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The year 2013 provided numerous highlights:

As academic department, the Centre once again presented the Master’s programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa. Twenty-six students from 19 countries graduated on 10 December 2013. This programme, which started as a Master’s in Law (LLM) in 2000, was changed in 2013 to also allow non-lawyers onto the programme, who graduate with the degree MPhil. A total of two students graduated on the Master’s in Multidisciplinary Human Rights. Four doctoral students graduated in 2013, including one of the Centre’s long-standing staff members, Martin Nsibirwa. Another intake of students comprising 20 in total, started on the LLM (Trade and Investment Law in Africa). A final group of Master’s students completed the LLM (HIV and International Law in Africa), with 10 graduating in 2013. This programme had been presented in collaboration with the NOG, the Human Rights Development Initiative (HRDI).

The Centre is a research intensive department and, in 2013, contributed significantly to the research outputs of the Faculty of Law. Two books were co-edited in the Centre: Kuwali D and Viljoen F (eds) (2014) Africa and the Responsibility to Protect: Article 4(h) of the African Union Constitutive Act (Oxford: Routledge) and Vilhena O, Baxi U and Viljoen F (eds) (2013) Transformative constitutionalism: Comparing the apex courts of Brazil, India and South Africa (Pretoria: Pretoria University Law Press). Staff of the Centre published 27 ISI and IBSS accredited journal articles, as well as 3 in DHET accredited journals.

The following three annual publications are edited and published by the Centre and PULP: the African Human Rights Law Journal (AHRLJ), the African Disability Rights Yearbook (ADRY) and the African Human Rights Law Reports (in English and French). The AHRLJ was launched as an open-access online journal in 2013, and two issues have subsequently appeared. The first issue of ADRY was launched in 2013.

Located in the Centre, the Pretoria University Law Press, published a total of 7 books in 2013.

Two academic conferences were held under the auspices of the Centre: one on the sexual and reproductive rights of women, as provided for under the AU’s Women’s Rights Protocol; and another on the rights of persons with disabilities.

The Centre thanks everyone with whom we had the privilege of collaborating in 2013, and who contributed to our activities.

Prof Frans Viljoen
Director, Centre for Human Rights
Four doctoral and sixty-three LLM students on the Centre’s programmes graduated in 2012.

**LLD Programme**

Around thirty students were registered for the LLD in the Centre, under the supervision (or co-supervision) of Professors Frans Viljoen, Michelo Hansungule, Danny Bradlow, Charles Fombad, Charles Ngwena and Dr Magnus Killander. Monthly LLD meetings were held, at which doctoral candidates present their work in progress.

In 2013, four candidates completed their studies and graduated. They are Horace Adjolohoun (Benin), Bonolo Dinokopila (Botswana), Martin Nsibirwa (Uganda) and Rita Ozoemena (Nigeria).

**LLM/MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa)**

In 2013, 27 students (13 women and 14 men) from 21 African countries were admitted to Master’s in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa. From 2000 to 2012, the programme was a Master of Laws (LLM) degree, to which only law graduates were admitted. Since 2013, non-lawyers are also admitted and obtain a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degree. In 2013, an MPhil student, writing on a legal issue, was awarded the prize for the best dissertation.

One exchange student from Finland attended the course during the first semester, under the North-South-South cooperation agreement between the Centre and the Institute for Human Rights at Åbo Akademi University in Finland.

The students spent the first semester in Pretoria, from January to July 2013, during which the following modules were taught:

- **Module 1:** Methodology of human rights research and education
- **Module 2:** Democratisation 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, focusing on international criminal justice, transitional justice and international humanitarian law

Languages: French, English or Portuguese

Lecturers were experts from different parts of the world. Students undertook field study visits to Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland, Venda (Northern South Africa) and Zimbabwe. They attended a hearing at the South African Constitutional Court and wrote a shadow judgment. In addition each student took one language course (French, advanced English or Portuguese).
Students spent the second semester, from August to December 2013, at the partner universities, where they did the following:

