meetings with the Academic Coordinator and tutors; then defend their proposals before a panel of academics and experts, and receive guidance.





Field trip to Rwanda (March 2007)
Meeting with the Vice-President of the Human Rights Commission



Field trip to Rwanda (March 2007)
A visit to one of the many mass graves sites around the country



Field trip to Rwanda (March 2007)
A visit to the National Museum of Rwanda



HRDA 2015 Welcoming Ceremony

Second semester at partner universities

Students are assigned to one of the other 12 partner universities, but may not return to their sub-region of origin.

Training includes:
- lectures or seminars
- writing a dissertation under the supervision of a local academic
- short attachments (of at least 150 hours) at a human rights institution
- language classes (English, French or Portuguese)

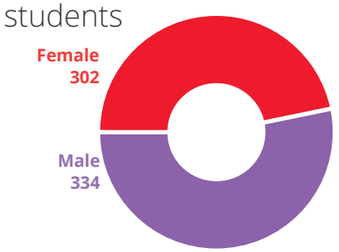
Module 7: Accredited Courses
Various courses. This may be substituted for an internship of 150 hours.

Module 8: Dissertation
Research essay of 20,000 words

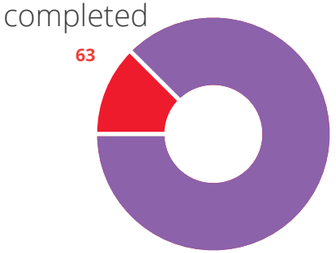
The full curriculum is available on the HRDA website at www.chr.up.ac.za/hrda



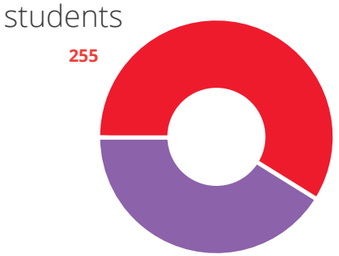
Female / male students



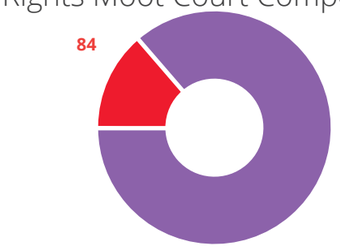
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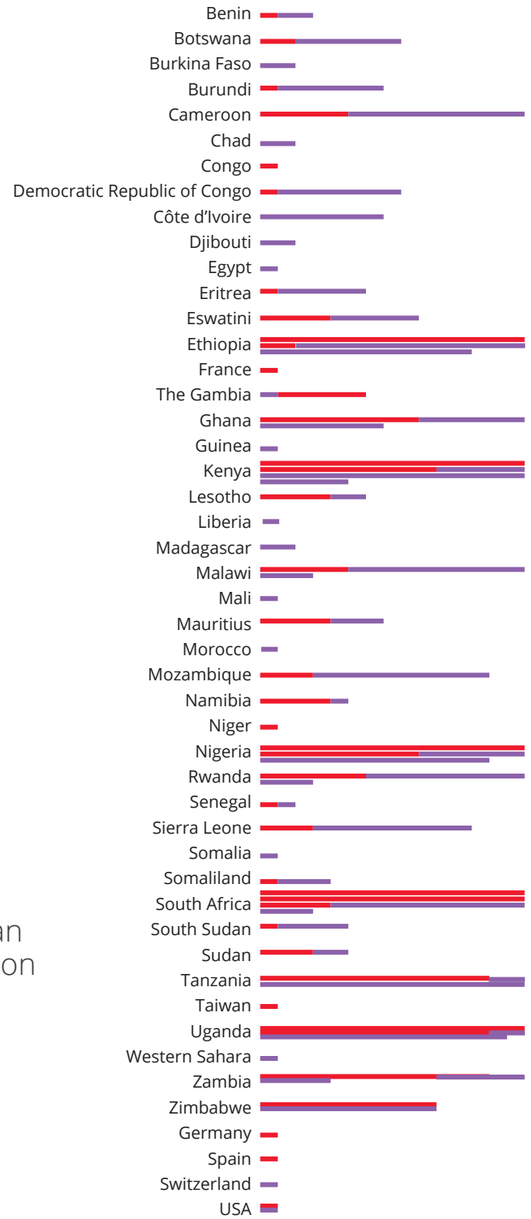
DAAD students



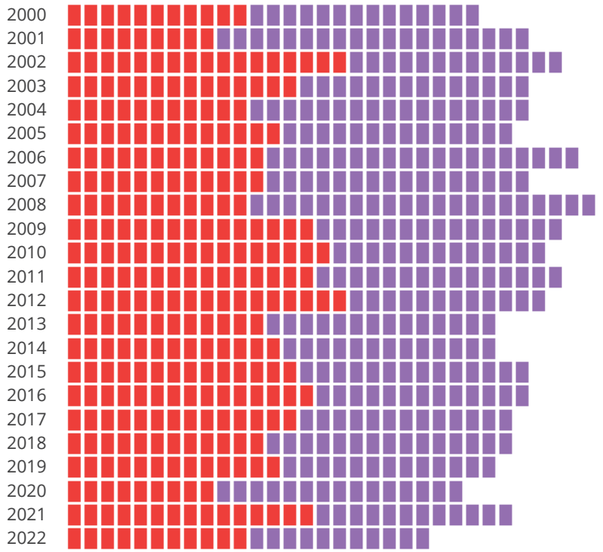
Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition



Students from 48 countries



636 graduates over 23 years





2018 HRDA graduation ceremony

STATISTICS





Prof Christof Heyns with Mr Ahmed Kathrada, the second most famous inmate of Robben Island.



HRDA 2001 Visit to Robben Island (South Africa) for the annual dissertation exercise



HRDA 2003 *Back row, 3rd from left* Prof Magnus Killander, intern *Front row, middle* Dr Martin Nsibirwa, HRDA Programme Officer

HRDA PROGRAMME THROUGH THE YEARS



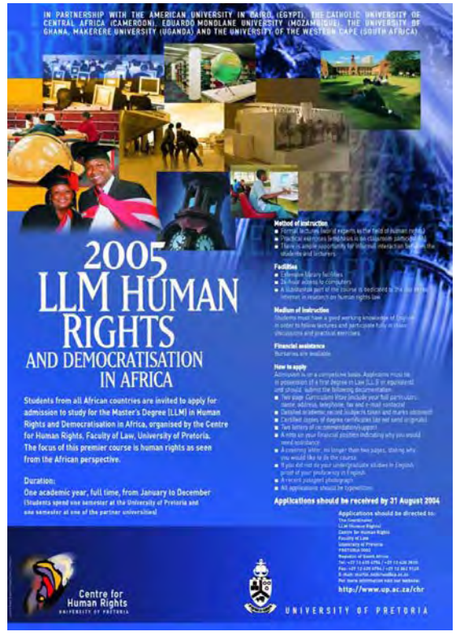
HRDA 2002 Graduation *Graduandi from left to right* Dr Lilian Chenwi (Cameroon), Dr Lungowe Matakala (Zambia), Ms Julie Soweto (Kenya), Dr Kealeboga Bojosi (Botswana) and Dr Godfrey Odongo (Kenya)



Welcoming Prof Johann van der Westhuizen (founding Director) back to the Centre *back row, left to right* Prof Frans Viljoen (Director), Norman Taku (Former Assistant Director), Judge Dikgang Moseneke (Retired Deputy Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court), Judge Johann van der Westhuizen (Retired Constitutional Court Judge), Judge Mbuyisile Madlanga (Retired Constitutional Court Judge), Judge Zak Yacoob (Retired Constitutional Court Judge), Judge Sisi Khampepe (Retired Constitutional Court Judge), Thuto Hlalele, Dr James Fawkes (Former Constitutional Court Clerk) *front row, left to right* Prof André Boraine (Former Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria), Judge Johann Kriegler (Retired Judge of the Constitutional Court), Jared Gekombe (Kenya, 2016) and Judge Bess Nkabinde (Former Judge of the Constitutional Court).



HRDA 2005 Steve Odero Ouma (†) and Benyam Mezmur at the detention facility at the Special Court for Sierra Leone during the Sierra Leone field trip





Alumni in Banjul (2012)



HRDA 2006 Social event at Prof Frans Viljoen's residence



HRDA 2000 Visit to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda



Regional Access to Justice Meeting, South Africa (2012) Late Thulani Maseko (Swaziland, 2005), Clement Mavungu (DRC, 2006), Japheth Biegon (Kenya, 2008), Gabriel Shumba (Zimbabwe, 2002), Nyasha Chingore (Zimbabwe, 2005), Dieudonné Wedi (DRC, 2010), Ayanda Matshali (South Africa, 2010)



HRDA 2003 Field trip to Rwanda

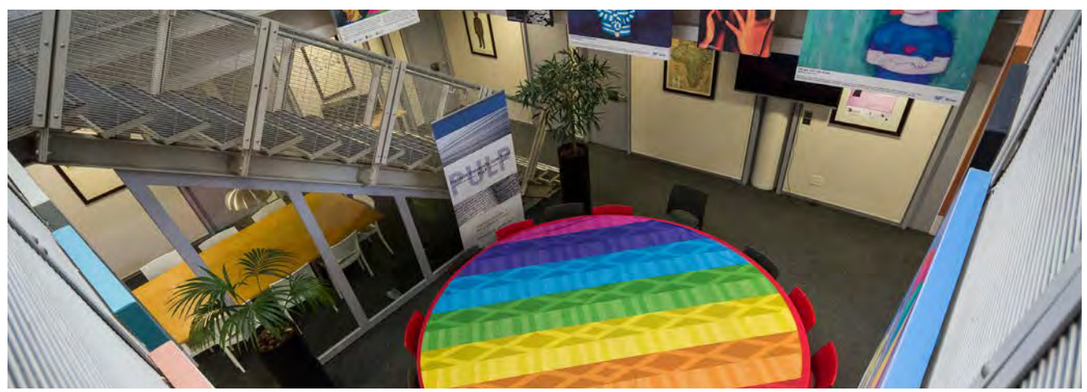


Prof Frans Viljoen *Director, Centre for Human Rights (2007–)*

The story of these *Alumni Diaries* starts in the year 2000, as we were all launched into the 21st century. By then, the Centre for Human Rights had over 15 years established itself as a human rights hub, with a South African-focused Master's programme on human rights, and a growing African footprint gained by organising the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition together with law schools across the continent. With the adoption of its Constitutive Act in the same year, the African Union (AU) started to reshape a more human rights-responsive regional governance landscape. The time was ripe for the Centre to introduce a postgraduate academic programme focusing on human rights within Africa, generally, and the AU, specifically.

Together with our founding partners, we designed and implemented the Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA) to nurture and mold a core group of committed change agents eager and able to more firmly anchor the principles of human rights adherence and democratic governance on African soil. So, the Pioneers of 2000 arrived … I was fortunate to act as the founding academic coordinator of the programme.

Since then, for 23 years, the HRDA has run annually, without interruption. Since then, our network





HRDA 2017 *left to right* Lara Coetzee (South Africa), Jackline Hakim (South Sudan), Lily Oyakhirome (Nigeria) and Ayo Sogunro (Nigeria).

has now grown into twelve collaborating partners, stretching from the western-most part of the continent (Université Gaston Berger in Senegal) to the far east (University of Mauritius), and from the southern tip (University of the Western Cape) to the Horn of Africa (Addis Ababa University). Wonderful colleagues – programme managers, assistants, teachers, tutors – have come and gone; and some have stayed much longer than expected. They were consistently supported by the full Centre team.

Since the year 2000, a total of 636 candidates from 48 countries (42 of them in Africa) survived the rigours of the programme, and proudly graduated.

If, by its proverbial fruits a tree is appraised, the alumni of 23 years allow us at the Centre, our partners, other collaborators and supporters to withstand the strictest tools of measurement. These *Diaries* testify not only to the manifold fruits of the alumni's labours of love, but also to the seeds they have planted to foster further growth in human rights and democratic governance.

HRDA graduates are involved in all the dimensions of human rights practice, mostly on our continent, but also beyond its borders. We are privileged to count among our alumni: chairpersons of the African Union's two main human rights bodies; Chief Justices; Cabinet Ministers; and many more graduates holding positions of great influence. Gatherings of human rights practitioners and academics in Africa frequently include a number of HRDA alumni who invariably make outstanding contributions. It is a constant highlight for me to get together with alumni on the sidelines of these events, to catch up, and to experience the broadening of networks of contacts across graduating years, and the reaffirmation among them of a solidarity of vision, value and purpose.

This publication speaks to some concrete influence alumni have exerted on the people around them. They have founded NGOs in challenging circumstances; they have stood up for human rights at great cost to themselves; they have spoken up when others remained silent … *The Diaries* tabulates and paints a broad picture. While it is important to take stock, it is inevitable that some details will be lost. I know, there is much more to tell … but let us be reminded that the really important stories are often untold, or lie hidden between the lines.

HRDA graduates, you have done yourselves proud; and you make us proud. But so terribly much remains to be done! May each of you individually continue to find your place, role and voice in this world, and continue to grow into a network that collectively bends the arc of the moral universe towards justice and human rights.

Prof Frans Viljoen
Director, Centre for Human Rights
HRDA Programme Director

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PROGRAMMES)



Prof Nkatha Murungi *Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights (2018–)*

The first image of the HRDA that I have was from a poster at Moi University in Kenya during my undergraduate studies. The poster was a call for applications for the programme. Though it was posted amongst other opportunities for postgraduate studies, it struck a chord with me and I was certain that I wanted to join the programme. The year after, towards the end of my undergraduate studies, I had the opportunity to participate in the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition. This was my first actual interaction with the Centre for Human Rights.

The experience of the Moot Court Competition triggered my interest in human rights as an area of interest. It validated my purpose for law studies and marked the beginnings of a career as a human rights defender. It was also my first interaction with students from outside of my country, and exposed me to different cultures and ways of reasoning. That exposure was a turning point for me, and my entry point into international scholarship and career path.

I joined the HRDA in 2009, and went to the University of the Western Cape (UWC) for the second semester. It was while at UWC that I developed an interest in the rights of children, and proceeded to pursue an LLD in children's rights at the University. In the years since graduating from the LLM, I remained interested in the activities of the Centre, particularly in the advanced short courses offered. Meanwhile, I pursued a career in research, advocacy and teaching on children's rights, while expanding interest and knowledge on the rights of other vulnerable groups, particularly women and persons with disabilities.

I have devoted a significant proportion of my post-graduation professional career to the promotion and protection of human rights generally, but especially the rights of children. I am driven in this regard by the belief that childhood is the most impactful stage of life, and that guaranteeing and investing in the rights and welfare of children has a multiplier effect in their adult lives and society in general. I believe that if every child could attain an optimum childhood as envisaged in the human rights norms and standards, most human rights abuses in adulthood would be abated. Ensuring children's rights is therefore not only an end in itself, but also a pathway to the attainment of other human rights goals and aspirations.

In 2018, I returned to the Centre on a full-time basis as the Assistant Director. In many ways, this was the completion of a full cycle for me, from the student beneficiary of the Centre's generosity and impartation, to stewardship of the Centre's mission and vision. In the past year, I have had a front row seat to witness the energy, fervour, commitment, and camaraderie of everyone who works at the Centre. Being a part of this community is a source of inspiration in itself. As I appreciate the passion and commitment, I acknowledge the incredible contribution of the Centre's staff through the years in making the HRDA what it is.

Over the years of engaging with different cohorts of students at the Centre, I have always been amazed

NKATHA MURUNGI (2018–)

at the eager potential and raw ambition of the students who join the programme every year. I see a lot of parallels to my own growth from the point at which I joined the program, and the growth that followed in the course of the training and at the beginnings of my human rights career. In the past year, in particular, I have had the opportunity to meet with alumni of the Centre, as well as colleagues from years past, and realise that this is a shared feeling. Witnessing this growth in myself and others from the programme affirms my belief that the HRDA is a cause worth investing in.

There are many things that excite me for the present and future of the HRDA. For instance, the HRDA is a gateway to a vast and dependable network of exemplary human rights defenders from across the continent and beyond. Being able to easily find someone to speak to in almost every African country or human rights institution testifies to how extensive and dependable the network is. But beyond the breadth and dependability of the network, it is the shared values and the vibrant collective identity of the alumni family that distinguishes it from many other alumni networks. The feeling of family and a common identity transcends the years which the respective alumni studied, and is a unique asset shared between the Centre and the network.

The experience of the HRDA is evidently transformative. The programme presents new ideas and challenges patterns of thought that are often the basis for 'othering' in every day human rights promotion and protection. Each year brings together a new group with diverse backgrounds, but is able to nurture a basic common value system regarding the value of all human beings. The transformative power of the HRDA draws from both the content, and the shared living experience over the one year period.

The Centre, and the HRDA in particular, is one of the most intellectually stimulating spaces for ideas and progressive conversations on human rights. It is also one of the most impactful networks on the African continent as evident in the mapping and stories highlighted in these diaries. Celebrating the 23rd anniversary of the HRDA gives me hope for the future of the program. Twenty three years of success is not only a solid foundation to build on, but also a testament to the enduring need for an institution like the Centre, and a program like the HRDA.

In the end, I can say that what began as a serendipitous introduction to the Centre from a poster at my university has turned out to be a life-defining and fulfilling experience that continues to unfold, and for which I am grateful.

Prof Nkatha Murungi
Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights



Prof Nkatha Murungi graduated on the HRDA programme in 2009

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS AND ADVOCACY)



Lloyd Kuveya *Assistant Director (Operations and Advocacy), Centre for Human Rights (2021–)*

During the final year of my LLB program at the University of Zimbabwe I noticed a Centre for Human Rights poster advertising the LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation. My close friends advised me not to waste my time, but I intuitively dismissed their guidance and submitted my application. I was elated when, in November 2005, I received the news of my admission for the HRDA program. Soon after graduating 2006, I was selected for the internship program at the Constitutional Court of South Africa. As an alumnus of the Centre many doors were opened for me. I was employed as a project lawyer and regional advocacy manager by the Southern Africa Litigation Centre, after which I worked for two of the most prestigious international NGOs in the world. Whilst employed as a researcher and senior legal advisor in the regional and international NGOs, I developed skills in research, advocacy and leadership.

Joining the Centre as an assistant director was a seamless process as its focus on research, teaching and advocacy and fighting to protect the rights of the most vulnerable and marginalized, resonated with my passion for social justice and my experience working in civil society for 15 years.

Lloyd Kuveya
Assistant Director (Operations), Centre for Human Rights



Lloyd Kuveya (Zimbabwe, 2006) with (from left to right) Dr George Mukundi (Kenya, 2003), Honorable Yvonne Dausab (Namibia, 2001), Professor Frans Viljoen, the Director of the Centre for Human Rights, and Clement Phebe Mavungu (DRC, 2006) at the first formal Pan-African Parliament CSO Forum in May 2023.

OFFICE MANAGER



Carole Viljoen (1992 -) *Office Manager*

In 1992 when I joined the Centre for Human Rights, the LLM (HRDA) was just a pipe dream. At the time, South Africa was still trying to release the grip of apartheid and we had not even had our first democratic elections. The University of Pretoria was still very much a white, Afrikaans institution, with little sense at the time of that changing very easily. And yet, Christof Heyns, who was one of the founding members of the Centre for Human Rights had a dream. A dream that one day postgraduate education would be easily accessible to everyone and not just the elite, he took concepts that no-one dreamed of as possibilities and turned them into realities. One such concept was that of a postgraduate programme in human rights, presented by the Faculty of Law at this "very white" institution, together with partners from across the African continent, a concept so foreign at the time, as to be almost impossible.

But in 2000 the first cadre of students were admitted to the programme. The partnership started with just 3 other institutions, the University of the Western Cape, Makerere University in Uganda and the University of Ghana. Each year a maximum of 30 students would be admitted from across the African continent and at the end of that first year, the Centre for Human Rights saw the first group graduate on 10 December 2020. The dream and vision had become a reality.

Since then the programme has grown into a global network of partners with 13 African universities (including University of Pretoria) on the continent, but also being part of a bigger Global Campus of Human Rights, partnering with 8 regional programmes across the world.

The alumni association related to this programme was started soon after 2000 and has developed into a thriving network of alumni who are active in human rights across the world, some at grass-roots level and others going on to positions in national governments, on regional bodies such as the African Union and indeed world bodies like the United Nations.

And yet the alumni group have remained humble and supportive of each other over the years. Whenever one alumnus was in need of assistance, whether in a professional or personal capacity, the alumni network would rally together and support in whatever way was needed. This is an exceptionally special group of people who have come together in a classroom situation in a country on the very tip of the continent over the past 23 years, young men and women from very different backgrounds, different language groups, different ethnic groups, different religious beliefs and yet they have formed a tight-knit group of people with an unbreakable bond and a common thread – advancing the cause and course of human rights on the continent of Africa.

May this special group of people never lose sight of where they came from and where their dreams will take them.

God bless Africa
Guard her children
Guide her leaders
Give her peace

Carole Viljoen
Office Manager (1992-)



Dr Michelle Maziwisa (2023 -) *HRDA Programme Manager*

They say I am an exception to the general rule, being the first person to ever be in the role of the Programme Manager of the Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa Masters, coming from outside the University of Pretoria, and not having undertaken the HRDA programme myself. Nonetheless, it is through fresh eyes that new ideas are borne, and existing ideas are developed. I am happy that I get to bring all the exposure and experiences, both professional and academic that I have obtained through my studies at various universities including Nelson Mandela University, where I completed my undergraduate degree (LLB), the University of Cape Town and Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, where I did my Masters in Commercial Law (LLM), the University of Western Cape where I completed my Doctor of Laws Degree in Public Law (LLD) focusing on international trade and investment. I have also had the privilege to conduct research stays at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. Joining the Centre has been an exciting experience for me, and a big responsiblity. It is such a privilege to be part of this process of birthing human rights experts on the continent as we together build 'the Africa we want'. The HRDA Programme is well renowned, and has been training human rights practitioners and experts across the continent for over 23 years. Our students consistently take up valuable roles in society upon completion of the programme, and many are in positions as human rights lawyers, and activists, judges, senior officials in various international organisations and governments, heads of courts and faculties.

During this 23rd year of the HRDA programme, we celebrate various appointments of our students, and note a few below. First to congratulate Dr Budoo, who left big shoes to fill at the Centre, as outgoing Programme Manager of the HRDA, she has recently been appointed as the Deputy Director, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch. Dr Japhet Biegon, who also teaches in the HRDA programme, has been appointed as the Africa Regional Advocacy Coordinator, Amnesty International, while Dr Patrick Eba has been appointed as the Deputy Director, International Protection, UNHCR.