- an internship (of approximately 150 hours)
- an academic human rights-related module
- a further course in either French, English or Portuguese; and
- a dissertation (independent research paper)

Partner universities:

- Benin: Faculté de Droit, Université d’Abomey Calavi
- Cameroon: APDHAC, Université Catholique d’Afrique Centrale
- Ethiopia: Faculty of Law, Addis Ababa University
- Ghana: Faculty of Law, University of Ghana
- Nigeria: Faculty of Law, University of Lagos
- Mauritius: Faculty of Law and Management, University of Mauritius
- Mozambique: Faculdade de Direito, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane
- Senegal: UFR Sciences Juridiques et Politiques, Université Gaston Berger de Saint Louis
- South Africa: Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape
- South Africa: Faculty of Law, University of Venda
- Uganda: School of Law, Makerere University

In December 2013 the Council of Directors approved two new partners:

- Kenya: School of Law, University of Nairobi
- Egypt: Faculty of Law, University of Alexandria

The inaugural Julius Osega Memorial Lecture was delivered by former President of Mozambique HE Mr Joachim Chissano in Kampala, Uganda, jointly organised by the School of Law, Makerere University and the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. Julius Osega was an alumnus of the programme (class of 2001) who hailed from Uganda. He was killed in 2008 while serving on an African Union/United Nations peace-keeping mission in Darfur, Sudan.

The annual graduation ceremony was held on International Human Rights Day, 10 December 2013, during which an Honorary Doctorate was conferred on the founding Director of the Centre, Judge Johann van der Westhuizen of the South African Constitutional Court.

The Master’s programme was financially supported by the European Union (main funder), through the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC), Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD), Royal Netherlands Government and the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa (OSISA).
LLM/MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights)

The LLM/MPhil programme in multidisciplinary human rights is offered to candidates with an LLB degree (who graduate with an LLM) or an honours degree in another field (who graduate with an MPhil (Multidisciplinary Human Rights)). Two students graduated on the LLM programme in 2013.

LLM (HIV and International Law in Africa)

This programme was the only one of its kind in South Africa and in 2013 ten students graduated.

LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa)

This programme is presented at the Centre every second year, beginning in July. In 2013, 20 students from 14 countries completed the first semester of the Programme.

The LLM (International Trade and Investment Law in Africa) programme is financially supported by ABSA and the National Research Foundation (NRF).

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

Twenty-second African Human Rights Moot Court Competition

The African Human Rights Moot Court Competition has become the largest annual gathering on the continent of students and lecturers of law. Established in 1992, 1027 teams from 139 universities, representing 49 African countries, have over the last 22 years participated in this premier event on the university and human rights calendar of the continent.

The Competition aims to prepare a new generation of lawyers to argue cases of alleged human rights violations before the newly established African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights, which is operational since 2008. 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.

The students argue a hypothetical human rights case under the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights, before benches of law professors and human rights experts. The judges in the final round are international human rights lawyers of the highest standing, and simultaneous translation is provided.

The 23rd African Human Rights Moot Court Competition was held at the University of the Western Cape. Fifty-four universities attended. The Moot also included a high-level conference entitled “Constitution-making in Africa” to celebrate 20 years of South Africa’s first democratic constitution. The aim of the conference was to provide a platform for the critical engagement with current and past constitution-making processes on the continent, drawing on the comparative experience of academics and practitioners.
After two days of preliminary rounds, the top teams from each of the language groups advanced to the final round and were re-constituted into two teams:

- For the Respondent and eventual winners: Moi University (Kenya), Université des Lagunes CIDD (Côte d’Ivoire) and Universidade Catolica de Angola (Angola).
- For the Applicant and runners-up: University of Stellenbosch (South Africa), Université Libre de Kinshasa (DRC) and Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique).

The Moot Court Competition was financially supported by the Open Society Initiative West Africa (OSIWA), European Union (EU), Open Society Foundation, South Africa and the Flemish Delegation to South Africa.

Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC)

The Advanced Human Rights Courses (AHRC) Programme consists of a series of short courses aimed at senior government officials, legal practitioners, managers and staff of human rights institutions, NGOs, intergovernmental organisations, academics and other interested parties with participants from South Africa, Africa and the rest of the world. The Centre for Human Rights has developed these courses in a highly successful manner over the last 13 years with significant participation from decision-makers across Africa, and lecturers who are internationally recognised as leaders in their field.

The following courses were presented during 2013:

- February: Sexual Minority Rights
- March: Judicial Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights
- May: Disability Rights in an African Context
- June: Intellectual Property and Public Interest
- September: Indigenous Peoples’ Rights
- October: African Human Rights in Comparative Perspective
- November: Right to Development
- November: The Role of Men and Boys in Achieving Gender Equality
- November: International Humanitarian Law
- November: Children’s Rights in Africa

All courses covered the main principles relating to the respective fields they address, but seen from a specifically African perspective, focusing on the issues of relevance in the continent.

During 2013, a total of 427 participants attended AHRC courses. Although participants were mainly from Africa, a number of participants came from Europe, Asia and the USA.

The following institutional partners were instrumental in presenting some of the courses: the Institute for Human Rights Law, Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium); the University of Antwerp (Belgium); the University of Ghent (Belgium); Sonke Gender Justice Network (South Africa); the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA); and Save the Children International.

The 2013 AHRC courses were funded by the Flemish Government; the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Irish Aid (through Sonke Gender Justice Network); the Open Society Foundation; and Save the Children International.
International Development Law Unit (IDLU)

The International Development Law Unit (IDLU) examines the interface between international law and development, by focusing on issues such as global economic governance, and business and human rights. The SARCHI Chair on International Relations is based in IDLU, and oversees its activities. The initial Chair, Professor Danny Bradlow vacated the Chair in 2013. A new Chair will start in 2014.

IDLU, in partnership with SAIIA and the Department of Political Sciences (UP), held the first Global Economic Governance (GEG) capacity building workshop. This two-week capacity building workshop was held at the University of Pretoria, with the following main objectives: strengthen knowledge and capacity building on global economic governance; ensure better understanding on the different factors, aspects, processes and key institutions that exist within and make up global economic governance; provide extensive discussion and interactive sessions on current issues largely affecting global economic governance; and provide a critical assessment on the impact of global economic governance on African countries.

A total of twelve participants from various countries in Africa participated in the programme. Discussions between the experts, lecturers and participants created a platform in which insights and perspectives on institutions of global economic governance and their relationship with Africa could be expressed and discussed.

In June of 2013 a G8 study group meeting, held at the University of Pretoria, was addressed by the British High Commissioner to South Africa Dame Nicola Brewer. With the UK assuming the Presidency of the G8, the study group meeting focused on the evaluation of G8 commitments to Africa so far and an interrogation of the current priorities in relation to Africa.

The second annual G20 conference was held in November 2013, focusing on some of the policy issues the G20 handles, as well as ways in which the G20 can support Africa. Two participants from the capacity building workshop were selected to attend the conference.

The National Research Foundation financially supported IDLU in 2013. The GEG Africa project is supported by funding from the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID); the German International Cooperation (GIZ); and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

World Human Rights Moot Court Competition

The 5th annual World Human Rights Moot Court Competition was organised and hosted by the Centre. All Universities in the world are invited to present a team of two students to this unique event. The objective of the Competition is to promote cooperation between Law Faculties around the world. The Competition also aims to foster exchanges between legal systems and traditions. Teams are invited to prepare and send memorials (heads of argument) based on a hypothetical case centered on United Nations Human Rights treaties. The top teams representing the five UN regions are then selected to come to Pretoria and participate in the semi-finals and the final round. The Competition is organised in partnership with the Southern Africa Regional Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Thirteen teams from all over the world took part in the Competition, from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Germany, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Switzerland, Romania, and the United States of America.
Judy the final round included Judge Bess Nkabinde (Constitutional Court of South Africa); Dr Syed Sadiq (Deputy Representative of UN Women Multi-Country Office, South Africa); and Prof Christof Heyns (UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary, or Arbitrary Executions).