On a sad note, the plight of human rights defenders continues to be close to our hearts. This year, we were saddened to learn of the passing of Thulani Maseko, an alumnus of the HRDA, who was a staunch human rights defender in Swaziland.

There is certainly a long way to go towards the realisation of human rights in Africa, but we are on the right track, and we will continue to contribute to the discourse, and training of human rights experts and practitioners for our continent, Africa.

Dr Michelle R. Maziwisa
HRDA Programme Manager (2023-)

PROGRAMME STAFF



Dr Martin Nsibirwa
(Uganda, 2000)
HRDA Programme Manager
(2003 - 2015)



Jérémie Munyabarame
HRDA Programme Officer
(2003 - 2008)



John Wilson
HRDA Programme Officer
(2003 - 2011)



Ashwanee Budoo-Scholtz
(Mauritius, 2012)
HRDA Programme Manager
(2017 - 2022)



Primrose E.R Kurasha
HRDA Programme Manager
(2022)



Rotondwa Mashige
(South Africa, 2017)
HRDA Student Coordinator
(2023 -)



Samuel Chamboko
Financial Manager



Johannes Buabeng-Baidoo
(Ghana, 2011)
HRDA Student Coordinator
(2017 - 2023)



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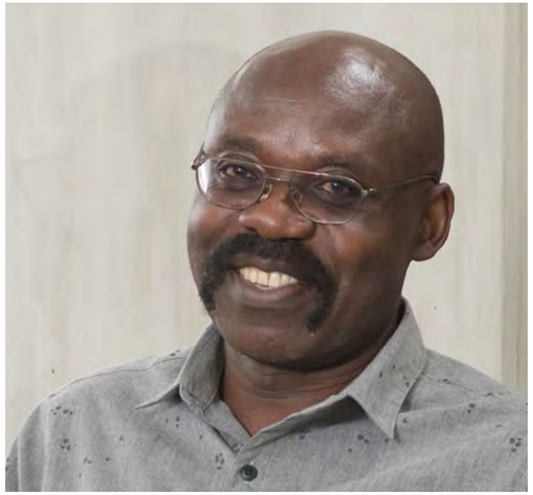
Centre Staff in 2017

ACADEMIC COORDINATOR & STAFF



Time flies. I came to South Africa as a skinny youngster for a six-month internship at the Centre for Human Rights 22 years ago. In December 2002 I met the third batch of graduates on the LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa. In the following year Bill, Lilian, Thoko and I were the tutors traveling with the students to Robben Island and Rwanda in between other duties. Back home in Sweden I had thought two years in a work place was long enough. That was before I came to the Centre. I have become part of the Centre furniture. It has been a great 21 years and it always give me great pleasure to hear about the amazing things our alumni do to change Africa for the better. Keep up the good work.

Prof Magnus Killander
(Sweden)
Academic Coordinator



I developed an interest in the Centre because of a chance meeting with the late Professor Christof Heyns during a short course I was attending in Addis Ababa around 2004. When I joined the faculty as Head of Department of Public Law in 2010, I accepted the appointment because of my high regard for the Centre and the great impression Professor Heyns, who was then Dean, had created on my mind. During my first year as Head of the Department of Public Law, Professor Frans Viljoen, the Director of the Centre, invited me to give a lecture to the HRDA students on African bill of rights in a comparative perspective. Since then, I have been regularly involved in the teaching of module 5. It has been an absolute privilege to be involved in the teaching of module 5 on the HRDA programme. I have been fortunate to meet some of the most brilliant and inspiring students I have ever had the privilege to teach in my long academic career on this programme. Its been an absolute pleasure and greatly fulfilling to see many of them graduate and take up very important positions that have enabled them to make the protection of human rights in every sphere matter.

Prof Charles Fombad (Cameroon)
Director of Institute for Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa, University of Pretoria





Sara Feliciano Nhandlate and Sozinho Francisco Matsinhe
(Mozambique)
Portuguese Language Instructors



Claude Christelle
(Gabon)
French Language Instructor



Mai Amman
(Sudan, 2020)
Arabic Language Instructor

ALUMNI COORDINATORS

Thabo Mbeki once said 'Whatever the setbacks of the moment, nothing can stop us now!' We have a myriad of challenges to deal with, but we also have a significant number of young Africans across the continent who are going by the 'trial and error' principle to change the narratives for the better. When we look at how the HRDA alumni are making impactful contributions in the field of human rights in Africa and beyond, the Centre for Human Rights is indeed grooming all of us to keep going forward because 'nothing can stop us now!' Today, HRDA Alumni are impacting at local, regional as well as international level.
When in 2013, the Centre introduced for the first time the Master of Philosophy for non-lawyers, it was a stepping stone to champion that blend between human rights lawyers and social activists, journalists, among others. This gave me, as a Social Activist, to be one of the lucky participants of this programme to pursue an MPhil degree in human rights.
As the Alumni Coordinator, I can only admire the enthusiasm through which alumni empower one another with the right tools. For this, I have to say 'Bravo' to the Centre for Human Rights for the legacy it leaves to the students after the ten-month programme.

Davina Murden (Mauritius, 2021)
Alumni Coordinator (2022–)





Dr Tomiwa Ilori
(Nigeria, 2014)
Alumni Coordinator
(2018 – 2022)



Dr Adebayo Okeowo
(Nigeria, 2014)
Alumni Coordinator (2015 – 2018)



Dr Romola Adeola
(Nigeria, 2012)
Alumni Coordinator (2013 – 2014)



Dr Horace Adjolohoun
(Benin, 2007)
Alumni Coordinator (2012)

A FEW LECTURERS



Mary Robinson
Former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997–2002), and founder and President of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative



Prof Martin Scheinin
European University Institute, Florence, Italy; former member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee; first United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Counter-Terrorism



Dr Bronwen Manby
Founder of the Africa Governance Monitoring and Advocacy Project (AfriMAP), Open Society Foundation; former Deputy Director, Africa Division, Human Rights Watch



Prof Fernand de Varennes
Dean, Faculté de Droit, Université de Moncton, Canada; United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues



Ms Sheila Keetharuth
UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea



Prof Dire Tladi
Member of the International Law Commission



Prof Cecile Aptel
Senior Legal Policy Adviser, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; Associate Professor of International Law at Tufts' Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, USA



Dr David Padilla
Former Assistant Executive Secretary, Inter-American Human Rights Commission



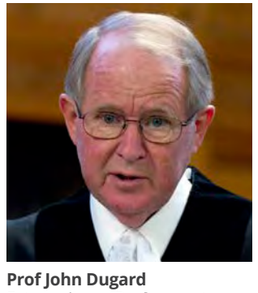
Prof Serges Kamga
Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute, University of South Africa



Dr Attila Teplan
Chief Legal Officer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe



Prof Michelo Hansungule
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria; Member, International Commission of Jurists

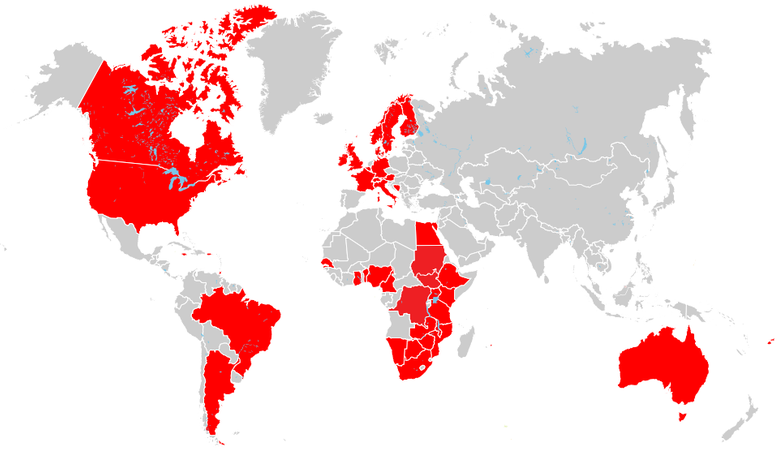


Prof John Dugard
Extraordinary Professor at the Centre for Human Rights, previously member of the International Law Commission

WHERE HDRA LECTURERS HAVE COME FROM



Prof Victor Dankwa
Former Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights





Prof Sylvia Tamale
Leading African feminist and LGBTI activist, Makerere University, Uganda

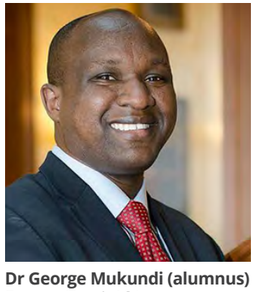
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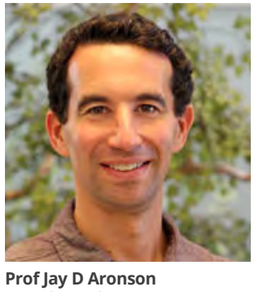
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Dr George Mukundi (alumnus)
Former Head, African Governance Architecture, African Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Prof Jay D Aronson
Founder and Director, Center for Human Rights Science, Carnegie Mellon University, Pennsylvania, USA



Gill Jacot-Guillarmod *Liaison Officer and Senior Programme Manager, Centre for Human Rights, May 2001 – January 2010*

Gill Jacot-Guillarmod (8 July 1942 – 15 January 2010) was the Senior Programme Manager and Liaison Officer at the Centre for Human Rights. Generations of Master's students experienced her as the embodiment of the nobility of the human spirit.

Before joining the Centre, Gill worked at the American Embassy for 35 years. During this time, among other things, she was involved with the Fulbright Scholarship programme, which sent the best minds in South Africa abroad to study, contributing indelibly to preparing the leadership for the new, democratic South Africa: in public service, business, academia and the arts among others. She was as devoted to the 'nameless' and smallest folks in daily life: security guards, domestic workers, every colleague and all their children. When she died, the world cried.

Gill 'knew everyone who was anyone' and with unparalleled professional qualification and experience she could have gone anywhere else in the world after she left the embassy, but she chose to join the Centre for Human Rights. She believed in the greatness of the ideas and ideals that underpin our work. She represented the Centre with unassailable confidence, unbridled passion and with tears in her eyes.

The Centre created a staff position to fit this unusual professional and humanitarian: to mentor staff, provide a home for students, advocate with partners and be the face at every Centre public event. Her position was dissolved when she died. Of specific relevance here, she instituted interviews for prospective students of the HRDA programme and oversaw the process with a firm intolerance of the classic scenario in which the candidate feels afraid, intimidated, unworthy. In Pretoria, confident of the academic provision, she 'wrote the manual' on student welfare with the oldest hand in the business of settling foreigners in new countries so that they might function at their best and take full advantage of the unique training opportunity they had been selected for.

Hers is a life lived with love and in service to mankind; a life that has endless meaning beyond its passing.



Gill's presence touched many lives

ZELDA VENTER
HIGH COURT REPORTER

CONDOLENCES have poured in from all over the world following the death of Gill Jacot Guillarmod on Friday, shortly after she was diagnosed with cancer.

The tiny woman with the big soul touched the lives of many during her nearly nine years at the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria's Law Faculty, where she was senior programme manager and liaison officer.

Before joining the university, Jacot Guillarmod, 67, worked at the American Embassy in Pretoria for 35 years where she was involved in the Fulbright scholarship programme.

She was diagnosed with cancer on December 27 and was admitted to the Little Company of Mary Hospital on January 10, where she passed away five days later.

Jacot Guillarmod was intimately involved in the organisation of the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition and the LlM Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa.

She acted as master of ceremonies at many of the centre's events, including the LlM graduation ceremony which was held on December 10 at the faculty. She was also in charge of the internship programme at the centre.

"The absence of her vivacious presence, consummate professionalism, energy and enthusiasm and selfless love for everyone around her leaves a gap in our lives, as it no doubt does in the lives of countless others," said Frans Viljoen, director of the centre.

He said their sympathy and condolences go to her family.

Messages on a special condolences page on the centre's website have been posted by people across the globe whose hearts Jacot Guillarmod had touched.

She was the life and soul of the yearly moot competition, which is held at a different African university every year, where she mothered the young participants, giving them advice and help.

As one of the students said: "Sit still and hear the call of a million things you don't know, from the mouth of a person who can teach you."

A commemoration will be held at Tukkies on Friday at 12.30pm at the Law Faculty Auditorium.



Gill Jacot Guillarmod from the Human Rights Centre lost her battle against cancer and passed away last Friday.



Prof Christof Heyns *Director, Centre for Human Rights (1999–2006)*

So, in the late 1990s I was flying back home from a visit to France, and on the plane I read a brochure that someone had given me during my visit which I had put in my pocket. It was about the human rights programme in Venice, presented by a number of universities in the region for students from Europe. Everything fell into place. The reading light of the plane remained switched on, as I assembled all the paper I could get on the plane (this was before laptops) to write a project proposal for an African master's programme in human rights. I dropped the proposal off with Carole Viljoen the next morning, on my way from the airport. Crucially, Frans Viljoen threw his weight behind the idea, and established many of the key elements. We sent out rather cheeky funding proposals, asking for large amounts of money. A few months later we were lucky to have the money, and in January of the next year, 2000, the first intake of students arrived

Professor Christof Heyns, in many ways the 'founding father' of the HRDA programme, passed away suddenly, sadly and all too soon on 28 March 2021.

Professor Heyns was so many things to so many people. He was a friend, a mentor, a guide, a cheerleader and much more. Prof Heyns was the Director of the Centre for Human Rights from 1999 to 2006. He was the Dean of the Faculty of Law at UP from 2007 to 2010. After stepping down as Dean, he became the founding Co-Director of the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA) at UP. He was the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions from 2010 to 2016 and was also a member of the UN Human Rights Committee from 2017 to 2020. In each of these positions, he made significant, original and lasting contributions.

As the Director of the Centre, he left his fingerprint through the Centre's logo. The butterfly logo was his brainchild, based on the notion that a minor or seemingly insignificant change or action can have momentous or consequential outcomes or consequences. It was also Prof Heyns who initiated the establishment of the Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa, which is part of the Global Campus of Human Rights. This whole idea started while Prof Heyns was still on the plane, coming back to South Africa after a visit to France:

To honour the memory of Prof Heyns, the Moot Court Competition became the 'Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition'. The Memorial Thesis Award and the Christof Heyns Human Rights Scholarship were established. The Memorial Thesis Award is a prize underlining Prof Heyns' exceptional passion for promoting scholarship and a life devoted to initiating innovative ideas to make the world a better place to live in. The Christof Heyns Human Rights Scholarship, which started in 2022, is a doctoral scholarship established to continue the legacy of Prof Heyns in expanding human rights scholarships and giving opportunities to deserving but economically disadvantaged African students.

Prof Heyns wanted Africans to be in the driving seat of human rights on the continent. There are so many dimensions of Prof Heyns, each of which he inhabited so fully and so completely. Whether it was rowing, being a father, a family man, a grandfather, playing the guitar, appreciating a good book or a piece of music, or working for human rights. He was a good and deeply moral man, integrity personified, warm-hearted, had a quirky sense of humour, and was ready with a witticism for every occasion. His enthusiasm was boundless and infectious, leaving no one untouched whose life intersected with his. He was immeasurably wise...



Prof Frans Viljoen, Director of the Centre for Human Rights, with **Yolanda Booyzen**, Former Communications and Marketing Manager, at the Tree Planting Ceremony in honour of Prof Heyns in November 2021.

CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HRDA COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS



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2005 – Prof Nii Ashie
University of Ghana

2006 – Prof Nii Ashie Kotey
University of Ghana

2007 – Prof Sylvia Tamale
Makerere University, Uganda

2009 – Prof Kofi Quashigah
University of Ghana

2010 – Ms Odile Lim Tung
University of Mauritius

2011 – Dr Orquidea Massarongo-Jona
Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique

2012 – Prof Akonumbo Atangcho
Université Catholique d'Afrique Centrale, Cameroon

2013 – Ms Annette Lansink
University of the Western Cape, South Africa

2014 – Dr Papa Sy
Université Gaston Berger, Senegal

2015 – Dr Damalie Naggita-Musoke
Makerere University, Uganda

2016 – Prof Patricia Kameri-Mbote
University of Nairobi, Kenya

2017 – Prof Benyam Mezmur
University of the Western Cape, South Africa

2018 – Prof Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua
University of Ghana

2019 – Prof Christopher Mbazira
Makerere University, Uganda

2021 – Prof Ademola Oluborode Jegede
University of Venda, South Africa

2022 – Prof Usang Maria Assim
University of Western Cape, South Africa

2023 – Orquidea Massarongo-Jona
Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique

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Université d'Abomey Calavi
(est. 1970)
African Moot host: 2010
HRDA Director:
Prof Samson Guedegbe
HRDA partner since 2012

CAMEROON
Université Catholique d'Afrique
Centrale (est. 1989)
African Moot host: 2003
HRDA Director:
Prof Atangcho Akonumbo
HRDA partner since 2002

ETHIOPIA
Addis Ababa University
(est. 1950)
African Moot host: 2006
HRDA Director:
Dr Yonas Adinew Birmeta
Dr Gedion Hessebon
HRDA partner since 2016

GHANA
University of Ghana
(est. 1948)
African Moot host: 2000
HRDA Director:
Prof Raymond Atuguba (Dean)
HRDA partner since 2000

KENYA
University of Nairobi
(est. 1956)
African Moot host: 2014
HRDA Director: Prof Winifred
Kamau
HRDA partner since 2014

MAURITIUS
University of Mauritius
(est. 1965)
African Moot host: 2017
HRDA Director:
Prof Geetanee Napal
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HRDA partner since 2008

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Universidade Eduardo
Mondlane (est. 1962)
African Moot host: 1998, 2012
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Dr Orquidea Massarongo
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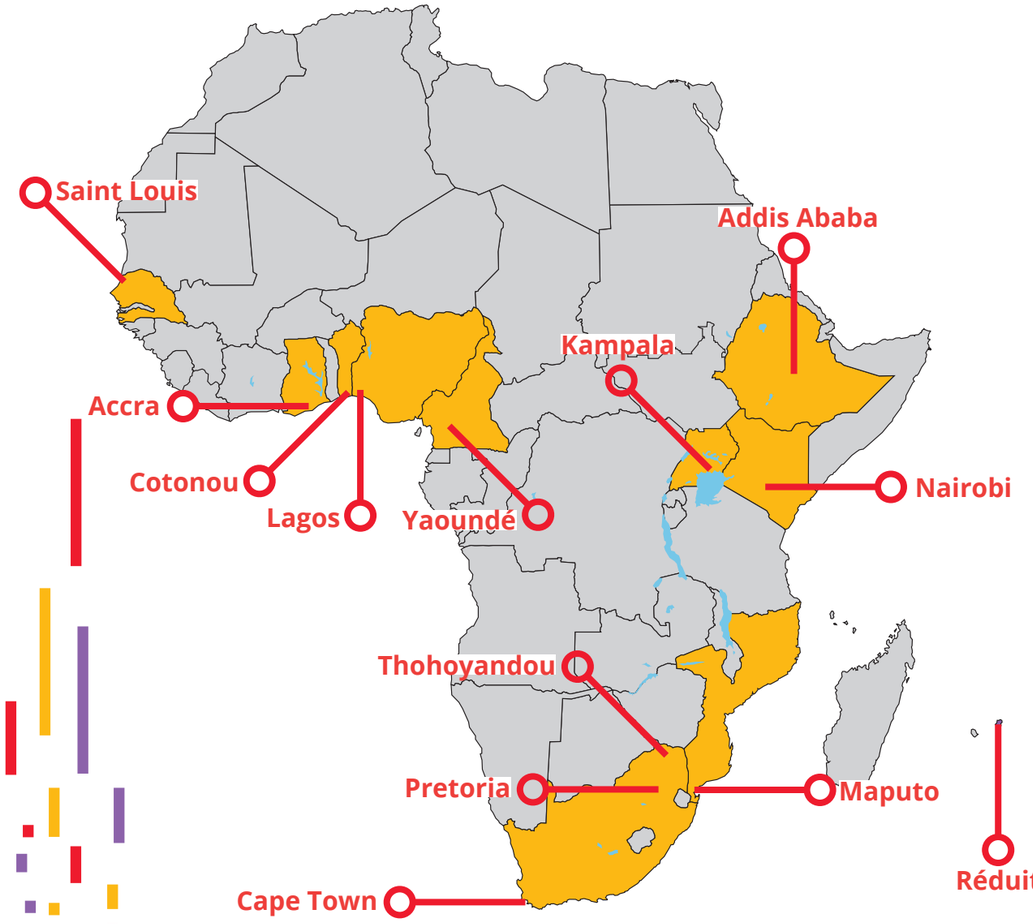
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Université Gaston Berger
de Saint Louis (est. 1990)
African Moot host: 2007
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HRDA partner since 2010

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University of Pretoria
(est. 1908)
African Moot host: 1995, 2001,
2008, 2011, 2016
HRDA Director:
Prof Magnus Killander
HRDA partner since 2000

SOUTH AFRICA
University of the Western Cape
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African Moot host: 2013
HRDA Director:
Prof Lukas Muntingh
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University of Venda
(est. 1982)
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Netherlands

Flanders

Sweden

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2017 visit of Dr Thomas Feist, German MP and Member of the Council of Europe, with Ms Philina Wittke, Director of DAAD in South Africa



2014 DAAD Event



2005 signing the funding contract with Ambassador Lodewijk Briët, Head of European Union Delegation to South Africa

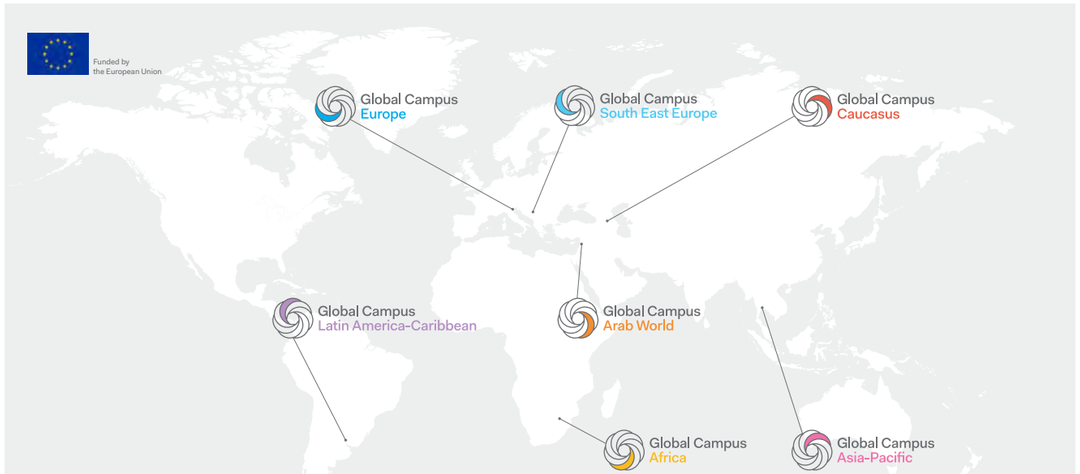


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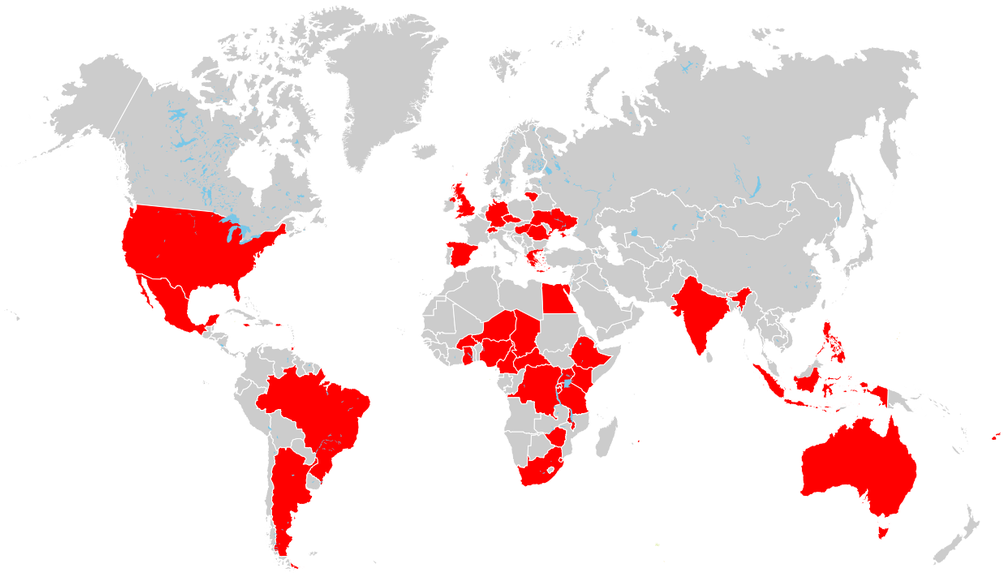
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PART II PROFESSIONS



2022 Doctoral Graduation *left to right* Prof Dire Tladi (Professor International Law at ICLA), Prof Magnus Killander, Dr Adebayo Okeowo (Nigeria, 2014), Prof Frans Viljoen and Prof Nkatha Murungi (Kenya, 2009).



Doctorates completed by alumni

South Africa

UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
Amir Abdallah (Sudan, 2000)
Evarist Baimu (Tanzania,2000)
Kithure Kindiki (Kenya, 2000)
Martin Nsibirwa (Uganda, 2000)
Lirette Louw (South Africa, 2001)
Kobina Egyir Daniel (Ghana, 2001)
Lilian Chenwi (Cameroon, 2002)
Christian Chofor Che (Cameroon, 2003)
George Mukundi (Kenya, 2003)
Roselyn Karugonjo-Segawa (Uganda, 2003)
Prudence Acirokop (Uganda, 2005)
Chacha Bhoke (Tanzania, 2005)
Waruguru Kaguongo (Kenya, 2005)
Mwiza Nkatha (Malawi, 2005)
Tarisai Mutangi (Zimbabwe, 2005)
Osogo Ambani (Kenya, 2006)
Solomon Ebobrah (Nigeria, 2006)
Horace Adjolohoun (Benin, 2007)
Akinola Akintayo (Nigeria, 2007)
Victor Lando (Kenya, 2007)
Innocent Maja (Zimbabwe, 2007)
Ololade Shyllon (Nigeria, 2007)
Japeth Biegon (Kenya, 2008)
Bonolo Dinokopila (Botswana, 2008)
Ademola Jegede (Nigeria, 2008)
Remember Miamingi (South Sudan, 2008)
Azubike Onuora-Oguno (Nigeria, 2008)
Adem Abebe (Ethiopia, 2009)
Ernest Ako (Ghana, 2010)
Victor Ayeni (Nigeria, 2011)
Thompson Chengeta (Zimbabwe, 2011)
Emma Lubaale (Uganda, 2011)
Romola Adeola (Nigeria, 2012)
Ashwanee Budoo (Mauritius, 2012)
Satang Nabaneh (The Gambia. 2012)
Josua Loots (South Africa, 2012)
Paul Ogendi (Kenya, 2012)
Seith Wekesa (Kenya, 2012)
Nora Ho Tu Nam (Mauritius, 2013)
Adrian Jjuko (Uganda, 2013)
Mariam Kamunyu (Kenya, 2014)
Bamisaye Olawaye Oyetola (Nigeria, 2014)
Adebayo Okeowo (Nigeria, 2014)
Chairman Okoloise (Nigeria, 2015)
Ayodele Olorunfunmi Sogunro (Nigeria, 2017)
Tresor Makunya (Democratic Republic of Congo, 2017)
Johannes Donovan Kariseb (Namibia, 2016)
David Ikpo (2016)
Joseph Aketch Geng (South Sudan, 2018)
Tomiwa Illori (Nigeria, 2018)

UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE
Danwood Chirwa (Malawi, 2001)
Godfrey Odongo (Kenya, 2002)
Christopher Mbazira (Uganda, 2003)
Yonatan Fessha (Ethiopia, 2004)
Jamil Mujuzi (Uganda, 2005)
Benyam Dawit Mezmur (Ethiopia, 2005)
Rebecca Amollo (Uganda, 2006)
Angelo Dube (Swaziland, 2007)
Douglas Singiza (Uganda, 2007)
Aquinaldo Celio Mandlate (Mozambique, 2008)
Nkatha Murungi (Kenya, 2009)
Conrad Bosire (Kenya, 2009)
Patricia Odong (Uganda, 2009)
Usang Maria Assim (Nigeria, 2009)
Nicholas Orago (Kenya, 2010)
Enoch Chilemba (Malawi, 2011
Agaba Daphine Kabagambe (Uganda, 2013)
Henry Paul Gichana (Kenya, 2017)

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
Benson Olugbuo (Nigeria, 2003)
Anthony Diala (Nigeria, 2007)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA
Boitumelo Mmusinyane (South Africa, 2003)

UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND
Solomon Dersso (Ethiopia, 2003)
Redson Kapindu (Malawi, 2004)
Godfrey Musila (Kenya, 2004)
Itumelang Shale (Lesotho, 2008)

UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL
Patrick Eba (Côte d'Ivoire, 2004)
Rofia Oyero (Nigeria, 2004)

Australia
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
Takele Soboka Bulto (Ethiopia, 2003)

China
WUHAN UNIVERSITY
Michael Addaney (Ghana, 2015)

Finland
ÅBO AKADEMI UNIVERSITY
Sabelo Gumedze (South Africa, 2002)
Sisay Alemahu (Ethiopia, 2004)

Japan

OSAKA UNIVERSITY
Fikremarkos Birhanu (Ethiopia, 2002)

Ireland

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY
Mesenbet Assefa Tadeg (Ethiopia, 2008)

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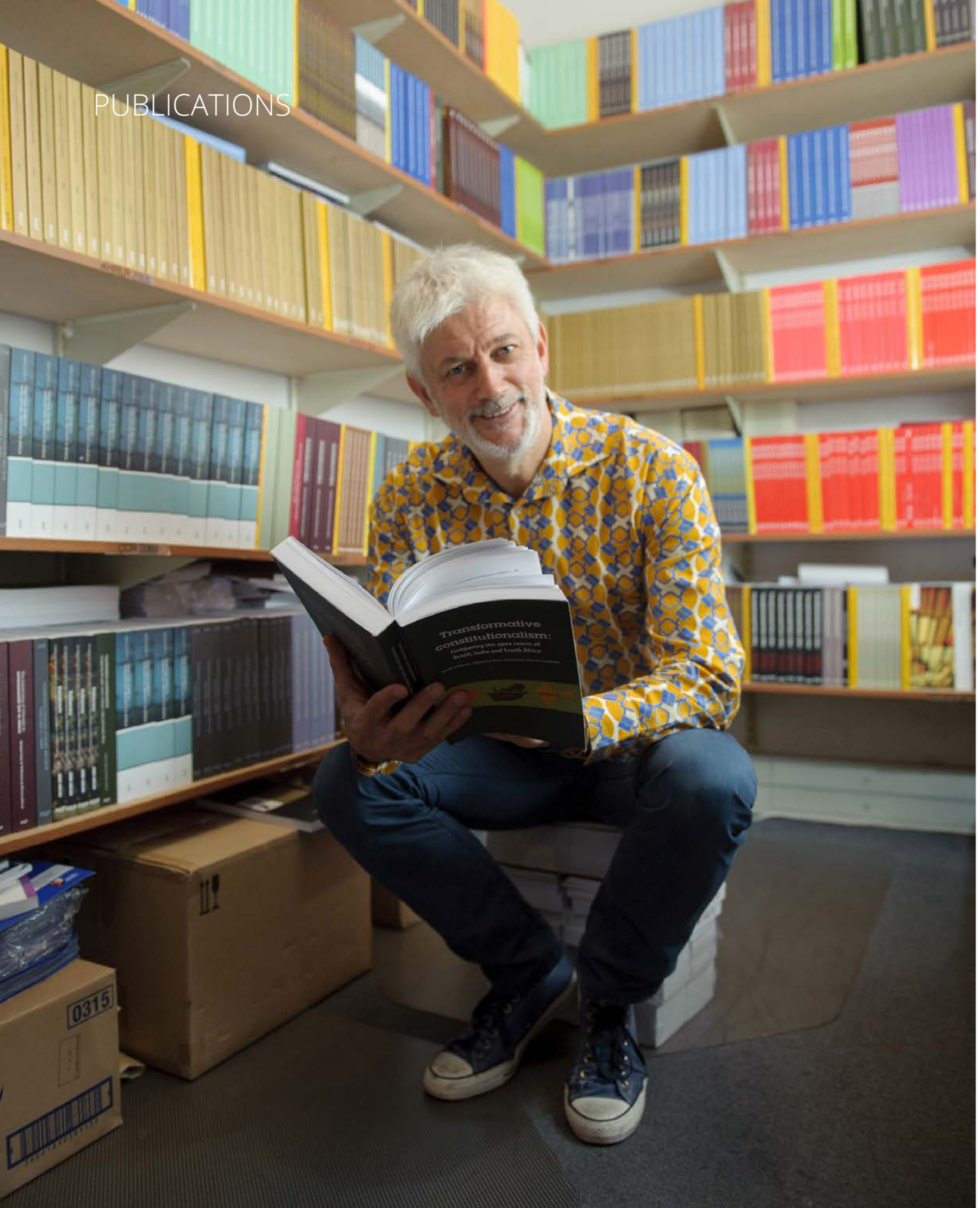
United Kingdom

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
Lungowe Matakala (Zambia, 2002)
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
Kealeboga Bojosi (Botswana, 2002)
UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
Anthony Kafumbe (Uganda, 2000)
LANCASTER UNIVERSITY
Attiya Waris (Kenya, 2004)
SOAS, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
Thokozani Kaime (Malawi, 2002)

United States of America

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, INDIANA
Oladejo Olowu (Nigeria, 2001)

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA
Dejene Girma Janka (Ethiopia, 2007)



PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Alumni have published in over 80 journals worldwide, including the following:

African Journals

African Disability Rights Yearbook
African Human Rights Law Journal
African Journal of Clinical Legal Education and Access to Justice
African Journal of Conflict Resolution
African Yearbook of International Law
African Yearbook on International Humanitarian Law
Afrika Focus Journal
Awka Journal of Research in Music and The Arts
Bahir Dar University Journal of Law
Cameroon Journal on Democracy and Human Rights
Centrepoint Journal of Humanities
China Monitor (African East Asian Affairs)
East African Journal of Human Rights & Peace
East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights
Economic and Social Rights Review in Africa
Ethiopian Journal of Human Rights
Ethiopian Journal of Legal Education
Journal of African Law
Journal of the Democratic Nursing Organisation of South Africa
Jimma University Journal of Law
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Madonna University Law Journal
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Kenya Law Review Journal
Pretoria Students Law Review
University of Benin Law Journal
University of Ilorin Law Journal
University of Nairobi Law Journal
Journal of the Jomo Kenyatta University
Young Africa Research Journal
Without Prejudice

North American Journals

American Journal of International Law
Columbia Journal of Transnational Law
Comparative Constitutional and Administrative Law Quarterly
Eyes on the International Criminal Court (ICC) Journal
Harvard Africa Policy Journal
Health and Human Rights Journal of the Harvard School of Public Health
Human Rights Brief
Human Rights Monitor
International Journal of African Renaissance Studies
International Journal of Minority and Group Rights
Journal of the Association of Japanese Literary Studies
Journal of Contemporary Law
Journal of International Law
The Macrotheme Review
US-China Law Review Journal
The Journal of World Intellectual Property

European Journals

African Journal of Legal Studies
Afrika Focus
European Society Journal
Human Rights Law Review
Journal of Rehabilitation of Torture Victims
International Journal of Public Law and Policy
International Journal of Private Law
Journal of Money Laundering Control
LSE Journal on Global Governance
Netherlands International Law Review
Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights
Nordic Journal of Human Rights
International Journal of Human Rights
International Journal of Refugee Law
International Journal of Transitional Justice
International Work Group of Indigenous Affairs
Scientia Militaria, South African Journal of Military Studies
Statute Law Review
The Economic and Social Review Journal
The International Journal of Children's Rights
The Journal of Law, Social Justice and Global Development
The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunal
Transformation

Asia Pacific Journals

Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law
Australian Journal of Human Rights
Chinese Journal of Environmental Law
Melbourne Journal of International Law

Others

International Journal on Reproductive Health Matters
International Criminal Law Review
Journal of Energy and Natural Resources Management
Journal of International and Comparative Law
Journal of Justice
Journal of Law and Ethnics

BOOKS
Monographs

O Ambani (Kenya, 2006) *The New Constitution of Kenya, Principles, Government and Human Rights* (with MK Mbodenyi) 2012

H Adjolohoun (Benin, 2007) *Droits de l'homme et justice constitutionnelle en Afrique: le modèle béninois* 2011

TS Bulto (Ethiopia, 2003) *The Extraterritorial Application of the Human Right to Water in Africa* 2014

L Chenwi (Cameroon, 2002) *Towards the Abolition of the Death Penalty in Africa: A Human Rights Perspective* 2007

D Chirwa (Malawi, 2001) *Human Rights under The Malawian Constitution* 2012

S Dersso (Ethiopia, 2003) *Taking Ethno-Cultural Diversity Seriously in Constitutional Design: A Theory of Minority Rights for Addressing Africa's Multiethnic Challenge (Studies in International Minority and Group Rights)* 2012

Y Fessha (Ethiopia, 2004) *Ethnic Diversity and Federalism: Constitution Making in South Africa and Ethiopia* 2010

A Jegede (Nigeria 2008) *The Climate Change Regulatory Framework and Indigenous Peoples' Lands in Africa: Human Rights Implications* 2016

T Kaime (Malawi 2002) *The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child: A Socio-legal Perspective* 2009

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C Mbazira (Uganda, 2003) *Litigating Socio-Economic Rights in South Africa: A Choice between Corrective and Distributive Justice* 2009

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Morné van der Linde (South Africa, 2000) *Compendium of South African Environmental Legislation* 2006

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Collections edited by alumni

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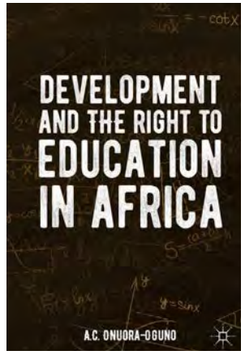
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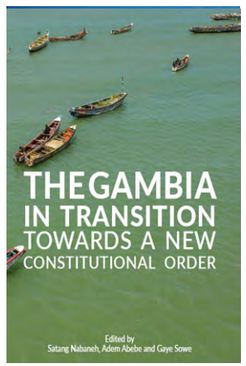
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Former Dean, Faculty of Law, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia



Dr Roselyn Karugonjo-Segawa
(Uganda, 2003)
Former Dean, Faculty of Law, Uganda Christian University, Mukono



The HRDA Master's is a prestigious qualification that sets one apart. It enabled my entry into a PhD programme at the University of Cambridge; and influenced my career choice of academia. I am the former Dean of Law at the University of Lusaka, currently teaching law at the University of Zambia, where I have held several management positions including Assistant Dean Postgraduate and Research. I have contributed to policy change and law reform in Zambia's laws on refugees, gender based violence and education through parliamentary submissions, legal drafting and research. I am the founder of Beyond Research*, a research consulting firm based in Zambia.*
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I am very honoured to have been invited to make a contribution to this special edition of the Alumni Diaries.

I left the Gambia with a wealth of knowledge that I will always treasure. It was a fantastic learning experience and I am thankful for the skills acquired and lessons learned. Barely 27 years old at the time, my time with the Faculty of Law made me a more complete and well-rounded person. I learned how to take direction, criticism, and compliments (for the first time). These are three things I feel I can apply in many different situations, both professional and personal.

It was a wonderful opportunity to witness the growth of the Faculty of Law. I am particularly proud of the successes registered by the Faculty in the areas of student enrolment, recruitment of faculty members, acquisition of learning and reading materials, establishment of new special academic programmes such as a Legal Aid Clinic, a Mooting and Legal Advocacy Programme and an internationally recognised curriculum.

As the only law faculty in The Gambia, its solid and continued development is crucial to the future of the legal system of The Gambia. As the Dean, it was a humbling experience to have played a part in its development.

Above all, I am grateful to the Centre for Human Rights, for its generous support and immense financial contributions.

Johannes Buabeng-Baidoo (Ghana, 2011)
Former Acting Dean, Faculty of Law, University of The Gambia





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Australia
Deakin University, Melbourne
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University of Canberra
University of Western Australia
Takele Bulto (Ethiopia, 2003)

Botswana
University of Botswana
Bonolo Dinokopila (Botswana, 2008)
Obonye Jonas (Botswana, 2010)
Tshepiso Ndzinge-Makhamisa (Botswana, 2015)

Balsago University College
Kago Mokotedi (Botswana, 2015)

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Université Libre de Kinshasa
Jean-Désiré Ingange-Wa-Ingange (Democratic Republic of Congo, 2001) Associate Professor

Université de Lubumbashi
Joseph Yav Katshung (Democratic Republic of Congo, 2004) Professor

Ethiopia
Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia
Fikremarkos Birhanu (Ethiopia, 2002) Associate Professor
Solomon Dersso (Ethiopia, 2003) Adjunct Professor
Mizanie Tadesse (Ethiopia, 2007)
Fasil Gessesse (Ethiopia, 2008)
Anchinesh Mulu (Ethiopia, 2009)
Jibril Ali (Ethiopia, 2009) Assistant Professor

Debre Markos University
Asrar Adem Gebeyehu (Ethiopia, 2017)

Haramaya University
Daba Bacha Muleta (Ethiopia, 2014)

Jimma University
Abiy Ashenafi (Ethiopia, 2015)

Finland
Åbo Akademi University
Sisay Alemahu (Ethiopia, 2004) Insitute for Human Rights

The Gambia
University of The Gambia
Johannes Buabeng-Baidoo (Ghana, 2011)
Nqobani Nyathi (Zimbabwe, 2017)
Samuel Ade Ndasi (Cameroon, 2018)
Basiru Bah (The Gambia, 2018)
Essa Njie (The Gambia, 2018)

Ghana
Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration
Edmund Foley (Ghana, 2004)

University of Cape Coast
Ernest Ako (Ghana, 2010)

Kenya
Africa Nazarene University
Henry Paul Gichana (Kenya, 2017)

Catholic University of Eastern Africa
Mariam Kamunyu (Kenya, 2014)
Joshua Ogega (Kenya, 2015)

Academics should use their research environment and skills to identify societal problems, propose workable solutions, including based on comparative cross-border experiences, and challenge and work with the powers that be. I am for 'activist' academics! The baseline has not changed much, and the need for an academia connected to and working in interaction with policymakers, from the African Union to the lowest administrative units in each country, is as high as ever.
Adem Abebe (Ethiopia, 2009)
Assistant Professor (Part-Time)
Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia



Kabarak University
Lucyann Wambui Thuo (Kenya, 2014)
Jared Gekombe (Kenya, 2016)

Moi University
Walker Ochieng (Kenya, 2012)
Duncan Munabi (Kenya, 2013)

Strathmore University
Osogo Ambani (Kenya, 2006)

University of Nairobi, Kenya
Kithure Kindiki (Kenya, 2000)
Attiya Waris (Kenya, 2004)
Ken Obura (Kenya, 2005)
Evelyne Asaala (Kenya, 2009)
Nicholas Orago (Kenya, 2010)
Paul Ogendi (Kenya, 2012)

Riara University
Seith Wekesa (Kenya, 2012)
Victor Lando (Kenya, 2007)

Lesotho
National University of Lesotho
Itumeleng Shale (Lesotho, 2008)

Malawi
University of Malawi
Mwiza Nkhata (Malawi, 2005)
Ngcimezile Mbano (Malawi, 2008)
Enoch Chilemba (Malawi, 2011)

Madagascar
Université de Toliara
Université de Fianarantsoa
Sanaty Mohamed (Madagascar, 2002)

Mali
Université de Bamako
Lahyerou AG Aly (Mali, 2010)

Mauritius
University of Mauritius
Roopanand Mahadew (Mauritius, 2011)

Mozambique
Universidade Eduardo Mondlane
Armando Cuamba (Mozambique, 2009)
Farida Mamad (Mozambique, 2009)
Paulo Jorge Nhancale (Mozambique, 2011)

Namibia
University of Namibia
Kennedy Kariseb (Namibia, 2016)

Nigeria
Adekunle Ajasin University
Victor Ayeni (Nigeria, 2011) Senior Lecturer and Sub-Dean, Faculty of Law

University of Ilorin
Azubike Onuora-Oguno (Nigeria, 2008)

University of Benin
Lily Oyakhirome (Nigeria, 2017)

University of Lagos, Nigeria
Akinola Akintayo (Nigeria, 2007)
Bamisaye Oyetola (Nigeria, 2014)

Rwanda
National University of Rwanda
Florence Mukamugema (Rwanda, 2000)
Tom Mulisa (Rwanda, 2009)

Sudan
University of Khartoum
Amir Abdallah (Sudan, 2000) Assistant Professor
Amani Ejami (Sudan, 2003) Part-time lecturer

South Africa
University of Cape Town
Enos Tshivhase (South Africa, 2000)

University of Fort Hare
Manfred Chinamasa (Zimbabwe, 2001)
Tebello Thabane (Lesotho, 2006)

University of South Africa
Mmatsie Mooki (South Africa, 2002)
Lee Stone (South Africa, 2002)
Boitumelo Mmusinyane (South Africa, 2003)
Angelo Dube (Swaziland, 2007) Associate Professor

University of Venda
Jegede Ademola (Nigeria, 2008)
Emma Lubaale (Uganda, 2011)

University of the Western Cape
Carmel Jacobs (South Africa, 2004)
Benyam Mezmur (Ethiopia, 2005)
Jamil Mujuzi (Uganda, 2005) Associate Professor
Rebecca Amollo (Uganda, 2006)
Anthony Diala (Nigeria, 2007)
Maria Assim (Nigeria, 2009)

Walter Sisulu University
Oladejo Olowu (Nigeria, 2001) Professor of Law (Public Law & Legal Philosophy)



Why did I choose to make a career for myself in academics? I think overall, I was influenced by my observation that academics gives one the opportunity to contribute to shaping society both directly and indirectly. I saw people I consider to be mentors directly contributing to societal discourse on important issues through their publications and indirectly shaping the thought processes and eventual life views of students who then went on to make their own mark in society. I saw that academics gave one a distinctive voice and allowed one to share one's values and knowledge with others, thus extending one's contributions far beyond immediate imagination. So for me, it is the opportunity that academics gives to serve humanity directly and indirectly that was the attraction. I am able to do my bit and I am still able to influence others to do their bit in ways similar to mine.
Prof Solomon Ebobrah (Nigeria, 2006)
Professor, Faculty of Law,
Niger Delta University, Nigeria



2016 Judicial Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights Course



My interest in the academic arose just when I was enrolled for the LLM programme at the University of Pretoria. During that programme, I was exposed to such a vast array of legal scholars and scholarship that my intellectual curiosity was awakened. For the first time, I saw in flesh and conversed with professors who had published things I had come across. This, for me, de-mystified academic work, especially publishing.