The winners were the Norman Manley Law School from Jamaica, for the fourth year running.

The World Human Rights Moot Court Competition was financially supported by the Flemish Delegation in South Africa, and the Southern Africa Regional Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

First Southern African Disability Rights Moot Court Competition

The first Southern African Disability Rights Moot Court Competition was held in which teams consisting of two students argued a hypothetical case on issues of disability right. The students were drawn from each of the five Disability Rights university partners, namely: Midlands State University (Zimbabwe), University of Dodoma (Tanzania), Chancellor’s College (Malawi), University of Zambia and Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique).

The final round was judged by a panel of experts consisting of Justice Zak Yacoob (former Justice of the Constitutional Court), Judge Monica Mbaru (Judge of the High Court of Kenya), Prof Francisco Barni (Mar del Plata University, Argentina), Ms Orquidea Massarongo (Universidade Eduardo Mondlane) and Ms Tirza Leibowitz (Open Society Initiative). The University of Zambia emerged as the overall winner, with Midlands State University (Zimbabwe) being declared the runners up.

RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

Gender Unit

The Gender Unit continued in 2013 to work for the advancement of women’s human rights on the continent by strengthening the capacity of various stakeholders to promote gender equality and implement the African Women’s Rights Protocol (Protocol).

One notable achievement in this respect was the strengthened capacity of key stakeholders from 11 African countries on the state reporting process under the Protocol resulting from 2 workshops facilitated by the Gender Unit. One of the workshops was held in South Africa, attended by representatives from NGOs, governments, and gender equality commissions from the Southern African region. The other workshop was held in Dakar, Senegal, for representatives from the same sectors in West Africa. The special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa attended the latter session.

The Gender Unit partnered with Equality Now to provide training on the Protocol to lawyers in Southern Africa; and it also collaborated with the Centre for the Study of AIDS at the University of Pretoria and Sonke Gender Justice to deliver a short course on the role of men and boys towards achieving gender equality. For the third consecutive year, training on gender mainstreaming was provided to development partners of Irish Aid, and staff of the University of Pretoria.
The Gender Unit participated in several regional meetings and conferences in 2013 including the annual strategic planning meeting of the Solidarity for African Women’s Rights network, a high-level Africa Union meeting on domesticking the Protocol; and a conference on sexual and reproductive health and HIV at the Faculty of Law, Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo.

Human Rights Clinics

The Centre runs a number of Human Rights Clinics, each of which aims to contribute to legal developments pertaining to human rights in Africa. The work of the clinics includes:

(i) the preparation and presentation of communications or cases to the African Commission, African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights and sub-regional courts;
(ii) preparation and submission of shadow/alternative reports to African and UN human rights treaty bodies;
(iii) development and issuing of policy papers, press releases and other promotional tools;
(iv) technical assistance to the African Commission Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Information and Access to Information; and
(v) client support and policy papers on HIV and human rights, in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of AIDS at the University of Pretoria.

Disability Rights Project

The Centre partnered with the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) to contribute to and monitor the Disability Rights and Law Schools Project in Southern Africa. The project aimed to introduce the teaching of disability rights/law courses in Southern African law schools.

Every year since 2011, the Centre admits 2 African scholars to the LLM/MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) programme, on which they gain advanced training before returning to their home countries where a module on disability rights will be included in the university curriculum. The Centre plays an oversight role in curriculum development and other activities in respect of these partner universities.

The Centre hosted an International Conference under the theme ‘Overcoming Obstacles: Towards the Effective Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Africa.’ Miss Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, Disability and Inclusive Development officer at USAID, delivered the opening address. The African Disability Rights Yearbook (ADRY) was launched on the evening of the conference and Justice Jac Yacoob was the guest speaker.