The academia serves a unique function in society, with which I identify fully. It drives the quest for the truth, knowledge and human development. From the perspective of our discipline, the academic plays a key role in promoting justice, fairness and social cohesion, by educating lawyers and other functionaries involved in the administration of justice and the development and enforcement of the law, and through legal scholarship. The academia also happens to provide the freedom and wherewithal for reflection, creativity and innovation.

I have been most privileged to work with some of the most intellectually gifted colleagues and students from many African countries and beyond during my years in academia, a journey that began at the University of Pretoria.

Danwood Chirwa (Malawi, 2001)
Dean,
Faculty of Law,
University of Cape Town

I chose a career in academia for two reasons. For both intrinsic and extrinsic reasons.

Intrinsically because I like playing with ideas, being challenged by ideas, immersing myself in concepts and coming up with answers to complex issues. In South Africa, of course, the complex issue is how to resolve the elements of colonialism and apartheid. I am in academia to try to find answers to those questions. Especially because in South African academia, the focus has always been on apartheid and not on colonialism and that has led to a non-focus and therefore a missing of the problem.

There is also an unnecessary focus on the constitution, which is said to be transformative. That, of course, is untrue. The constitution is anti-decolonisation. It is very very narrow because it focuses on apartheid. Therefore in my research I try to expand the horizon of the problem and the solution. The problem is colonisation and therefore we need a constitution that is decolonial. Therefore I try to dip into the archive of decolonial thought in South Africa and abroad to understand how to resolve the problem we have in South Africa and in other parts of Africa. In other parts of Africa, the problem is neo-colonial constitutions.

Intrinsically, I like the classroom very much. I enjoy teaching. I enjoy stimulating and being stimulated by students. I enjoy seeing my students after five years, ten years in places of influence and also making a difference in the lives of people in South Africa and other parts of Africa. I am in academia because I like shaping minds and being shaped in the classroom by students.

Tshepo Madlingozi (South Africa, 2002)
Director,
Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS)
University of the Witwatersrand



My love for academia stems from the fact that I find joy in acquiring and producing knowledge. I draw immense pleasure from a conversation in ideas. Sharing intellectual experience with fellow scholars and students, and the contribution that makes to the creation of the next generation of critical thinkers, has continued to reinforce the belief that I have made the correct career choice. And, of course, there is the independence and the time flexibility that academia offers.

Yonatan Fessha (Ethiopia, 2004)
Professor of Law,
Faculty of Law,
University of the Western Cape





2011 Welcoming Ceremony

South Sudan
University of Juba
Joseph Akech (South Sudan, 2018)

Swaziland
University of Swaziland
Christian Dumsani Dlamini (Swaziland, 2008)
Simangele Mavundla (Swaziland, 2009)

Tanzania
University of Dodoma
Chacha Bhoke (Tanzania, 2005)
Peter Josiah Shughuru (Tanzania, 2012)
Lucius Batty Njiti (Tanzania, 2014)

Moshi Co-operative University
Alphonce Mbuya (Tanzania, 2014)

Mzumbe University
Benjamin Motika (Tanzania, 2006)
Isabela Warioba (Tanzania, 2011)

St Augustine University
George Mwaisondola (Tanzania, 2002)
Tumaini University
Benedict Nchalla (Tanzania, 2008)



The intellectual stimulation and creativity in the academic environment is appealing. A career in academia, while challenging, offers various opportunities. Teaching, for example, offers an opportunity to not only share one's ideas with students but to also receive feedback and effect positive change in their lives. In addition, the academic environment offers an opportunity to devote research time to fleshing out issues related to one's research interests (with much freedom to pursue one's research interests), coupled with the reward of learning about the impact of one's research. There is also the potential for exciting collaborations with colleagues, students and stakeholders outside of academia.
Lilian Chenwi (Cameroon, 2002)
Professor, Faculty of Law,
University of the Witwatersrand

Uganda
Islamic University in Uganda
James Nkuubi (Uganda, 2009)

Makerere University, Uganda
Patricia Atim (Uganda, 2009)
Associate Professor

Uganda Christian University
Priscilla Ankut (Nigeria, 2003)
Roselyn Karugonjo-Segawa (Uganda, 2003)
Dean, Faculty of Law
Henry Mwebe (Uganda, 2004)

Kenya
University in Kenya
Attiya Waris ► (Kenya, 2004)
Professor, School of Law and UN Independent Expert on Foreign Debt



Germany
University of Bayreuth
Thokozani Kaime (Malawi, 2002)

United Kingdom
University of Oxford
Thompson Chengeta (Zimbabwe, 2011)

Zimbabwe
Midlands State University
Esau Mandipa (Zimbabwe, 2011)

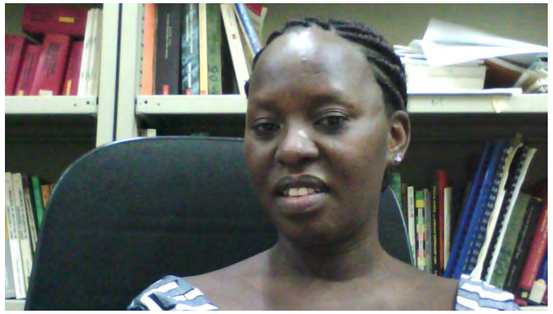
Zambia
University of Zambia
Lungowe Matakala (Zambia, 2002)



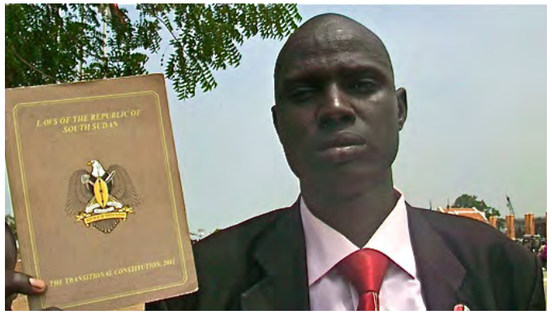
2015 Advanced Human Rights Course on the Justiciability of Socio-economics Rights in Africa



Benyam Dawit Mezmur (Ethiopia, 2005)
Dullah Omar Institute for Constitutional Law, Democracy and Human Rights, University of the Western Cape, South Africa



Hadiza Mahaman (Niger, 2008)
Niger Human Rights Centre for Peace and Development
University of Tahoua



Biel Boutros (South Sudan, 2014)
Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University School of Law, New York City, USA



Satang Nabaneh (The Gambia, 2012), Henrietta Ekefre (Nigeria, 2015) and Mariam Kamunya (Kenya, 2014) are or were involved with the work of the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA



HRDA Tutor
Henok Ashagrey Kremte (Ethiopia, 2018)



HRDA Tutor
Shyreen Odala Chirwa (Malawi, 2022)



HRDA Tutor
Clement Agyemang (Ghana, 2020)



HRDA Tutor
Jared Gekombe (Kenya, 2016)



Digital Rights Unit
Marystella Simiyu (Kenya, 2018)



Expression, Information and Digital Rights Unit
Hlengiwe Dube (Zimbabwe, 2015)



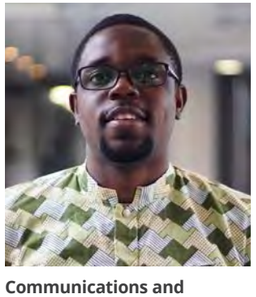
Children's Rights Unit
Nqobani Nyathi (Zimbabwe, 2017)



Children's Rights Unit
Mai Aman (Sudan, 2020)



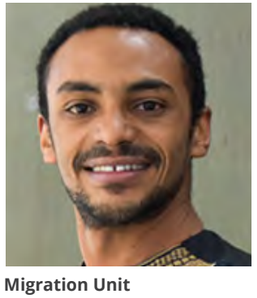
Litigation & Implementation Unit
Michael Gyan Nyarko (Ghana 2014)



Communications and Advocacy
David Ikpo (Nigeria, 2016)



Women's Rights Unit
Oluwaseyitan Solademi-Ibrahim (Nigeria, 2018)



Migration Unit
Abiy Alemu Ashenafi (Ethiopia, 2015)



I believe in change and have always associated human rights with economic policies. Human rights have always been a difficult area to work in, but today human rights lawyers have the responsibility to influence people-centered decisions by policy makers. We must also be active in the business and human rights environment, once again to ensure that business and company policies place human beings at the heart of their operations. In the end, human beings are the very raison d'être *of all we do.*
Claudio Foquico
(Mozambique, 2009)
C Foquico & J Tesoura Advogados, Lda
Maputo, Mozambique

Morne van der Linde (South Africa, 2000)

Aruna Dukhi (South Africa, 2000)

Sisule Musungu (Kenya, 2001)
Managing Partner, Sisule Munyi Kilonzo & Associates Advocates, Nairobi, Kenya

Simeneh Assefa (Ethiopia, 2002)
Law Offices of Simeneh Assefa, San Francisco, USA

Gabriel Shumba (Zimbabwe, 2002)
Johannesburg Bar

Samuel Amposah-Frimpong (Ghana, 2003)

Amani Ejami (Sudan, 2003)
El Karib & Medani Law firm, Sudan

Isaac Matlawe (South Africa, 2003)

Nimatalie Othman (The Gambia, 2003)

Gina Snyman (South Africa, 2003)
Advocate, Johannesburg
Society of Advocates, South Africa

Debebe Wendimgeza (Ethiopia, 2003)
Debebe Law Office, Ethiopia

Yonas Gebreselassie (Eritrea, 2004)
Law Office of Erich Keefe, USA

Maushami Chetty (South Africa, 2004)

Tarisai Mutangi (Zimbabwe, 2005)
Donsa-Nkomo and Mutangi Attorneys, Harare, Zimbabwe

Zandile Gabela (South Africa, 2005)

Christian Nsabimana Garuka (Rwanda, 2005)

Okyerebea Ampofo-Anti (Ghana, 2005)
Partner, Webber Wenkzel, Johannesburg

Sonkitah Conteh (Sierra Leone, 2006)

Rino Kamidi (DRC, 2007)
Kamidi law firm

Innocent Maja (Zimbabwe, 2007)

Lorato Rammule (South Africa, 2007)
Bowman Gilfillan Attorneys

Rosemary Sengendo (Uganda, 2007)
Sengendo & Co Inc, Windoek, Namibia

David Simonsz (South Africa, 2007)

Armand Tanoh (Côte d'Ivoire, 2007)

Adda Kaore Angula (Namibia, 2008)
Sisa Namandje & Co Inc, Windoek, Namibia

Victor Jere (Malawi, 2008)
Churchill & Norris Law Consultants, Malawi

Tazorora Musarurwa (Zimbabwe, 2008)
Mambosasa Legal Practitioners, Zimbabwe
Bright Theu (Malawi, 2009)

Rumbidzai Dube (Zimbabwe, 2010)

Emerson Lopes (Mozambique, 2010)

Mandala Mambulasa (Malawi, 2010)
Managing Partner, Mambulusa & Co Advocates, Malawi

Americo Marindze (Mozambique, 2010)
Gilberto Correia Advogados & Consultores, Lda, Maputo, Mozambique

Augustine Marrah (Sierra Leone, 2010)
Senior Partner, KMK Solicitors, Sierra Leone

Benedicta Armah (Ghana, 2012)
Sam Okudzefo & Associates, Ghana

Dennis Armah (Ghana, 2012)
T Forson & Co law firm

Henry Komakech (Uganda, 2012)
Komakech-Kilama & Co Advocates

Thabiso Siza Mavuso (Swaziland, 2012)
Motsa-Mavuso Attorneys, Swaziland

Boubacar Borgho Diakite (Senegal, 2015)
Geni & Kebe law firm

Thuto Senwedi (Botswana , 2018)
Senior Associate (Corporate), Bookbinder Business Law, Botswana

Loua Frederic Foromo (Guinea, 2020)
Mêmes Droits pour tous

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



... Save the Children ... is an organisation that embodies a spirit of compassion, openness and excellence. Its values are an inspiration; its achievements, a source of hope for millions of children.
HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne
Patron, Save The Children

Children are the messages one generation sends to the next. Ensuring that the rights and welfare of the child are realised is a pivotal responsibility of every generation. Therefore, specialising in children's rights is undertaking my generational duty to the next generation. African children will have reasons to be hopeful when African governments make the necessary investment in children and when policy documents are fully implemented. This is not the situation yet.
Remember Miamingi (South Sudan, 2008)
Pan-African Advocacy and Institutional Relations Manager



Save the Children



Rakeb Aberra
(Ethiopia, 2000)
Regional Advisor for West and Central Africa



Frenesh Belay
(Ethiopia, 2005)
Partnership and Advocacy Officer



Eskedar Bekele
(Ethiopia, 2006)
Post-2015 Consultant



Dejene Janka
(Ethiopia, 2007)
Senior Policy Specialist



Juliet Kekimuli
(Uganda, 2015)
Legal Intern, Child Rights Governance Department



Tsion Woldu
(Ethiopia, 2017)

OTHER CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ORGANISATIONS



Nastasia Thebaud-Bouillon-Njenga
(France, 2015)
Regional Girls Rights Advocacy Advisor, Plan International



Charlotte Oloya (Uganda, 2011)
Varkey GEMS Foundation, Uganda

Justine Katushabe (Rwanda, 2002)
World Vision International, Rwanda

Rhoda Igweta (Kenya, 2008)
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Kenya

Denyse Amahirwe (Rwanda, 2014)
UNICEF Child Protection Specialist (Rwanda)

Ophilia Karumuna (Tanzania, 2010)
Child Protection in Emergencies Specialist, UNICEF Tanzania

DISABILITY RIGHTS



I don't know what it is to see. For me, this has been a normal life.
Zak Yacoob
Retired Judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa

Lesotho National Federation of Organisations of the Disabled



Majalihloho Matsoha (Lesotho, 2013) and **Masekara Sekoanketla** (Lesotho, 2015)

International Commission of Jurists



Wilson Macharia
(Kenya, 2020)



2015 Disability Rights Conference

SEXUAL MINORITY RIGHTS



... what is alien to the continent is legalised homophobia, exported to Africa by the imperialists where there had been indifference to and even tolerance of same-sex relations.
Sylvia Tamale
Leading African feminist

African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHeR), Johannesburg, South Africa



Kenechukwu Esom
(Nigeria, 2006)



Berry Nibogora
(Burundi, 2011)



Linette du Toit (South Africa, 2013)
Research and Advocacy Officer, Out in Africa Ride



Robert Akoto Amoafo
(Ghana, 2021)
Advocacy Manager, Pan Africa ILGA



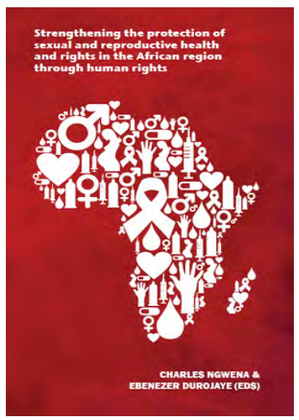
My aspiration to be a Human RIghts Activist was steered from my experiences as a young trans man. I always faced marginalisation and limited opportunities to elevate my understanding of how best I can advocate for human rights especially for gender and sexual diverse people. The HRDA programme was a life-changing opporunity that helped me build networks and broadened my understanding on human rights advocacy in general that I have since used in my activism. Although we are seeing a wave of anti-gender and anti-queer movement in Africa that is massively disseminating misinformation leading to development of draconian laws. As activists we shall continue to stand strong and have conservations pertaining sexual orientation and gender identity, because people need to understand that anatomy does not equate to gender, and the existence of male and female bodies does not dictate for people to be heterosexual. As an activist, I will continue to work towards a world where people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and sex characteristics are treated with the same respect and accorded the same rights.

Sylvester Kazibe (Uganda, 2020)
Trans Rights Programme Officer
Iranti (South Africa)

NGOs – SEXUAL MINORITY RIGHTS



My passion to work on LGBT rights came from my year in South Africa and Ethiopia where I relived being in the closet as a gay man at the age of 44. This reminded me of my childhood that I had long forgotten, and the horrible indignity of discrimination and fear. I built The Equality Pledge Network, a coalition of over 250 groups, to force the LGBT movement in the United States to demand full federal SOGI civil rights as a matter of international human rights law. It was a paradigm shift in expectation for our community – to demand our equality as an entitlement – that I would have never envisioned without the incredible experience at the Centre for Human Rights, for which I am eternally grateful.
Todd Fernandez (USA, 2008)
Founder & Campaign Manager
The Equality Pledge Network,
United Sates of America



Guillain Koko (DRC, 2016)
Church World Service

Monica Tabengwa (Botswana, 2017)
Programme Manager, Hivos

Ayodele Sogunro (Nigeria, 2017)
Centre for Human Rights,
University of Pretoria

Richard Lusimbo (Uganda, 2017)
Sexual Minorities, Uganda

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RIGHTS



Ella Scheepers (South Africa, 2011)
Strategist and Independent Consultant, Sex Work Education and Advocacy Taskforce (SWEAT), South Africa



Tabitha Griffith (Kenya, 2012)
Deputy Executive Director, KELIN, Kenya

NGOs – PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION

Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA)
Eric Bizama (Burundi, 2013)
Legal Officer
Meskerem Techane (Ethiopia, 2011)
Former Deputy Executive Director
Paile Chabane (Lesotho, 2002)
Director of Programmes

Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum
Lloyd Kuveya (Zimbabwe, 2006)
Former Executive Director

Southern African Litigation Centre
Lara Coetzee (South Africa, 2017)
Aquinaldo Mandlate (Mozambique, 2008)
Lloyd Kuveya (Zimbabwe, 2006)
Nyasha Chingore (Zimbabwe, 2005)

Lawyers for Human Rights, Swaziland
Late Thulani Maseko (Swaziland, 2005)
Former Executive Director

Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights
Lizwe Jamela (Zimbabwe, 2013)
Roselyn Hanzi (Zimbabwe, 2006)
Sanele Sibanda (Zimbabwe, 2021)

Zimbabwe Exiles Forum, South Africa
Gabriel Shumba (Zimbabwe, 2002)
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▲ **Lesirela Letsebe** (South Africa, 2003)
Lawyers for Human Rights, South Africa



Gina Snyman ►
(South Africa, 2003)
Lawyers for Human Rights, South Africa
(2006–2014)



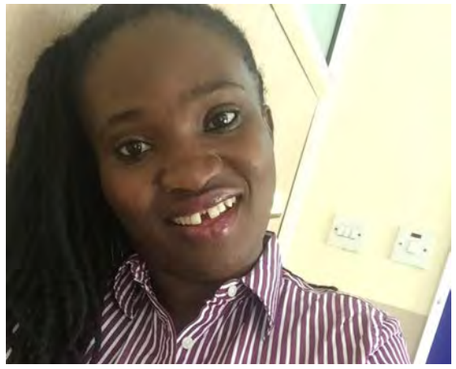
WOMEN'S RIGHTS



I believe in the power of the voice of women
Malala Yousafzai
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate



Jane Serwanga (Kenya, 2013)
Equality Now, Kenya



In Nigeria, like elsewhere in the world, women face discrimination in most facets of life and there are pervasive, negative stereotypes which must be challenged and broken if women are not to remain second class citizens.
Omowumi Asubiaro (Nigeria, 2004)
Output Lead, Voices for Change Programme (V4C), Nigeria



My interest in women's rights began as a child, when I joined Voice of the Young, a child-led advocacy group under the Child Protection Alliance (CPA). This interest was further motivated by my experience as a child bride at the age of 14 years and a survivor of FGM. I have committed and dedicated my life to protect women and girls from all forms of violence especially FGM and child marriage. I continue to advocate for more spaces to be opened for women so they can have a platform to discuss issues that affect them. For me, seeing women live a meaningful life is my priority. I will continue to campaign for the advancement of the rights of women and girls, and will break the cycle of harmful traditional practices not only in my family, but in my generation and in my life time.
Musu Bakoto Sawo (The Gambia, 2014)
Deputy Executive Secretary, Truth Reconciliation and Reparations Commission of The Gambia

NGOs – WOMEN'S RIGHTS



Nonhlanhla Mokwena (South Africa, 2015)
Executive Director, People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA), South Africa



Sarai Chisala-Tempelhoff (Malawi, 2005)
Founder & Director, Gender and Justice Unit



Nelly Warega (Kenya, 2018)
Legal Advisor, Women's Link Worldwide



Kaone Gaothuse (Botswana, 2022)
African Women for Sexual Health and Gender Justice

ENVIRONMENT & EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES



If you don't raise your voice, then your environmentalism means nothing.
Wangari Mathai
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate



Lassana Koné (Côte d'Ivoire, 2009)
Lawyer, Forest Peoples' Programme, Côte d'Ivoire



Our rich natural resources in Africa have long been exploited to the detriment and abuse of our communities and economy with disregard for the sanctity of our inheritance. Even in the struggle discourse of economic development, we need to ensure that the rich biodiversity we have inherited is protected for ourselves and for future generations. Environmental rights are not just about some abstract forest in the Congo Basin with monkeys and apes; they are as real, close and as essential to you as the air you breathe.
Lindlyn Tamufor (Cameroon, 2003)
Programme Director, Greenpeace, South Africa



Emerson Lopes (Mozambique, 2010)
Lawyer, Anadarko Moçambique Área Lda, Mozambique



Benson Olugbuo (Nigeria, 2003)
Executive Director, CLEEN Foundation, Nigeria



Llyod Kuveya (Zimbabwe, 2006)
Former Senior Legal Advisor, International Commission of Jurists, South Africa

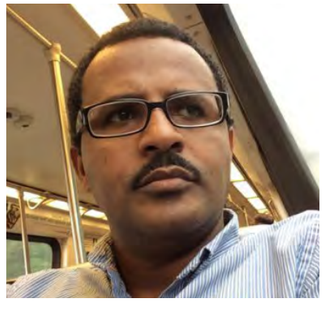




Dieu-Donné Wedi Djamba (DRC, 2010)
Executive Secretary, Coalition for an Effective African Court on Human and People's Rights, Tanzania



Beatrice Odallo (Kenya, 2010)
African Centre for Open Governance, Kenya



Yoseph Mulugeta Badwaza (Ethiopia, 2005)
Senior Programme Officer, Freedom House, USA



Khalif Cideka (DRC, 2020)
International Legal Consortium of the Campaign for Tobacco Free-Kids

PHILANTHROPY



The people currently in charge have forgotten the first principle of an open society, namely that we may be wrong and there has to be free discussion. That it's possible to be opposed to the policies without being unpatriotic.
George Soros
Founder, Open Society Foundations



Godfrey Odongo (Kenya, 2002)
Senior Programme Officer, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund, New York, USA

OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS



Aquinaldo Mandlate (Mozambique, 2008)
OSISA, Johannesburg, South Africa



Sonkita Conteh (Sierra Leone, 2017)
OSIWA, Dakar, Senegal



Tem Fuh Mbu (Cameroon, 2010)
Programme Officer: Equality, Justice and Human Rights
OSIWA, Dakar, Senegal

DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE



Without democracy, there cannot be peace.
Nelson Mandela



Mercy Njoroge (Kenya, 2009)
Senior Programme Manager for Elections, National Democratic Institute, Kenya



Rumbidzai Dube (Zimbabwe, 2010)
National Advisor, Governance and Human Rights, Harare, Zimbabwe



Sheila Karani (Kenya, 2000)
Governance Specialist, USAID, Kenya



Edward Murimi (Kenya, 2015)
Technical Adviser, Strengthening Good Governance Programme, Nairobi, Kenya



Ngaitila Phiri (Zambia, 2001)
USAID, Zambia



My work in the last few years has steered more towards research work and assistance to legal and constitutional reform efforts in Africa and beyond. The emphasis on research geared towards informing topical constitutional, legal and policy choices forms part of a broader understanding of academia, with its increasing focus on social / community service.
Adem Abebe (Ethiopia, 2009)
Editor, ConstitutionNet, International IDEA, The Netherlands, Constitution Building Programme

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH



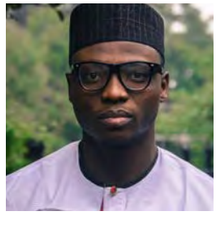
Ashwanee Budoo-Scholtz
(Mauritius, 2012)
Deputy Director, Africa Division



Elsie Anietie Ewang
(Nigeria, 2016)
Researcher



WITNESS



Adebayo Okeowo
(Nigeria, 2014)
Africa Program Manager

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



Solomon Sacco
(Zimbabwe, 2004)
Deputy Director, Law and Policy Programme, London, UK



Muleya Mwananyanda
(Zambia, 2006)
Deputy Regional Director: Campaigns, Johannesburg, South Africa



Japheth Biegon (Kenya, 2008)
Africa Regional Advocacy Coordinator, Nairobi, Kenya

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Ministers



▲ **Ummy Mwalimu** (Tanzania, 2000)
Minister of Health, Community Development, Gender, Seniors and Children, Tanzania



▲ **Yvonne Dausab** (Namibia, 2001)
Minister of Justice, Namibia



▲ **Nana-Oye Lithur** (Ghana, 2001)
Former Minister for Gender, Children and Social Protection, Ghana



▲ **Kithure Kindiki** (Kenya, 2001)
Cabinet Secretary of Interior and Administration of National Government

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS



Doctor Mashabane
(South Africa, 2001)
Head of UN Political, Peace and Security Division, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa



Tareri Avwomakpa
(Nigeria, 2008)
Special Assistant for Research, Office of the Deputy Governor of Delta State, Nigeria



Mbololwa Wamunyima
(Zambia, 2006)
Director of Legislative Drafting, Ministry of Justice, Lusaka, Zambia



Ismail Djibril
(Djibouti, 2012)
Secretary General, National Commission for Communication, Djibouti



Lirette Louw
(South Africa, 2001)
Legal Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Defence and Military Veterans, South Africa



Krishna Seegobin
(Mauritius, 2009)
Analyst, Ministry of Economic Development, Mauritius



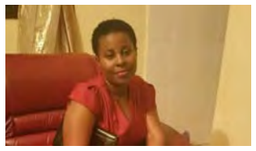
Aarti Brijlall
(South Africa, 2001)
State Law Advisor, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa



Lihle Mabuza
(South Africa, 2021)
Desk Officer, Human Rights, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa



Herbert Rubasha
(Rwanda, 2006)
In charge of country reports, Ministry of Justice, Rwanda



Diana Salewi
(Tanzania, 2011)
Legal Officer, National Land Use Planning, Ministry of Lands, Tanzania



Sabelo Gumedze
(Swaziland, 2001)
Head, Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority, South Africa



Kyoung-Hwa Lee
(Korea, 2016)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Polo Chabane
(Lesotho, 2007)
Chief Legal Officer, Human Rights Unit, Ministry of Law, Constitutional Affairs Human Rights, Lesotho



Prisca Ntabaza
(Democratic Republic of Congo, 2013)
Great Lakes Policy Officer Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands



Eva Abugabe
(Ghana, 2022)
Ghana Boundary Commission

Eric Trachsel
(Switzerland, 2019)
Federal Office of Public Health, Switzerland

STATE ATTORNEYS



Abraham Mwansa
(Zambia, 2004)
Solicitor General of the Republic of Zambia



Peace Ofei
(Ghana, 2008)



Natasha Banda
(Zambia, 2012)



Charles Mmbando
(Tanzania, 2008)



Rishi Hardowar
(Mauritius, 2009)



Patience Musonda Chomba
(Zambia, 2012)



Epimaque Rubango-Kayihura
(Rwanda, 2003)



Gina Nyalugwe
(Zambia, 2011)



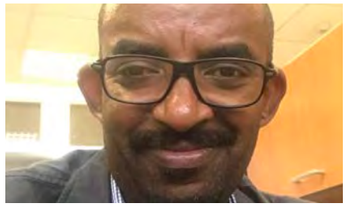
Ticklay Mukosiku
(Zambia, 2013)

DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

Permanent Missions to the United Nations



Doctor Mashabane (South Africa, 2001)
Deputy Permanent Representative



Allehone Mulugeta (Ethiopia, 2002)
Head, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs



Bienvenu Houngbedji (Benin, 2002)
Head of Chancery

Embassies



Tilahun Zewudie (Ethiopia, 2016)
Diplomat

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



Millya James (Tanzania, 2007)
Member of Parliament, East African Legislative Assembly



Marie Sylvie Kawera (Rwanda, 2009)
Government Programmes Researcher, Parliament of Rwanda



Ajibike Adefami (Nigeria, 2010)
Senior Legislative Aide, National Assembly, Abuja, Nigeria



Jeff Zulu (Zambia, 2016) *left*
Committee Clerk, Parliament of Zambia



Abdulai Charm (Sierra Leone, 2000)
Former Chief Justice of the Republic of Sierra Leone

"Mr Charm has been called to this high office at a time in Sierra Leone's history when democracy is taking root and when there are positive signs that the scars of war are beginning to heal in that beautiful country. There remains still much to be done, however, to entrench the democratic gains and ensure that the judiciary remains strong and independent. Mr Charm is well qualified to rise to these challenges, with his trademark courage and conviction, quiet but firm hand, and passion for human rights and human development."
Message of congratulations from the Centre for Human Rights
January 2016

JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT



Charles Ekow Baiden (Ghana, 2000)



Miatta Samba (Sierra Leone, 2001)



George Buadi (Ghana, 2002)



Lydia Mugambe (Uganda, 2002)



Eva Luswata-Kawuma (Uganda, 2003)



Redson Kapindu (Malawi, 2004)



Monica Mbaru (Kenya, 2005)



Marie Saine (The Gambia, 2005)

MAGISTRATES



Rosemary Bareebe
(Uganda, 2008)
Senior Principal Magistrate, Uganda



Lizwe Jamela
(Zimbabwe, 2013)
Senior Magistrate, Bulawayo Magistrate Court



Roseline Nsenge
(Uganda, 2017)
Magistrate, Judiciary of Kenya



Fazili Mihigo
(Democratic Republic of Congo, 2021)
Civil Magistrate of the Public Ministry

PROSECUTORS



Ivan Seguya
(Uganda, 2021)
Judiciary of the Republic of Uganda



Rashid Dumbuya
(Sierra Leone, 2013)



Maurice N'dri
(Côte d'Ivoire, 2006)



Megan Nieuwoudt
(South Africa, 2012)



Didier Iradukunda (Burundi, 2015)



Khamis Juma Khamis
(Tanzania, 2015)

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN



Gloria Kalebe (Malawi, 2015)
Director of Legal & Investigations, Office of the Ombudsman of Malawi

LAW CLERKS



Annalena Wuerz (Germany, 2015)
Higher Regional Court, Frankfurt, Germany



Akho Ntanjana (South Africa, 2011)
Law Clerk to Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, Constitutional Court of South Africa



Linette du Toit (South Africa, 2013)
Law Clerk to Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke, Law Clerk to Chief Justice Willy Mutunga, Supreme Court of Kenya



Sohela Surajpal (South Africa, 2020)
Law Clerk, Constitutional Court of South Africa



Rachel Njuguna (Kenya, 2016)
Legal Researcher, Political Parties Dispute Tribunal, Judiciary of Kenya



Ibrahima Sidibe (Guinea, 2006)
Head of Section, Research, Constitutional Court of Guinea



Thanks to the experience the contents and methodology of human rights training has been improved and the unit has made its influence at the policy level.

In terms of contents relevant but ignored elements such as socio economic rights, LGBTIQ and domestic violence were integrated into the programme. Human Rights compliance is part of the template for the evaluation of interns.

In methodology, human rights is no longer taught as an isolated course but mainstreamed into other courses. Elements like debates, study visits, practical exercises, human rights relevant dissertations, films and documentary has been included to complement the traditional lectures.

At the policy level, the unit participates in the preparation of statutory Cameroon country reports as well as the evaluation of reports to treaty monitoring bodies.

Polycarp Ngufor Forkum (Cameroon, 2007)
Former Commissioner of Police, Head, Human Rights Unit, National Advanced Police School, Yaounde, Cameroon
and Human Rights Officer Field Coordinator: United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the DR Congo (MONUSCO)



Xolile Fakudze
(Eswatini, 2018)
Legal Officer, Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS)



Julius Osega (Uganda, 2001) *deceased*
Detective Superintendent
Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, Legal Department Head, Human Rights Complaints Desk, Kampala, Uganda



Mohamed Kamara (Sierra Leone, 2008)
Chief Superintendent of Police, Human Rights Section, Sierra Leone Police Service, Freetown, Sierra Leone



Mwabi Kaluba (Malawi, 2015)
Deputy Commissoner of Police, Director of Legal Services, Malawi Police Service

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS (NHRIs)

The National Commission for Human Rights in Mozambique was established in 2012, the first independent national institution to monitor and defend human rights. Having just completed the HRDA Master's, I could not ask for a better opportunity to put into practice all the theoretical knowledge I had acquired.

My colleagues and I soon found ourselves dealing with important human rights issues such as the peace dialogue, elections, prisons, early marriage, domestic violence, summary execution. I am proud to say that our institution quickly gained legitimacy and influence with different government institutions, in civil society and with intergovernmental institutions. The National Human Rights Commission has established itself as an important institution for the realisation of human rights in Mozambique.

Farida Mamad (Mozambique, 2009)
Former Commissioner





Jean-Baptiste Baribonekeza
(Burundi, 2006)
Chairperson, Burundi National Human Rights Commission



Djibril Ismail (Djibouti, 2012)
Commissioner, Djibouti Human Rights Commission



Marie Sylvie Kawera
(Rwanda, 2009)
Commissioner



Rashid Dumbuya
(Sierra Leone, 2013)
Former Commissioner



Lindiwe Khumalo (Swaziland, 2010) Chief Executive Officer South African Human Rights Commission



Daisy Kissa (Uganda, 2020)
Human Rights Officer



Nkeiruka Aduba (Nigeria, 2011)
Senior Legal Officer



Charlene Lubaale
(Uganda, 2011)
Legal Officer



Valentim Nhampossa
(Mozambique, 2009)
Legal Officer



Doris Sonsiama
(Sierra Leone, 2011)
Director of Complaints, Investigations and Legal Services



Christine Umubyeyi
(Rwanda, 2011)
Director of Legislation, Human Rights Moniroting and Protection Unit



Hope Ndhlovu (Zambia, 2000)
Chief of Research, Advocacy and Planning



Martin Nsibirwa (Uganda, 2000)
Head of Research, South African Human Rights Commission



Chisomo Grace Kaufulu
(Malawi, 2012)
Regional Human Rights Coordinator



Siphiwe Phoya
(Malawi, 2021)
Chief Law Reform Officer



Desset Teferi (Ethiopia, 2010)
Researcher



Fahamu Mtulya
(Tanzania, 2001)
Assistant Commissioner



Nicola Whittaker (South Africa, 2010)
Senior Legal Officer



Esete Berile Faris
(Ethiopia, 2012)
Human Rights Monitoring Expert



Imo Eno Ekpo (Nigeria, 2016)
Nigeria Human Rights Commission



Betty Nangoli (Uganda, 2016)
Ugandan Human Rights Commission

SEMI- OR QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

Law Reform Commissions



In April 2015, the President of the Republic of Namibia, appointed me Chairperson of the Law Reform and Development Commission for a period of 5 years and at the level of a High Court Judge. The mandate of the Commission, is anchored on human rights and the attainment of social justice. The HRDA consolidated my knowledge in the field of human rights. My approach to law reform and development is based on my understanding of human rights and the impact of the envisaged law on the lives of people. I have access to the Centre and a network of human rights scholars, mostly graduates of the programme, and this enhances the work of the LRDC. My contribution to human rights work was recognized in 2012 with the Human Rights Excellence Award from the Law Society of Namibia.
Yvonne Dausab (Namibia, 2001)
Former Chairperson, Namibia Law Reform Commission

Edward Okello (Kenya, 2006)
Director and Special Adviser to the Chair, Kenya Commission on Administrative Justice



Mandala Mambulasa
(Malawi, 2010)
Commissioner, Malawi Law Reform Commission



Ruusa Ntinda (Namibia, 2013)
Chief Legal Officer, Namibia Law Reform Commission

Other National Commissions



Melody Ginamia
(Uganda, 2010)
Judicial Service Commission



James Matshekga (South Africa, 2000)
Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration



Majalihloho Matsoha (Lesotho, 2013)
National AIDS Commission



Priscilla Ankut (Nigeria, 2003)
Executive Vice Chair/ Chief Executive Officer
Kaduna State Peace Building Commission
Government House
Kaduna

AFRICAN UNION

African Union Commission



Lindiwe Khumalo (Swaziland, 2010)
Former Adviser to the Chairperson



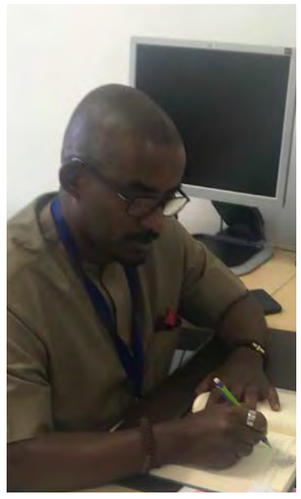
Finh Monique Carine Traore
(Burkina Faso, 2020)
Legal Assistant



Jacqueline Hakim
(South Sudan, 2017)
Intern



Bright Sefah
(Ghana, 2016)
Governance Analyst



Allehone Mulugeta
(Ethiopia, 2002)
Senior Legal Advisor, Department of Political Affairs, African Union (seconded to the AU by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)



Valerie Lyaka Kutima
(Kenya, 2015)
Researcher

African Governance Architecture



The most profound and lasting game changer to my professional career was my experience at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria – LLM (2003) and LLD (2008). Besides its academic rigour, it was a chance to engage, learn, interact and build lasting relationships with undoubtedly the continent's leading human rights experts. While there are countless lifelong lessons that I gained from the Programme – the following three have had the most significant impact on my career to date: (1) Pan African approach to problem solving; (2) a focus and emphasis on the why we do what we do – rather than what we do; and that (3) form is equally as important as substance – who would ever forget Prof. Frans' marks penalties for missing a full stop or a comma in a sentence.
George Mukundi (Kenya, 2003)
Head of African Governance Architecture Secretariat



Edward Murimi
(Kenya, 2015)
African Governance Architecture Secretariat

African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights



Horace Adjolohoun
(Benin, 2007)
Principal Legal Officer



This desire to focus on human rights in Africa started when I got the opportunity to undertake the Chevening Fellowship which the UK organises for different students all over the world. I was in the pioneer group in 2005. This fellowship was part of building my professional skillset and exposure to different systems. After doing this fellowship, it solidified my desire to be involved in sub-regional context such as the East African Community and even the African Union.
Grace Wakio Kakai (Kenya, 2005)
Deputy Registrar of the African Court



Mosupatsila Nare
(Zimbabwe, 2022)
Intern
African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights



Lindiwe Khumalo (Swaziland, 2010)
Former Deputy Secretary



Solomon Dersso (Ethiopia, 2003) Former Chairperson and **Marie Saine** (2005, The Gambia)
Former Acting Secretary

Senior legal officers



Takele Bulto (Ethiopia, 2003)



Abiola Idowu-Ojo (*nee* Ayinla) (Nigeria, 2003)



Marie Saine (The Gambia, 2005)



Irene Mbengue Eleke (Cameroon, 2006)

Legal officers



Estelle Nkounkou (Congo, 2007)



Bruno Menzan (Côte d'Ivoire 2010)



Albab Tesfaye (Ethiopia, 2012)



Martha Guraro (Ethiopia, 2010)



Paul Ogendi (Kenya, 2012)

Interns

Nega Girmachew (Ethiopia, 2000)
Abiola Ayinla (Nigeria, 2003)
George Mukundi (Kenya, 2003)
Francis Ngarhodjim (Chad, 2005)
Irene Mbengue Eleke (Cameroon, 2006)
Ololade Shyllon (Nigeria, 2007)
Samuel Tilahun Tessema (Ethiopia, 2008)
Lassana Koné (Côte d'Ivoire, 2009)
Tem Fuh Mbuh (Cameroon, 2010)
Dieu-Donné Wedi Djamba (DRC, 2010)
Charles Nguena (Cameroon, 2011)
Paul Ogendi (Kenya, 2012)
Albab Tesfaye (Ethiopia, 2012)
Eric Bizimana (Burundi, 2013)
Seun Bakare (Nigeria, 2014)
Hlengiwe Dube (Zimbabwe, 2015)
Elsabé Boshoff (South Africa, 2016)
Stephen Baubeng-Baidoo (Ghana, 2017)
Chaan Tutlam (Ethiopia, 2018)
Louisa Ntaji (Nigeria, 2019)
Monique Traore (Burkina Faso, 2020)
Ruddy Morfaw (Cameroon, 2021)
Meron Eshetu Birhanu (Ethiopia, 2022)



It was an incredible opportunity to intern at the African Commission in Banjul in 2022, seconded by the Centre for Human Rights, Pretoria. I witnessed firsthand, and actively contributed to the work of the Commission. I gained valuable experience from supporting the mandates of various Special Mechanisms, I serviced the Sessions and especially enjoyed the engaging nature of the 73rd Ordinary Session held physically in Banjul. I also presented Communications, relished working in a multicultural environment, traveling and organizing Conferences in Gambia, Senegal and Namibia, as well as regularly walking the Gambian coast and enjoying the local languages and food.
Ruddy Morfaw
(Cameroon, 2021)



2017 African Commission on Human and People's Rights 61st Ordinary Session, Banjul, The Gambia

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



To start with, I would like to testify that the program of HRDA is life changing program. The HRDA program is full of experience. Before joining the program, my knowledge on the rights of children as well as African Committee of Experts on the Right and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) was insignificant. The program highly boosted my knowledge on children's rights and the work of the Committee. This in turn has positively contributed to my work. I'm working with the ACERWC. The program also highly improved my research, analysis and writing skills. This enabled me to carry out my work at the Committee effectively. In general, my HRDA experience has immensely contributed to my role at the ACERWC.

Merga Yadesa Dibaba (Ethiopia, 2015)
Consultant



Ayalew Assefa (Ethiopia, 2011)
Senior Child Protection Officer



Tsion Woldu (Ethiopia, 2017)
Professional Assistant



Kahbila Mbuton (Ethiopia, 2017)
Professional Assistant



Samrawit Damtew (Ethiopia, 2016)
Legal Researcher



Adiam Tsighe (Ethiopia, 2016)
Legal Researcher

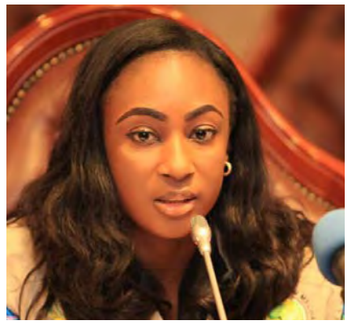


Abdurazak Kedir Abdu (Ethiopia, 2011)
Professional Assistant



Hussienatou Manjang (The Gambia, 2022)
Intern

Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM)



Mary Izobo (Nigeria, 2015)
Acting Senior Legal Officer

Pan-African Parliament



Clément Phébé Mavungu (DRC, 2006)
Legal Counsel

African Development Bank

Vanessa Chitupila (Zambia, 2009)
Counsel, Policy & Governance Division
Mansha Mohee (Mauritius, 2017)

African Union Human Rights Observers

Sanaty Mohamed (Madagascar, 2002)
African Union Human Rights Observer (Burundi)



East African Community (EAC)



Anthony Kafumbe (Uganda, 2000)
Counsel to the Community



Michel Ndayikengurukiye (Burundi, 2005)
Principal Legal Officer



Southern African Development Community (SADC)



Inonge Kwenda (Zambia, 2006)
Legal Counsel SADC Secretariat

Common Market for Eastern and South Africa (COMESA)



Darsheenee Ramnauth (Mauritius, 2014)

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)



◄ **Muleya Mwananyanda** (Zambia, 2006)
UNAIDS Director, Influence and Partnerships



Mianko Ramaroson
(Madagascar, 2003)
Community Support Adviser



Christele Diwouta
(Cameroon, 2004)

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNWOMEN)



Donnah Kamashazi
(Rwanda, 2003)
Deputy Regional Programme Director (Kigali)



Jane Serwanga
(Kenya, 2013)
Gender Specialist



Desset Terefi
(Ethiopia, 2010)
Program Officer, Ethiopia Country Office



Tikikel Alemu
(Ethiopia, 2007)

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



Anganile Mwenifumbo
(Malawi, 2006)
Human Rights Officer (Geneva)



Jean Fokwa
(Cameroon, 2004)
Human Rights Officer (Pretoria)



Anwar Hamid Gubara (Sudan, 2013)
Human Rights Officer, Bernit, Lebanon



Boris-Ephrem Tchoumavi
(Côte'Ivoire, 2005)
Human Rights Officer (Geneva); Special Assistant to the Special Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Central Africa



Teddy Namatovu (Uganda, 2016)
Junior Professional Officer (Associate expert), (New York)



Augustin Kounkine Some (Burkina Faso, 2004)
Chief of the Human Rights Section (Abidjan)

United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA)



Sena Noukpo
(Benin, 2000)
Political Affairs Officer



Isatou Harris
(The Gambia, 2004)
Regional Adviser on Gender

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)



Kameldy Neldjingaye (Chad, 2007)
Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)



Evarist Baimu (Tanzania, 2000)
Senior Counsel (Jakarta)



Kobina Daniel (Ghana, 2001)
Programme Manager (Johannesburg)



Robert Mugisha (Rwanda, 2001)
Human Rights and Social Protection Specialist (Washington DC)

United Nations–African Union Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID)

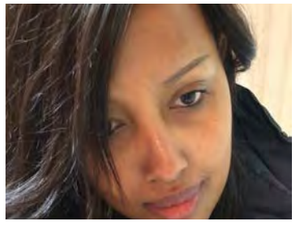


Yvonne Masarakufa
(Zimbabwe, 2002)
Human Rights Officer (Nairobi)

Other United Nations Agencies



Francis Ngarhodjim (Chad, 2005)
Special Assistant to the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Central Africa



Sehen Hirpo (Ethiopia, 2006)
Electoral/ Political Affairs Office United Nations Department for Political Affairs, Electoral Assistance Division, New York

United Nations International Maritime Organisation (UNIMO)



Inonge Kwenda (Zambia, 2006)
Legal Officer and Depositary Officer (London)



Rachel Irura (Kenya, 2002)
UN Mission in Liberia



Revai Makanje (Zimbabwe, 2003)
UN Deputy Country Representative Zimbabwe

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)



Kenechukwu Esom (Nigeria, 2006)
Policy Specialist, Law and Human Rights (New York, USA)



Janet Chambo (Tanzania, 2005)
Senior Regional Resettlement Officer, UNHCR, Nairobi



Jean-Baptiste Baribonekeza
(Burundi, 2006)
Policy Analyst (Dakar)



Joao Fernandes
(Mozambique, 2005)
Assistant Protection Officer (Mozambique)



Mwajuma Msangi
(Tanzania, 2009)
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Tafadzwa Mapfumo
(Zimbabwe, 2005)
Justice and Human Rights Specialist (Harare, Zimbabwe)



Gloria Nyaki (Tanzania, 2002)
Protection Officer (Dar es Salaam)



Hibo Mohamoud (Somaliland, 2015)
Assistant Protection Officer (Mogadishu, Somalia)



James Monibah (Liberia, 2016)
(Liberia)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS – AU & UN CONFLICT AND PEACE-KEEPING



Tahani El Mobasher (Sudan, 2000)
United Nations Mission in Sudan

Ehsan Abdelgadir (Sudan, 2001)
United Nations Mission in Libya

Leda Limann (Ghana, 2003)
United Nations Mission in South Sudan

Augustin Some (Burkina Faso, 2004)
United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire

Estelle Nkounkou
(Congo, 2007)
United Nations Mission in Mali

Boris-Ephrem Tchoumavi
(Côte d'Ivoire, 2005)
Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Mali

Ulrike Mbuton
(Cameroon, 2017)
Human Rights Officer, African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM)



Lucius Batty Njiti (Tanzania, 2014)
African Union Liasion Office to Burundi and the Great Lakes Region



Charles Nguena (Cameroon, 2011)
United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic



Kameldy Neldjingaye (Chad, 2007)
United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (Italy)



Godfrey Musila (Kenya, 2004)
Member, United Nations Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan



Nono Dihemo (South Africa, 2000)
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS – EU





Priscilla Ankut (Nigeria, 2003)
◀ Programme Officer, Good Governance and Institutional Reform, Delegation of the European Union, Abuja, Nigeria

INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS



You cannot have peace and security without justice. … you must have rule of law, you must have accountability. This is an atmosphere in which development can take place.
Fatou Bensouda
Prosecutor,
International Criminal Court

International Criminal Court



Prudence Acirokop (Uganda, 2005)
Professional Investigator



Miatta Samba (Sierra Leone, 2001)
Judge

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda



Amani Ejami (Sudan, 2003)
Associate Appeals Counsel

Special Court for Sierra Leone



Ibrahim Yillah (Sierra Leone, 2001)
Principal Defender



Jennifer Beckley
(Sierra Leone, 2006)
Legal Officer, Appeals Chamber

Special Tribunal for Lebanon

I work as a Legal Officer for the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. This is the first tribunal to prosecute terrorism whose primary mandate is to hold trials for persons accused of carrying out the assassination of the former Prime Minister of Lebanon, Rafiq Hariri. I previously worked as a Court Officer for the Special Court for Sierra Leone in the trial of Charles Taylor. The HRDA programme inspired me to work the fields of human rights and international justice. It equipped me with the knowledge and the drive to succeed in this field. It turned a dream into a reality.
Rachel Irura (Kenya, 2002)
Legal Officer



International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)



Sarah Swart
(South Africa, 2008)
Officer (Pretoria)



Charles Nguena
(Cameroon, 2011)
(Mali)



Precious Eriamiatoe
(Nigeria, 2013)
Delegate



Rahel Seife Hassan
(Ethiopia, 2013)
Senior Diplomatic Assistant
(Addis Ababa)

British Council



Priscilla Ankut
(Nigeria, 2003)
Manager, Access to Justice for Women, Children and Persons with Disabilities, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption in Nigeria Programme

Global Migration Group (GMG)



Nyaradzo Chari
(Zimbabwe, 2004)
International Partnerships Division (Geneva)

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)



Frank Kayitare
(Rwanda, 2004)
Programme Officer, Political Parties



Adem Abebe
(Ethiopia, 2008)
Senior Programme Officer, Constitution-Building Processes

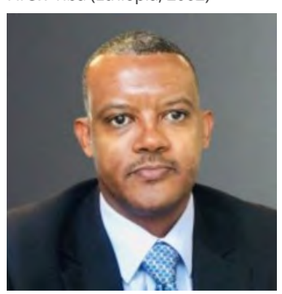
INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES BENEFICIARIES

2000
Sheila Karani (Kenya)
Rakeb Messele (Ethiopia)
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights i
Idi Gaparayi (Rwanda)
International Criminal Court
Nega Lulessa (Ethiopia)
African Commission in The Gambia
Ummy Mwalimu (Tanzania)
African Union

2001
Ibrahim Yillah (Sierra Leone)
ICTY

2002
Lee Stone (South Africa)
Lawyers for Human Rights in South Africa
African Commission
Firew Tiba (Ethiopia)
African Union
Fahamu Mtulya (Tanzania)
ICTR in Arusha
Sabelo Gumedze (Swaziland)
African Commission
Aarti Brijlall (South Africa)
South African Parliament
Julie Soweto Aullo (Kenya)
South African Human Rights Commission

Firew Tiba (Ethiopia, 2002)



2003
Abiola Ayinla (Nigeria)
African Commission

2004
Edmund Folley (Ghana)
Constitutional Court of South Africa
Yonas Gebreselassie (Eritrea)
African Commission

2005
Francis Ngarhodjim (Chad)

2006
Irene Mbengue Eleke (Cameroon)
African Commission
Lloyd Kuveya (Zimbabwe)
Constitutional Court of South Africa
Kouadio N'dri (Côte d'Ivoire)
Exchange Student

2007
Ololade Shyllon (Nigeria)
African Commission

2008
Samuel Tilahun Tessema (Ethiopia)
African Commission

2009
Lassana Koné (Côte d'Ivoire)
African Commission

2010
Tem Fuh Mbuh (Cameroon)
African Commission

Bruno Menzan (Côte d'Ivoire)
Article 19 West Africa Regional Office, Senegal

2011
Charles Nguena (Cameroon)
African Commission

Ayalew Getachew Assefa (Ethiopia)
African Committee

2012
Paul Ogendi (Kenya) and
Albab Tesfaye Ayalew (Ethiopia)
African Commission

2013
Eric Bizimana (Burundi)
African Commission

2014
Darsheenee Ramnauth (Mauritius)
African Union Commission

Seun Bakare (Nigeria)
African Commission



Seun Bakare (Nigeria, 2014)

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES BENEFICIARIES

2015
Hlengiwe Dube (Zimbabwe)
African Commission
Merga Dibaba (Ethiopia)
African Committe

2016
Samrawit Damtew (Ethiopia)
African Court in Arusha
Elsabe Boshoff (South Africa)
African Commission in The Gambia

2017
Nyathi Nqobani (Zimbabwe)
Teaching Fellow, Faculty of Law, University of The Gambia
Kahbila Mbuton (Cameroon)
African Children's Committee
Stephen Buabeng-Baidoo (Ghana)
African Commission
Rotondwa Mashige (South Africa)
African Court



Elsabe Boshoff
(South Africa, 2016)



Merga Dibaba
(Ethiopia, 2015)



Hlengiwe Dube
(Zimbabwe, 2015)



Rotondwa Mashige
(South Africa, 2017)



Nyathi Nqobani
(Zimbabwe, 2017)



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INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES BENEFICIARIES

2018
Samuel Ade Ndasi (Cameroon)
Teaching Fellow, Faculty of Law, University of The Gambia
Henok Ashagrey (Ethiopia)
African Committee
Chaan Tutlam (Ethiopia)
African Commission
Debbie Solademi (Nigeria)
African Court
Theophilus Odaudu (Nigeria)
Nigerian Human Rights Commission

2019
Aline Nininahazwe (Burundi)
African Committee
Louisa Ntaji (Nigeria)
African Commission
Usani Odum (Nigeria)
African Court

2020
Opal Sibanda (Zimbabwe)
African Committee
Monique Traore (Burkina Faso)
African Commission
Girma Tufa (Ethiopia)
African Court

2021
Ruddy Fualefeh Morfaw (Cameroon)
African Commission
Melissa Kathleen Mungai (Kenya)
African Court
Ramatoulie Jallow (Botswana)
Pan-African Parliament
Bwalya Chisanga (Zambia)
ECOSOCC

2022
Mosupatsila Nare (Zimbabwe)
African Court
Meron Eshetu Birhanu (Ethiopia)
African Commission
Hussienatou Manjang (The Gambia)
African Committee
Farirai Sinothando Sibanda (Zmbabwe)
ECOSOCC



Theophilus Odaudu
(Nigeria, 2018)



Samuel Ade Ndasi
(Cameroon, 2018)



Opal Sibanda
(Zimbabwe, 2020)



Meron Eshetu Birhanu
(Ethiopia, 2022)

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP/TUTORSHIP BENEFICIARIES

2000
Evarist Baimu (Tanzania)
Morne van der Linde (South Africa)

2002
Lillian Chenwi (Cameroon)

2006
Solomon Ebobrah (Nigeria)

2007
Horace Adjolohoun (Benin)

2008
Azubile Onuora-Oguno (Nigeria)

2009
Adem Abebe (Ethiopia)

2010
Nicholas Orago (Kenya)
Melhik Bekele (Ethiopia)

2012
Romola Adeola (Nigeria)

2013
Nora Christabelle Ho Tu Nam (Mauritius)

2014
Michael Gyan Nyarko (Ghana)

2015
Chairman Okoloise (Nigeria)

2016
Kennedy Kariseb (Namibia)

2017
Trésor Muhindo (DRC)

2018
Marystella Simiyu (Kenya)
Tomiwa Illori (Nigeria)

2019
Mary Auma (Uganda)

2020
Wilson Macharia (Kenya)

2021
Olum Lornah Afoyomungu (Uganda)



Trésor Muhindo (DRC)



Evarist Baimu (Tanzania, 2000)



Solomon Ebobrah (Nigeria, 2006)



Olum Lornah Afoyomungu
(Uganda, 2021)

PART III SPECIAL

Thokozani Kaime (Malawi, 2002)

Waruguru Kaguongo (Kenya, 2003)

Redson Edward Kapindu (Malawi, 2004)
Solomon Frank Sacco (Zimbabwe, 2004)
Salima Namusobya (Uganda, 2004)

Liliana Trillo Diaz (Spain, 2005)
Mwiza Jo Nkhata (Malawi, 2005)
Tarisai Mutangi (Zimbabwe, 2005)
Ken Otieno Obura (Kenya, 2005)
Beyam Dawit Mezmur (Ethiopia, 2005)

Solomon Ebobrah (Nigeria, 2006)
Tebello Thabane (Lesotho, 2006)
Edward Odhiambo Okello (Kenya, 2006)
Grace Maindi Wakio (Kenya, 2006)
John Ambani Osogo (Kenya, 2006)

David Charles Simonsz (South Africa, 2007)

Sarah Jean Swart (South Africa, 2008)
Wilhelmina Wicomb (South Africa, 2008)
Bonolo Dinokopila (Botswana, 2008)

Nicholas Orago (Kenya, 2010)

Ivy Nyarang'o (Kenya, 2011)
Thompson Chengeta (Zimbabwe, 2011)
Doris Sonsiama (Sierrie Leone, 2011)
Sylvie Namwase (Uganda, 2011)

Josua Loots (South Africa, 2012)
Romola Adeola (Nigeria, 2012)
Dennis Armah (Ghana, 2012)

Nora Ho tu Nam (Mauritius, 2013)

Lucyann Wambui Thuo (Kenya, 2014)
Sally Hurt (South Africa, 2014)
Michael Gyan Nyarko (Ghana, 2014)
Darsheenee Sigh Raumnauth (Mauritius, 2014)
Nastasia Thebaud-Bouillon-Njenga (France, 2015)
Khuraisha Patel (South Africa, 2015)
Chairman Okoloise (Nigeria, 2015)
Edward Kahuthia Murimi (Kenya, 2015)
Mwabi Mphombo Kaluba (Malawi, 2015)

Elsabe Boshoff (South Africa, 2016)
Anietie Ewang (Nigeria, 2016)
Kennedy Kariseb (Namibia, 2016)
Owiso Owiso (Kenya, 2016)
Adiam Tsighe (Ethiopia, 2016)

Stephen Buabeng-Baidoo (Ghana, 2017)
Kansiime Estella Kabachwezi (Uganda, 2017)
Muuo Josephat Kilonzo (Kenya, 2017)
Kahbila Ulrike Mbuton (Cameroon, 2017)
Henry Paul Gichana (Kenya, 2017)
Lily Iruebafa Oyakhirome (Nigeria, 2017)
Olorunfunmi Ayodele Sogunro (Nigeria, 2017)
Trésor Muhindo Makunya (Democratic Republic of Congo, 2017)

Nimrod Muhumuza (Uganda, 2018)
Samuel Ade Ndasi (Cameroon, 2018)
Tutlam Chaan (Ethiopia, 2018)
Marystella Simiyu (Kenya, 2018)
Nelly Akinyi Warega (Kenya, 2018)
Oluwatomiwa Ilori (Nigeria, 2018)
Joseph Geng Akech (South Sudan, 2018)
Susan Chenai Mutambasere (Zimbabwe, 2018)
Lucyline Nkatha Murungi (Kenya, 2009)

Zerene Ghairun Haddad (Zimbabwe, 2019)
Ian Mwiti (Kenya, 2019)
Deborah Nyokabi (Kenya, 2019)
Masalu Naphtali Masanja (Kenya, 2020)
Girma Gadisa Tufa (Ethiopia, 2020)
Wilson Nderitu Macharia (Kenya, 2020)
Sohela Karisma Surajpal (South Africa, 2020)
Kelvin Christopher Vries (Namibia, 2020)
Emmanuel Chibuike Njoku (Nigeria, 2020)
Ashina Ntenga Msumi (Kenya, 2021)
Lisel Heila Muller (South Africa, 2021)
Ivan Seguya (Uganda, 2021)
Olum Lorna Afoyomungu (Uganda, 2021)
Elim Shanko (Ethiopia, 2022)
Henok Shibru (Ethiopia, 2022)
Meron Eshetu (Ethiopia, 2022)
Husseinatou Manjang (Ethiopia, 2022)
Sinésio Sambo (Mozambique, 2022)
Farirai Sibanda (Zimbabwe, 2022)

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The past three years, as DAAD Scholars, have been some of the most transformative years of our academic and social lives. The opportunity to be educated up to Master's and Doctoral levels at Africa's finest and most reputable human rights institution – the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria – is a tall dream for so many Africans, and that has only been made possible by the DAAD Scholarships. Our DAAD Scholarships have afforded us the life-changing experience of engaging in complex human rights research problems in Africa, in the spirit of interculturality, and of contributing to the process of developing home-grown solutions to African problems in a very profound way. As DAAD Scholarship recipients, we are also members of the DAAD Alumni network, which is a vast network of scholars, academics and professionals across and beyond Africa from a wide array of disciplines. We are therefore extremely grateful to the DAAD for its immense contributions to our educational needs and several other research projects in Africa.

Adebayo Okeowo (Nigeria, 2014)
Advancing accountability for human rights violations through citizen media



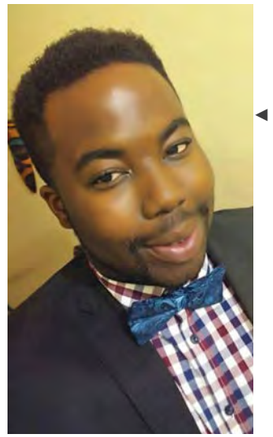
Chairman Okoloise (Nigeria, 2015)
Diminishing corporate human rights violations in the extractive industries in Africa through African Union standards



Henrietta Ekefre (Nigeria, 2015)
Working title of thesis:
The implementation of African human rights decisions and recommendations by domestic state actors

DUTCH LGBTI SCHOLARS

Kingdom of the Netherlands



The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Pretoria generously funds the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression Unit at the Centre for Human Rights. Part of this support includes Master's and Doctorate degree scholarships to students from sexual minorities, who work in the area of LGBTI rights.

Dumiso Gatsha (Botswana, 2016)
Success Capital Organisation: A youth-oriented non-governmental organisation which among other things caters for the inclusion of the LGBTI community in Botswana.



Tapiwa Mamhare
(Zimbabwe, 2016)
African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHeR)



HRDA is an eye opener in understanding the dynamics around the rights of LGBTI persons. It provides you with sufficient understanding of what the African human rights architecture offers in the protections of LGBTI. The African Commission Resolution 275 on the protection against violence and other human rights violations against LGBTI serves as impetus a continental understanding for the need to establish a binding legal instrument that will protect the LGBTI. As an advocate, this will serve as a niche in my advocacy for the fight for LGBTI persons as I am adequately equipped to articulate the norms that this Resolution and other treaties provide. At the global level my understanding of LGBTI rights has been enhanced by the case of Toonen v. Australia. The fact that many countries like Uganda are party to the ICCPR, this landmark case serves as a baseline for advocacy for the protection of the rights of LGBTI in Uganda and the rest of Africa. Essentially, by understanding of the human rights system, both global and regional has been enhanced by the HRDA program there by putting me in a position to adequately make claims for the rights of LGBTI persons.

Richard Lusimbo (Uganda, 2017)
Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG)



Monica Tabengwa
(Botswana, 2017)
Policy Specialist,
United Nations Development Programme

PRIZE WINNERS



HRDA students graduate in a special ceremony put on by the University of Pretoria, to coincide with International Human Rights Day on 10 December every year. On that occasion, the following prizes are awarded.

Nelson Mandela Prize, for the student who obtained the best overall average percentage in the course

2000: Mr Evarist Baimu (Tanzania)
Mr Morne van der Linde (South Africa)
2001: Mr Danwood Chirwa (Malawi)
2002: Mr Thokozani Kaime (Malawi)
2003: Ms Abiola Rasidat Ayinla (Nigeria)
Ms Waruguru Kaguongo (Kenya)
Mr George Mukundi Wachira (Kenya)
2004: Mr Godfrey Musila (Kenya)
2005: Ms Liliana Trillo Díaz (Spain)
2006: Mr Anganile Mwenifumbo (Malawi)
2007: Mr David Charles Simonsz (South Africa)
2008: Ms Sarah Jean Swart (South Africa)
Ms Wilhelmina Wicomb (South Africa)
2009: Mr Adem Kassie Abebe (Ethiopia)
Ms Lucyline Nkatha Murungi (Kenya)
2010: Ms Melhik Abebe Bekele (Ethiopia)
Mr Nicholas Wasonga Orago (Kenya)
2011: Ms Ivy Irene Nyarang'o (Kenya)
2012: Mr Josua Loots (South Africa)
2013: Ms Precious Erimiatoe (Nigeria)
Mr Adrian Jjuuko (Uganda)
2014: Ms Lucyann Wambui Thuo (Kenya)
2015: Ms Nastasia Thebaud-Bouillon-Njenga (France)
2016: Ms Anie Ewang (Nigeria)
2017: Mr Josephat Kilonzo (Kenya)
2018: Mr Nimrod Muhumuza (Uganda)
2019: Zerene Ghairun Haddad (Zimbabwe)
2020: Girma Gadisa Tufa (Ethiopia)
2021: Ashina Mtsumi (Kenya)
2022: Farirai Sibanda (Zimbabwe)



PRIZE WINNERS

Kéba M'Baye Prize, for the student who obtained the highest percentage in the dissertation
Kéba Mbaye (1924–2007)
Senegalese lawyer and judge, author of the initial draft of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights



2000: Mr Idi Tuzinde Gaparayi (Rwanda)
2001: Mr Frederick Musungu (Kenya)
2002: Mr Godfrey Odongo (Kenya)
2003: Mr George Mukundi Wachira (Kenya)
2004: Mr Godfrey Musila (Kenya)
2005: Ms Onyinye Iruoma Obiokoye (Nigeria)
2006: Mr Ambani Osogo (Kenya)
2007: Ms Virginia Njeri Kamau (Kenya)
2008: Mr Bonolo Ramadi Dinokopila (Botswana)
Mr Ademola Oluborode Jegede (Nigeria)
Ms Sarah Jean Swart (South Africa)
2009: Ms Uchechukwu Victoria Okwor (Nigeria)
2010: Ms Melody Ngwatu Ginamia (Uganda)
2011: Ms Emma Charlene Lubaale (Uganda)
2012: Ms Romola Adeola (Nigeria)
2013: Ms Daphine Agaba (Uganda)
2014: Ms Wambui Mariam Kamunyu (Kenya)
2015: Ms Grace Mukukulwamutiyo (Zambia)
2016: Mr Tapiwa Mamhare (Zimbabwe)
2017: Ms Tsion Woldu (Ethiopia)
2018: Mr Nimrod Muhumuza (Uganda)
2019: Chisomo Tsankho Nyemba (Malawi, 2019)
2020: Wilson Nderitu Macharia (Kenya, 2020)
Opal Masocha Sibanda (Zimbabwe, 2020)
2021: Kwame Darklo (Ghana, 2021)
2022: Hussienatou Manjang (The Gambia, 2022)

***Ubuntu* Prize,**
for the student on the course who best embodied the values and spirit of ubuntu during the course. Ubuntu, or compassion, means 'to suffer with' and involves identifying with our neighbours and recognising our common humanity.



2001: Mr Ahmed Sidali (Western Sahara)
2002: Mr Paul Gadenya (Uganda)
2003: Mr Benson Chinedu Olugbuo (Nigeria)
Ms Leda Hasila Limann (Ghana)
2004: Ms Folusho de Grata Shado (Nigeria)
2005: Mr João Miguel Fernandes (Mozambique)
2006: Mr Ibrahima Sidibe (Guinea Conakry)
2007: Ms Estelle Ines Nkounkou-Ngongo (Congo)
2008: Mr Todd Fernandez (USA)
2009: Ms Patricia Atim (Uganda)
2010: Ms Nicola Whittaker (South Africa)
2011: Mr Johannes Buabeng-Baidoo (Ghana)
2012: Mr Samuel Abraha (Eritrea)
2013: Ms Linette Du Toit (South Africa)
2014: Ms Muso Bakoto Sawo (The Gambia)
2015: Ms Annalena Wűrz (Germany)
2016: Mr James Monibah (Liberia)
2017: Mr Richard Lusimbo (Uganda)
2018: Mr Basiru Bah (The Gambia)
2019: Osman Eisa Yousif Eisa (Sudan, 2019)
Hernler Tayba (South Africa, 2019)
2020: Emmanuel Chibuike Njoku (Nigeria, 2020)
2021: Kwame Darklo (2021)
2022: Afua Duah (Lesotho) and Benkhradra Reda Mohammed (Morocco)

Victor Dankwa Prize,
for the student who obtained the best mark in the module Human Rights in Africa (Module 4)
Victor Dankwa
Ghanaian lawyer, academic and former Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights



2007: Ms Virginia Njeri Kamau (Kenya)
2008: Mr Japhet Kiplangat Biegon (Kenya)
Ms Wilhelmina Wicomb (South Africa)
2009: Mr Adem Kassie Abebe (Ethiopia)
2010: Mr Emerson Casimiro Uassuzo Lopes (Mozambique)
Ms Nicola Whittaker (South Africa)
2011: Mr Victor Ayeni (Nigeria)
Ms Sylvie Namwase (Uganda)
2012: Ms Romola Adeola (Nigeria)
Ms Satang Nbaneh (The Gambia)
2013: Mr Adrian Jjuuko (Uganda)
2014: Ms Lucyann Wambui Thuo (Kenya)
2015: Ms Khuraisha Patel (South Africa)
2016: Ms Adiam Tsighe (Ethiopia)
2017: Mr Stephen Buabeng-Baidoo (Ghana)
2018: Mr Nimrod Muhumuza (Uganda)
Ms Marystella Simiyu (Kenya)
2019: Deborah Mburu (Kenya) and Thomas White (South Africa)
2020: Kelvin Vries (Nambia)
2021: Ramatoulie Jallow (Botswana) and Ashina Mtsumi (Kenya)
2022: Elim Shanko (Ethiopia)



2015 Graduation

VERA CHIRWA PRIZE

Vera Chirwa is a Malawian lawyer and human and civil rights activist. She fought for multiparty democratic rule in Malawi and was charged with treason, tried and sentenced to death by the authoritarian regime of Hastings Kamuzu Banda. She spent 12 years on death row with her husband Orton Chirwa, a lawyer and once Malawian Minister of Justice and Attorney General. The Chirwas' execution date was set for 9 June 1983, but international pressure saved their lives. While in detention, they were tortured, often kept in leg irons, received inadequate food and were denied proper medical attention which led to the death of Vera Chirwa's husband Orton. Vera Chirwa was eventually released in 1993 and a new constitution was adopted, which allowed for multiparty democracy. Vera Chirwa established herself as a leading voice for human rights in Malawi and started an NGO , the Malawi Centre for Advice, Research and Education on Rights (CARER). She became a member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in 1999 and served as the Commission's Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa. She retired from the Commission in 2005 but remains a human rights champion in her home country, across the continent and the globe.



INTRODUCTION

The **Vera Chirwa Prize** recognises the outstanding professional achievements of a graduate of the Master's programme who has undertaken one or more particularly noteworthy initiatives for the protection or the promotion of human rights, and/or the strengthening of democracy in Africa or in the diaspora. They must have distinguished themselves through innovation and initiative, courage and sacrifice. The Prize was instituted in 2006, on the occasion of the Centre for Human Rights being awarded the UNESCO Prize for Human Rights Education, and is awarded at the annual graduation ceremony of the Master's programme.







2006: Melron Nicol-Wilson (Sierra Leone, 1998)
For engineering a pathway to justice for the indigent broken and dehumanised people of Sierra Leone through the establishment and distinguished record of the Lawyers' Centre for Legal Assistance (LAWCLA), the first legal aid clinic set up in the aftermath of the Sierra Leone civil war and in the face of overwhelming opposition from the establishment

2007: Nana Oye Lithur (Ghana, 2001)
Distinguished advocate and tireless campaigner; in recognition of her courageous and consistent efforts to advance the human rights of women and subsequently by merit, competence and experience for her cabinet appointment as Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection in Ghana





2008: Julius Osega (Uganda, 2000)
For his dedicated service to human rights within the Uganda Police Service and in other conflict zones (posthumously presented to his widow Rhona Osega)

2009: Gabriel Shumba (Zimbabwe, 2002)
For his devotion to the cause of improving the lives of people in Africa and especially in Zimbabwe, through his work with the Zimbabwe Exiles Forum and his personal sacrifice

Gabriel Shumba was arrested, hooded, taken to a secret underground location and beaten by 15 Central Intelligence Organisation interrogators for criticising the political system in Zimbabwe. During interrogation, he was electrocuted intermittently for eight hours; lost consciousness, revived and electrocuted again; had a chemical substance applied to his body; was photographed naked; forced to drink his vomit; and forced to sign a confession for planning to overthrow the government. International pressure led to his release, and he fled Zimbabwe. He filed a complaint against Zimbabwe with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, which found the Zimbabwe Government responsible for torture and ill-treatment.





2010: Yoseph Mulugeta Badwaza (Ethiopia, 2002)
For his devotion to the cause of improving the lives of people in Africa and especially in Ethiopia, through his work with the Ethiopian Human Rights Council and his personal sacrifice

2011: Late Thulani Maseko (Swaziland, 2005)
For his devotion to the cause of improving the lives of people in Africa and especially in Swaziland, through his fearless pro-democracy activism and his personal sacrifice

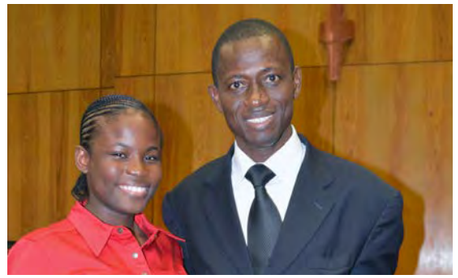
Thulani was arrested and charged with contempt of court for criticising the Chief Justice. Denied access to legal representation, he was convicted for contempt of court and sentenced to two years' imprisonment, contrary to the maximum. In prison, he was held in solitary confinement for weeks for writing a letter to friends from prison. International pressure led to his release in June 2015. The High Court admitted that great injustice had been done to him by his trial, conviction and imprisonment. King Mswati suspended and eventually relieved the Chief Justice of his duties due to serious misconduct.





2012: Monica Mbaru (Kenya, 2005)
In recognition of her singular contribution to the protection of sexual minorities in Africa, through her work with the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission; her commitment to the rights of people living with disabilities all over the continent; and all her other work in the areas of access to justice, the rule of law, health, governance, elections and prisons

2012: Lilian Chenwi (Cameroon, 2002)
In recognition of an excellent academic career and her selfless service to improving the lives of people in Africa; through passionate activism and targeted litigation



2013: Augustine Somé (Burkina Faso, 2004)
For his outstanding contribution to the protection of human rights in Africa through his work with the United Nations and through the Centre for Information and Documentation Citizens (CIDOC) he established in Burkina Faso



2014: Leda Limann (Ghana, 2003)
In recognition of her contribution in fostering peace and unity in Darfur and South Sudan; and to the edification and social up-liftment of people through Christian ministry, personal leadership and financial support

2015: Salima Namusobya (Uganda, 2004)
In recognition of her professional contributions to the advancement of human rights in Africa, especially in relation to the development of economic and social rights; and for her vision and industry in establishing the Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER), Uganda

2015: Christopher Mbazira (Uganda, 2003)
In recognition of his professional contributions to the advancement of human rights in Africa, especially in relation to the development of economic and social rights through academic research, publication and teaching



2016: Patrick Eba (Côte d'Ivoire, 2004)
In recognition of many years of consistent, dedicated and laboured efforts towards the realisation of the human right to health, especially for persons living with HIV/AIDS; and for his spirited efforts at law reform and policy development geared to the equal treatment of sexual and gender minorities and persons living with HIV/AIDS in Africa

2016: Adrian Jjuuko (Uganda, 2013)
In recognition of his courageous work to advance the human rights of sexual and gender minorities in Uganda, through legal challenges and law reform; and, despite threats to his safety, for his vision and industry in establishing the Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum, a respected catalyst in the struggle against institutionalised discrimination, repression and violence against LGBTI persons in Uganda and Africa





2017: Musu Bakoto Sawo (The Gambia, 2014)
In recognition of her fearless advocacy for the rights of women and girls in the Gambia, and for being a leading African voice in the fight against harmful practices, especially female genital mutilation. In absentia, accepted on her behalf by Adebayo Okeowo (Nigeria, 2014)



2017: Melanie Smuts (South Africa, 2012)
In recognition of her courageous and outstanding efforts in promoting the right to education through the establishment of Streetlight Schools which has, by virtue of its groundbreaking work, fostered access to quality education for some of the most underserved communities in South Africa

2018: Joojo Cobbinah (Ghana, 2013)
In recognition of his contribution towards the advancement of the socio-economic rights of the most vulnerable in Africa, especially in Ghana, through his courageous and impactful journalism. His activism has resulted in changes to government's environmental policies, and through his dedicated work, children have regained their access to quality education, hospitals have benefitted from critical healthcare equipment, the rights of persons with disability have been defended, and lives have been saved.



2019: Lydia Mugambe (Uganda, 2002)
In recognition of her contribution towards advancing the socio-economic rights of the most vulnerable and ensuring gender-based justice in Africa, especially in Uganda, through her courageous and impactful judicial career.





2020: Benyam Dawit Mezmur (Ethiopia, 2005)
In recognition of his contribution towards advancing the field of children's rights within the United Nations' and the African Union's human rights systems, especially through his work as Chairperson of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC); Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC); and Member, UN Committee on the CRC

2020: Solomon Ayele Dersso (Ethiopia, 2003)
In recognition of his contribution towards various institutions within the African Union's human rights system, especially through his work as Commissioner and later as the Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.



2021: Roselyn Hanzi (Zimbabwe, 2006)
In recognition of her contribution through the Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) where she championed human rights protection for vulnerable groups through strategic litigation, research and advocacy.



2022: Hon. Yvonne Dausab (Namibia, 2001)
In recognition of many years of consistent, dedicated and laboured efforts towards the advancement of human rights, especially in relation to gender equality, women's rights, children's rights, rights of persons with disabilities and the LGBTQI+ community rights.

2022: Justice Redson Edward Kapindu (Malawi, 2004)
In recognition of his professional contributions to the advancement of human rights in Africa, especially in relation to his involvement in strengthening Malawi's constitutional democracy at a time of potential great peril.



From left to right, the Director of the Centre for Human Rights, Professsor Frans Viljoen, Honorable Yvonne Dausab, Justice Redson Kapindu, Professor Nkatha Murungi and Lloyd Kuveya.

AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT

After more than 30 years' existence, the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition is the most important vehicle for human rights education in Africa, the largest annual gathering of students and lecturers of law in Africa, and one of the premier events on the African human rights calendar. The Competition prepares new generations of lawyers to argue cases of alleged human rights violations before the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. The programme is organised each year by the Centre for Human Rights, in collaboration with a faculty of law in a host country on the continent.

There is an important link between the Master's programme and the Moot Competition: the latter brings together the top students from across the continent each year, constituting a good pool of potential Master's students. The African Moot has been renamed the 'Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition' as from 2022.

Moot alumni who were admitted to the Master's programme are indicated with the letter M in the Table of alumni at the end of this publication.



Organisers of the first (Southern) African Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Harare, Zimbabwe. *left to right* Prof Johann van der Westhuizen, Donsie Khumalo, Minister Penuell Maduna, Prof Duard Kleyn, Judge Albie Sachs, Prof Christof Heyns

CHRISTOF HEYNS AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT



2006 African Human Rights Moot Court Competition final in the Executive Council chamber of the African Union, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

CHRISTOF HEYNS
African Human Rights Moot Court Competition
Concours Africain de Procès Simulé des Droits de l'Homme
Concurso Africano de Julgamento Fictício Sobre Direitos Humanos
مسابقة كريستوف هاينز للمحكمة الصورية الأفريقية لحقوق الإنسان



2010 African Human Rights Moot Court Competition final in Cotonou, Benin



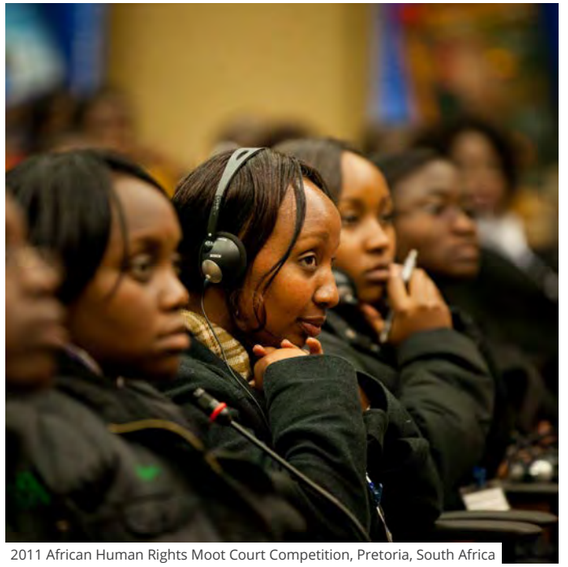
2011 African Human Rights Moot Court Competition final results



2013 African Human Rights Moot Court Competition, Cape Town, South Africa



2016 African Human Rights Moot Competition final in the Constitutional Court, South Africa



2011 African Human Rights Moot Court Competition, Pretoria, South Africa



2009 African Human Rights Moot Court Competition, Lagos, Nigeria

AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

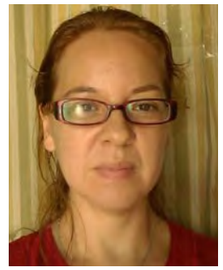


NON-AFRICAN ALUMNI



I feel very blessed to have been a part of the Centre for Human Rights. The intensity of the academic programme was overwhelming. The racial tensions in South Africa were palpable. And the nightmare of being back in the closet as a gay man was traumatic. Yet I learned and grew in unimaginable ways. My classmates became family. My sense of national pride shifted forever. And my purpose in life was revealed.

Todd Fernandez (USA, 2008)



… little did I know that it would change my life much more profoundly. I cherished the richness of the programme on so many levels, as well as the diversity of the students and lecturers. I was inspired and humbled by my lecturers and colleagues, and I was able to appreciate the issues through a Pan-African lens. This has helped me to navigate the complexities of the region and contribute to positive change.

Ismene Nicole Zarifis (USA, 2009)



I had the chance to spend my second semester at Makerere University, Kampala in Uganda. I had never been to East African before. Everyone I met was friendly, kind and welcoming. Many of the lectures were interesting and different from what I was used to but in several aspects mind-opening for me. It is a priceless experience to get to know and learn about so many different aspects all at once: new languages, cultures, customs, food, climate, ways of transport and so much more.

Annalena Würz (Germany, 2015)

Africa is a continent full of hope, potential, great minds and innovation. I chose to take part in the Master's because I believe in and advocate for Africa as a continent where human rights are prioritised, people-centered development is emphasised and African ideas and innovations are taken into account in the global arena. If you believe in Africa and human rights; are not afraid of having your views challenged; and you are up to the huge task ahead, the HRDA Master's is a unique way to start!

Nastasia Thebaud-Bouillon-Njenga (France, 2015)



I had been working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in South Korea for 10 years when my husband (a co-worker) was dispatched to the Korean Embassy in South Africa. I saw this as an opportunity to study Africa and African issues. It was a very intense year for me. I confided in my colleagues. They were supportive and helpful. The HRDA was a success. Now I am back in Korea and have a beautiful baby girl. I often miss my African friends and professors. The HRDA programme was one of my greatest achievements in life. I now feel confident to say that no challenge is too tough for me.
Kyoung-hwa Lee (Korea, 2016)



The most valuable experience from the HRDA programme, for me, was to learn the African philosophy of Ubuntu. It inspired me to find out how to apply and extend African values in my country, to fight for human rights. Even though Africa and Asia are far apart, everyone is connected to each other.
Miao-Ying Cheng Biau-Im Tin (Taiwan, 2016)



I left a comfortable but routine French life to prefer this African journey. I feel honoured to have been selected and welcomed to this intense programme, and so grateful to be on a professional adventure in Benin, full of positive outputs. The HRDA has shown me the human rights realities on the ground, and taught me to avoid denouncing violations which I have only read about from a comfortable desk. It has taught me open-mindness, humility and integrity. I really hope the journey will continue!
Clotilde Pauvert (La Réunion, 2017)

In 2013 admission to the Master's programme was opened to non-law graduates, who receive the degree MPhil (Master of Philosophy) Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa. They follow the same curriculum as law graduates, who receive the degree LLM (Master of Laws) Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa.

MPhil students come from a variety of backgrounds and have distinguished themselves on the programme, despite its significant legal content. MPhil alumni are indicated with the letter (P) behind their surnames in the table of alumni at the end of this book.



Although surrounded by lawyers on the HRDA programme, I soon felt comfortable and learned to walk fast. In working and living together, I made good friends who urged me on. Today I work for the prestigious RADDHO. We fight for an end to forced child begging in Senegal through advocacy with national institutions and Members of Parliament; as well as through engagement with the African Commission, the African Children's Committee and ECOWAS. This alliance works to bring the governement of Senegal to comply with its commitments on the eradication of forced child begging.
Aminata Ly (Senegal, 2015)
Rencontre Africaine pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme (RADDHO)
Dakar, Senegal
Undergraduate degree in Language and Literature



Other MPhil alumni working in non-legal settings:
Solomon Cobbinah (Ghana, 2013)
GhOne Television

Being an HRDA student is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that propels one's career to greater heights. I was selected as a panelist at the African Investigative Journalism Conference in 2020 for the first time, and later got nominated by the US Embassy in Uganda to attend the Humphrey Fellowship Program in the USA, both these opportunities came in before I even graduated. Immediately after my HRDA graduation, Journalists for Human Rights, a Canadian NGO that builds the capacity of journalists globally to champion human rights reporting, headhunted me as their Project Coordinator in Uganda. I also resumed my duties as an editor at the Daily Monitor, being the only Ugandan journalist with such qualifications.
Johnson Mayamba (Uganda, 2020)



2016 Welcoming ceremony of the Master's degree programmes of the Centre: Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa; Multi-disciplinary Human Rights; International Trade and Investment Law in Africa; Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa

MARRIAGES



Uchechukwu Okwor (Nigeria, 2009) and **Hilary Ogbonna** (Nigeria, 2008)
Wedding date: 28 November 2009, Abuja, Nigeria



Adiam Woldeyohannes (Eritrea, 2001) and **Martin Nsibirwa** (Uganda, 2000)
Wedding date: 28 August 2004, Asmara, Eritrea



Evelyn Asaala (Kenya, 2009) and **Ambani Osogo** (Kenya, 2006)
Wedding date: 19 December 2009, Nairobi, Kenya



Barbara Kitui (Uganda, 2012) and **Solomon Cobbinah** (Ghana, 2013)
Wedding date: 29 & 31 January 2015, Kampala, Uganda

REMEMBERING OUR ALUMNI



Helen Kanzira (Uganda, 2000)
Senior legal officer, Ministry of Finance, Kampala, Uganda
Helen died in October 2007 during child birth, highlighting the high levels of maternal mortality in Africa and in other parts of the developing world. In her honour, the Centre for Human Rights has instituted an annual lecture on the reproductive health rights of women.



Stephen Kafumba (Malawi, 2000)
Graduating in 2000, as one of the Pioneers, Steve's last position was with the Airports Development Ltd, Malawi.



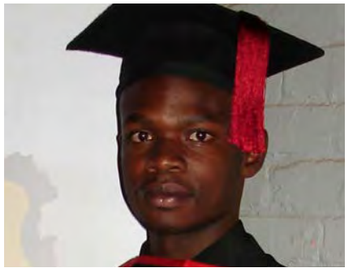
Enos Tshivhase (South Africa, 2000)
Amos Tshivashe, Class of 2000, taught law at the University of Cape Town, Nelson Mandela University and the University of KwaZulu-Natal



Julius Osega (Uganda, 2001)
Head of Human Rights Complaints Desk, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Legal Department, Uganda Police Force
Police Superintendent, posthumously promoted to Senior Superintendent. Julius was killed on 8 July 2008 while on patrol duty in Darfur, with the UN peacekeeping force. In recognition of his efforts and sacrifice, Julius was posthumously awarded the Vera Chirwa Award in 2009 by the Centre for Human Rights. In his honour, the Centre for Human Rights instituted an annual lecture on human rights and good governance in Africa.



Thulani Maseko (Eswatini, 2005)
Thulani Maseko was shot dead on 21 January 2023 in front of his family in his home south of Mbabane, Eswatini. Thulani was a human rights defender of great and justified reputation. He was deeply dedicated to human rights, the rule of law and democracy in Eswatini. He slept, breathed, ate and walked human rights. He was also a spirited and committed public intellectual, not shying away from the risk of taking public positions at odds with that of the powerful monarchy.



Steve Odero Ouma (Kenya, 2005)
Lecturer, Africa Nazarene University, Kenya
Senior lecturer, School of Law, University of Nairobi, Kenya. Steve died on 23 February 2012 of gastrointestinal cancer. He was honoured through a publication of the Centre for Human Rights in his memory: *Constitutionalism and Democratic Governance in Africa: Contemporary Perpectives from Sub-Saharan Africa* (M Kiwinda and T Ojienda) which addresses issues of constitutionalism in Africa.



Idi Gaparayi (Rwanda, 2000)
Idi Gaparayi, Class of 2000, Dean, School of Law, University of Kigali , passed away in 2023.



Benyam Dawit Mezmur (Ethiopia, 2005)
Chairperson, African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

Term 1: November 2012 – December 2014
Term 2: December 2015 – December 2017
Member, African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, Term 1: July 2010 – July 2015, Term 2: July 2015 – July 2020

The African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child is made up of 11 experts mandated with the monitoring of the fulfillment of child rights in Africa and ensuring that States comply with their obligations under the African Children's Charter.

Chairperson, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
Term: May 2015 – May 2017, Member, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Term 1: March 2013 – February 2017, Term 2: March 2017 – February 2021; Term 3: March 2021-February 2025

The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child is made up of 18 independent experts from all over the world, recognised for their competence in the field of Children's Rights.

Prof Mezmur is extensively published and has carried out trainings on children's rights for governments and worked with organisations such as African Child Policy Forum (ACPF). He is currently a Professor at the Dullah Omar Institute for Constitutional Law, Governance and Human Rights in the Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape and a visiting lecturer on the Master's programme of the Centre for Human Rights.



Solomon Dersso (Ethiopia, 2003)
Member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Term 1: November 2015 - November 2021; Term 2: November 2022 - November 2028

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights is a quasi-judicial body which works to promote and protect human rights in Africa, interpret the African Charter and consider individual complaints of violations of the Charter.

Dr Dersso is an expert in constitutional design and institutional and policy mechanisms for the accommodation of ethno-cultural diversity in Africa. He has served as the Legal Adviser to the African Union High Implementation (Mbeki) Panel (AUHIP) Team of Experts on the Boundary dispute between Sudan and South Sudan. He was the Head of the Peace and Security Council Report at the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In 2019, Dr Dersso was appointed as Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples'



Meskerem Geset Techane (Ethiopia, 2011)
Chairperson, UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls

The UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls, in law and practice is a Special Procedure of the UN Human Rights Council. Members are distinguished independent human rights experts appointed by the Human Rights Council.

Meskerem is a human rights lawyer with extensive national and international experience. She formerly held prominent positions as a High Court Judge and as Deputy Executive Director of the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA). She has also served in expert groups of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and has closely worked with the AU, UN agencies and international and national human rights organisations. Meskerem & Associates is her private legal practice in Ethiopia and she co-founded Lawyers for Human Rights (Ethiopia) in 2018 and is currently its Chair. She was a fellow at the Human Rights Center, University of Padova. She is also a visiting researcher and lecturer at different universities in Africa, Europe, and North America.

Sabelo Gumedze ►
(Swaziland, 2002)
Chairperson, Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, Elected June 2014

The five-member Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent is a Special Mechanism of the UN Human Rights Council.

Dr Gumedze is the Head and Senior Researcher of the Research and Development Unit of the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) of South Africa. He has over 10 years of experience in research with a background in legal scholarship and practice, policy development, international human rights law, human security, analysis, training, teaching, supervising, project management and implementation.







Melanie Smuts (South Africa, 2012)
Founder, Streetlight Schools, Johannesburg, South Africa

Streetlight Schools launches high-quality primary schools in some of the most underpriviledged communities in inner-city Johannesburg. They demonstrate how transformative and cost-effective education and schooling is possible for all learners, especially from low-income backgrounds.

By completely re-imagining standards, environments and approaches to learning, Streetlight Schools is creating globally competitive schools in some of the most underserved communities in South Africa at a scalable cost. With innovations in academic approach, facility and professional development, Streetlight Schools is demonstrating that it is possible to positively impact South African educational system.

Streetlight Schools has succeeded in taking some of most neglected learners and enabled them to learn at a level not only equivalent to some of the best schools in South Africa, but in fact to be competitive with some of the most developed countries in the world.

www.streetlightschools.org

Salima Namusobya (Uganda, 2004)
Founder, Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER)

ISER seeks to address the gaps that exist in respecting, protecting and fulfilling economic and social rights (ESRs) in Uganda and to improve government accountability for this category of rights.

The organisation's work is based on the principles of equality and non-discrimination in access to social and economic services. ISER has significantly promoted ESR advocacy in Uganda and sustained national debate around this category of rights. The organisation has played a key role in enhancing the capacity of the judiciary and legislature in adjudicating and legislating ESRs respectively, and catalysed citizen engagement in demanding accountability for social service delivery. ISER's strategic litigation and budget advocacy work has also positively impacted resource allocation to the health and education sectors in Uganda. ISER is now recognised domestically, regionally and internationally as a key actor in socio-economic rights advocacy.

www.iser-uganda.org





Adrian Jjuuko (Uganda, 2013)
Founder, Human Rights Awareness and Protection Forum (HRAPF)

HRAPF is a human rights advocacy organisation and legal aid service provider with particular focus on the most marginalised groups in Uganda. HRAPF established the first specialised legal aid clinic for LGBTI persons and sex workers in Uganda and coordinated the successful legal challenge against Uganda's Anti Homosexuality Act 2014 before Uganda's Constitutional Court. It also filed the first case challenging a law targeting LGBTI persons in a regional court in Africa.

HRAPF has trained LGBTI persons, sex workers, women living with HIV/AIDS and local council leaders as community paralegals and uses them to bring justice closer to communities. HRAPF continues to carry out ground-breaking research, advocacy and litigation around the rights of sexual minorities and other marginalised groups.

www.hrapf.org

Satang Nabaneh (The Gambia, 2012)
Co-founder, Think Young Women (TYW)

TYW works for the rights, welfare and development of girls and women in The Gambia, leading a youth movement to inspire a new generation of young women leaders through capacity building, mentorship, leadership skills development, advocacy and community service. TYW organised the first National Youth Forum on Female Genital Mutilation in The Gambia, ushering in a youth-led movement to end the practice in one generation. The organisation has also provided training for advocates and youth leaders to boost efforts to protect the rights of girls and women.

www.thinkyoungwomen.org



Maushami Chetty (South Africa, 2004)
Co-founder, Aarya Legal

Aarya Legal is a legal and B-B BEE consultancy that caters specifically to the needs of entrepreneurs. Aarya Legal provides quality corporate legal services to entrepreneurs's by offering affordable structured legal packages as well as bespoke services that are in line with the entrepreneurial spirit of constant innovation and quality. They are basically out to change the way legal services are provided, perceived and the way law is practiced.

What is striking is not just the fact that Maushami is trying to make law more accessible, understandable and affordable, but that she is going about it in the most non-traditional way. While at it, she hopes to reduce the unemployment rate in South Africa and also help her clients mainstream human rights into their businesses.

www.aaryalegal.com



Dumiso Gatsha (Botswana, 2016)
Founder, Success Capital Organisation, Botswana

Success Capital Organisation has linked grassroots experiences with global policy. This includes preparing parallel reports and making statements before the African Commission on Human and People's Rights and the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women. It has further advocated in the Global Action Plan on SDG 3, Civil Society Mechanism for Universal Health Coverage, High Level Political Forum, General Assembly, International Civil Society Week, Ashoka Southern Africa, Sex Rights Africa Network, Southern African Internet Governance Forum and SADC Gender Protocol. It serves as the secretariat to the country chapters of the International Youth Alliance for Family Planning and the African Network of Youth Policy Experts. Its work focuses on strengthening the agency, voice and visibility of queer youth in issues ranging from HIV, SRHR, mental health, governance, economic empowerment, Agenda 2063, SDGs, Botswana's Vision 2036 to Internet Governance, Participatory Research and Civic Participation

www.successcapitalngo.com

NGO FOUNDERS / CONSULTANTS



Sarai Chisala-Tempelhoff (Malawi, 2005)
Founder & Director, Gender and Justice Unit



Nadeche Andrianasolo (Madagascar, 2013)
Founder; Mianakavy Organisation, for the Rights of the Child in Madagascar



Ahmed Mohamed Sidali (Western Sahara, 2001)
Legal Advisor to the Saharawi Government;
PhD candidate, University of Algiers

COUNTRY PROFILE : SIERRA LEONE





Independence from the United Kingdom:
27 April 1961

Republic declared:
19 April 1971

Population:
8, 605, 718 (2022 census)

Area:
71 740 km² (27 700 sq mi)

Capital and largest city:



COUNTRY PROFILE : SIERRA LEONE

HRDA Alumni had an impact in all the 48 countries to which they returned, but we highlight the alumni form Sierra Leone, Rwanda and Ethiopia.



Abdulai Charm
(Sierra Leone, 2000)
Chief Justice of the Republic of Sierra Leone



Miatta Samba
(Sierra Leone, 2001)
Judge at the International Criminal Court



Sonkita Conteh
(Sierra Leone, 2006)
Legal Practitioner, Director of Namati Law Firm



Jennifer Beckley
(Sierra Leone, 2006)
Head Legal & Company Secretary, Standard Chattered Bank Sierra Leone Limited



Doris Sonsiama
(Sierra Leone, 2011)
Director of Complaints, Investigations and Legal Services, Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone

Augustine Marrah
(Sierra Leone, 2010)
Senior Partner, KMK Solicitors, Sierra Leone

Lansana Dumbuya
(Sierra Leone, 2003)
Member of the Council of Legal Education



Rashid Dumbuya
(Sierra Leone, 2013)
Oversight Commissioner for the Directorate of Monitoring and Research, Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone

Mohammed Kamara
(Sierra Leone, 2008)
Chief Superintendent of Police, Human Rights Section, Sierra Leone Police Service, Freetown, Sierra Leone



Cyphas Williams
(Sierra Leone, 2013)
Regional Officer, Western Regional Office, Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone



Joel Tejan Deen-Tarawally
(Sierra Leone, 2014)
Criminal defense lawyer, Sierra Leone Legal Aid Board



COUNTRY PROFILE : RWANDA





REPUBULIKA Y'U RWANDA
UBUMWE - UMURIMO - GUKUNDA IGIHUGU

Independence from Belgium:
1 July 1962

Population:
13, 246, 394
(2022 census)

Area:
26 338 km²
(10 169 sq mi)

Capital and largest city:
Kigali



Alumni in Rwanda with Dr Nkatha Murungi and Prof Frans Viljoen during the block week of the another progarmme of the Centre, the Master's degree in Sexual and Reproductive Rights (SRRA), which was held in Kigali, Rwanda (2019)

COUNTRY PROFILE : RWANDA

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Idi Gaparayi
(Rwanda, 2000)
Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Kigali



Robert Mugisha
(Rwanda, 2001)
Human Rights and Social Protection Specialist (Washington DC)



Donnah Kamashazi
(Rwanda, 2003)
Deputy Regional Programme Director (Kigali)



Epimaque Rubango-Kayihura
(Rwanda, 2003)
Partner at R & P Law Firm



Florence Mukamugema
(Rwanda, 2000)
National University of Rwanda

Justine Katushabe
(Rwanda, 2002)
Child Protection Specialist, World Vision International

Frank Kayitare
(Rwanda, 2004)
Programme Officer, Political Parties, International Institute For Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International Idea), Stockholm, Sweden

Paul Mugemangango
(Rwanda, 2004)
MTN RwandaCell Ltd



Herbert Rubasha
(Rwanda, 2006)
In charge of country reports, Ministry of Justice, Rwanda

Christian Nsabimana Garuka
(Rwanda, 2005)
Legal Practitioner

Christian Nsabimana Garuka
(Rwanda, 2005)
Legal Practitioner

Angela Padua
(Rwanda, 2008)
United Nations

Tom Mulisa
(Rwanda, 2009)
National University of Rwanda



Marie Sylvie Kawera
(Rwanda, 2009)
Commissioner

Jean Chrysostome Rubagumya
(Rwanda, 2011)
Rcn Justice & Démocratie, Burundi

Thierry Kevin Gatete
(Rwanda, 2013)
Centre For Human Rights, Rwanda



Christine Umubyeyi
(Rwanda, 2011)
Director of Legislation, Human Rights Monitoring and Protection Unit

Denyse Amahirwe
(Rwanda, 2014)
UNICEF Child Protection Specialist

Richard Ntakirutimana
(Rwanda, 2017)
African Initiative For Mankind Progress Organisation

COUNTRY PROFILE : ETHIOPIA





Government:
Federal Parliamentary Republic

Population:
113, 656, 596 (2022 census)

Area:
1, 104, 300 km^2 (426, 400 sq mi)

Capital and largest city:
Addis Ababa



Alumni Gathering in Ethiopia with Prof Frans Viljoen and Lloyd Kuveya during the 73rd Ordinary Session of the African Commission where 36 alumni were attending, the largest number ever together at one of the alumni meetings.

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Rakeb Messele Aberra
(Ethiopia, 2000)
Ethiopian Human Rights Commission, Ethiopia



Nega Lulessa
(Ethiopia, 2000)
Human Rights Consultant (Washington DC)



Firew Tiba
(Ethiopia, 2001)
Senior Lecturer
Deakin Law School
Australia



Simeneh Assefa
(Ethiopia, 2002)
Associate Professor of Law
Addis Ababa University



Anchinesh Mulu
(Ethiopia, 2009)
Addis Ababa University



Solomon A. Dersso
(Ethiopia, 2003)
African Commission Chairperson (2019-2021) & Current Member



Woldu Tsion
(Ethiopia, 2003)
Senior Researcher
Amani Africa Media



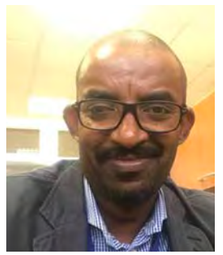
Benyam Mezmur
(Ethiopia, 2005)
Former Chairperson of the United Nations's Committee on the Rights of the Child



Melhik Bekele
(Ethiopia, 2010)
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung



Martha Bedane Guraro
(Ethiopia, 2010)
World Vision
Dubai, United Arab Emiraes



Allehone Mulugeta
(Ethiopia, 2002)
Head, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs
Geneva



Hawi Amena Asfaw
(Ethiopia, 2018)
Ethiopian Human Rights Commission



HRDA 2009 Graduation Ceremony

HRDA 2011 Graduation Ceremony

HRDA 2012 Welcoming Ceremony

HRDA 2013 Welcoming Ceremony

HRDA 2015 at a DAAD event

HRDA 2016 with Prof Elizabeth Griffin



HRDA 2017 Graduation Ceremony

HRDA 2018 Welcoming Ceremony

HRDA 2019 Welcoming Ceremony



HRDA 2020 Graduation during Covid-19 pandemic



HRDA 2021 During a visit at Prof Heyns' place



HRDA 2022 Welcoming Ceremony

PART IV ALUMNI



LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) Class of 2000
"The Pioneers"

Name	Surname	Country	Current Occupation	Moot	DAAD
Amir	ABDALLAH	Sudan	Assistant Professor, University of Khartoum		
Rakeb	ABERRA	Ethiopia	Ethiopian Human Rights Commission, Ethiopia		
Charles Ekow	BAIDEN	Ghana	Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature of Ghana, High Court of Justice	M	
Evarist	BAIMU	Tanzania	Senior Counsel, World Bank	M	D
Abdulai	CHARM	Sierra Leone	Chief Justice of Sierra Leone		
Nono	DIHEMO	South Africa	United Nations, Iraq		
Aruna	DUKHI	South Africa	Legal Practitioner		
Tahani	EL MOBASHER	Sudan	United Nations, Sudan		
Idi	GAPARAYI	Rwanda	DECEASED (Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Kigali)	M	D
Stephen	KAFUMBA	Malawi	DECEASED (last occupation held Airports Development Ltd, Malawi)		
Anthony	KAFUMBE	Uganda	Counsel, East African Community		
Helen	KANZIRA	Uganda	DECEASED (last occupation held Ministry of Finance, Uganda)		D
Sheila	KARANI	Kenya	Governance Specialist, USAID		
Kithure	KINDIKI	Kenya	Cabinet Secretary of Interior and Administration of National Government	M	
Nega	LULESSA	Ethiopia	International Legal and Business Services Group, USA		
Abla	MASOPERH	Ghana	Access Bank, Ghana		
James	MATSHEKGA	South Africa	Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration, South Africa		
Florence	MUKAMUGEMA	Rwanda	National University of Rwanda		
Ummy	MWALIMU	Tanzania	Minister of Health, Tanzania		
Hope	NDHLOVU	Zambia	Zambia Human Rights Commission		
Jean-Pierre	NKWA	Cameroon	Manager, VISA, Florida, United States of America		
Sena	NOUKPO	Benin	United Nations Office for West Africa (UNOWA)		
Martin	NSIBIRWA	Uganda	Programme Manager, South African Human Rights Commission, South Africa		D
Enos	TSHIVHASE	South Africa	DECEASED (last occupation Associate Professor, University of Kwazulu-Natal)	M	
Morne	VAN DER LINDE	South Africa	Legal Practitioner		



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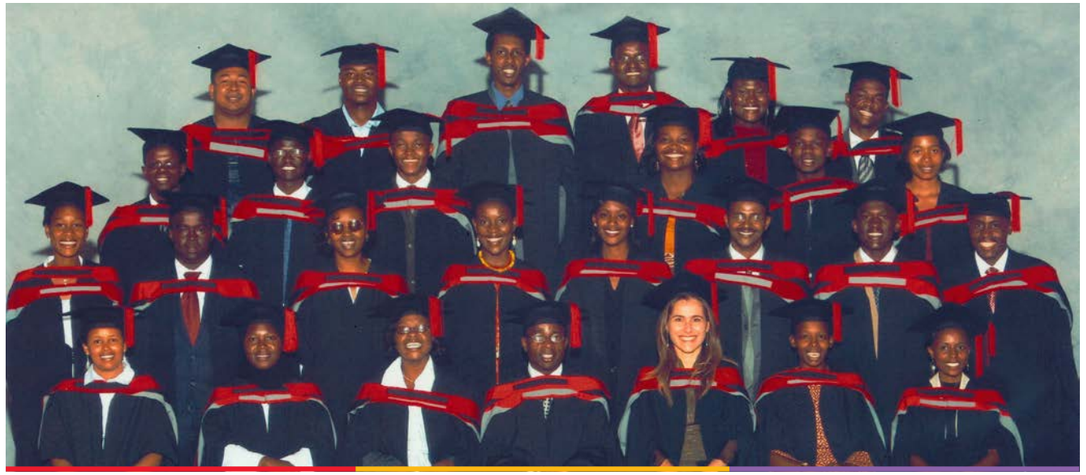
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Jamil	MUJUZI	Uganda	University of the Western Cape, South Africa	M	D
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Mwiza	NKHATA	Malawi	University of Malawi		D
Christian	NSABIMANA GARUKA	Rwanda	Legal Practitioner		D
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Solomon	EBOBRAH	Nigeria	Niger Delta University, Nigeria	M	
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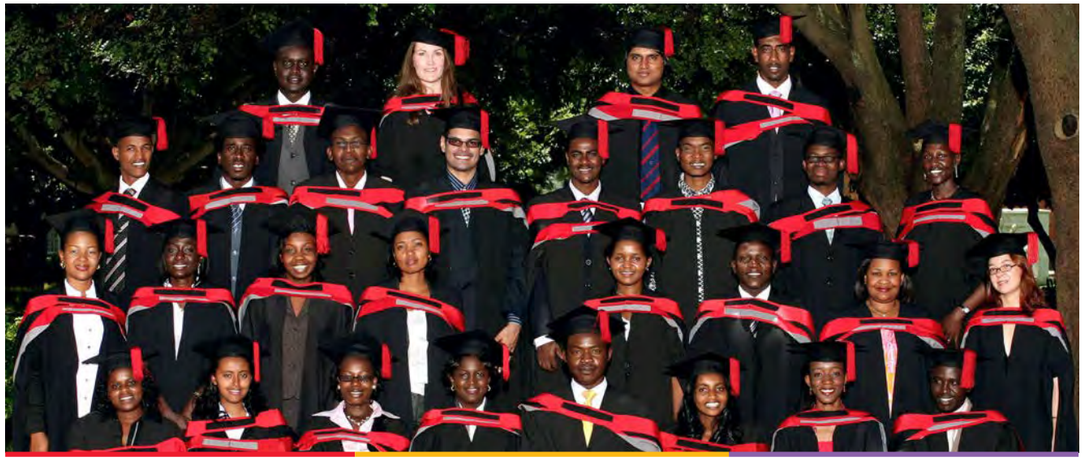
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Ololade	SHYLLON	Nigeria	Centre for Human Rights		D
David	SIMONSZ	South Africa	Legal Practitioner		
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Bonolo	DINOKOPILA	Botswana	University of Botswana	M	D
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Maria	ASSIM	Nigeria	University of the Western Cape, South Africa		D
Patricia	ATIM	Uganda	University of Makerere, Kampala, Uganda		D
Conrad	BOSIRE	Kenya	Katiba Institute, Nairobi		D
Mitiku	CHERE	Ethiopia	Jimma University, Ethiopia	M	
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Rishi	HARDOWAR	Mauritius	Office of Director of Public Prosecutions, Mauritius and, University of Mauritius	M	D
Bernadette	IYODU	Uganda	Access to Justice Asia, Singapore		
Marie Sylvie	KAWERA	Rwanda	Commissioner, Rwanda National Commission for Human Rights		D
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Obonye	JONAS	Botswana	University of Botswana	M	D
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