The Centre has also been responsible for the process of soliciting and selecting African students with disabilities for Master’s studies to be undertaken at partner universities in Europe and North America.
Under the Centre’s auspices, the first issue of the African Disability Rights Yearbook (ADRY) was published. The ADRY aims to stimulate scholarship and trace developments related to the rights of persons with disabilities in Africa. It consists of three parts: (i) academic scholarship in the form of peer-reviewed articles; (ii) an overview of legal developments in selected African states; (iii) an overview of developments at the regional and sub-regional level. Its editor-in-chief, Prof Charles Ngwena, is assisted by co-editors, Ilze Grobbelaar-du Plessis (UP), Helene Combrinck (UWC) and Serges Kamga (UNISA).

The disability rights project was financially supported by Open Society Foundation (OSF), the Open Society Initiative of Southern Africa (OSISA) and the Foundation Open Society Institute (FOSI).

Freedom of Expression Programme

Stakeholders Meeting on the Decriminalisation of Laws Limiting Freedom of Expression in Malawi

On 6 February 2013, the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa, Commissioner Pansy Tlakula, in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights, in partnership with the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) and Media Institute for South Africa (MISA) in Malawi, MISA-Malawi, held a stakeholders meeting in Lilongwe on the decriminalisation of laws limiting freedom of expression in Malawi. The meeting brought together organisations that have worked on the decriminalisation of laws limiting freedom of expression in Malawi in the past, those that are well positioned to do so in the future, as well as representatives of media groupings whose activities are most jeopardised by the existence of these laws. At the end of the meeting, an 11 point Plan of Action for the repeal of criminal laws limiting freedom of expression in Malawi was adopted by participants.

Stakeholders Meeting on the Decriminalisation of Laws Limiting Freedom of Expression and the Safety of Journalists in East Africa


The meeting brought together government officials, national human rights institutions, national journalist associations, as well as civil society organisations (from Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda) to discuss issues related to the decriminalisation of freedom of expression and the safety of journalists in Eastern Africa. At the end of discussions, participants developed country Action Plans aimed at further dialogue with government for the decriminalisation of these laws and on the improvement of the safety of journalists in Eastern Africa.

Stakeholders Meeting on the Decriminalisation of Laws Limiting Freedom of Expression and the Safety of Journalists in Southern Africa

From 20 to 21 August 2013, the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa, Commissioner Pansy Tlakula, in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights and the Media Institute for Southern Africa (MISA) Regional Secretariat, held a stakeholders meeting on decriminalisation of laws limiting freedom of expression and on the safety of journalists for Southern Africa, in Pretoria, South Africa.
This meeting brought together government officials, national human rights institutions, national journalist associations, as well as civil society organisations from 11 Southern African countries (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe), to discuss issues related to the decriminalisation of laws which criminalise freedom of expression and the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity in southern Africa. At the end of discussions, country specific Action Plans were developed by participants.

Research on the use and impact of criminal laws limiting freedom of expression in Africa

In July 2013, the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa, Commissioner Pansy Tlakula commissioned a research into the use and impact of criminal laws limiting freedom of expression in seven African countries (Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, Lesotho, Liberia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe). Prior to the commencement of the research, a pilot study was undertaken in Zambia to test the research template that had been developed for this purpose. The research commenced in July 2013 and is expected to be completed in early 2014.

Access to Information Programme

Adoption and Launch of the Model Law on Access to Information for Africa

The Model Law on Access to Information for Africa which was developed under the auspices of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa, Commissioner Pansy Tlakula, was again presented to the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights (African Commission) for adoption at its Extra-Ordinary Session which took place from 18 – 25 February 2013 in Banjul, the Gambia. The African Commission adopted the text in its final form, following further suggestions. The Model Law was subsequently officially launched on 12 April 2013, during the 53rd Ordinary Session of the African Commission, which took place from 9 to 23 April 2013 in Banjul, the Gambia.

Strengthening Legal Frameworks on Access to Information in Africa

In March 2013, and in collaboration with the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa, Commissioner Pansy Tlakula, the programme commenced a two-year project entitled ‘Strengthening Legal Frameworks on Access to Information in Africa’.

The project aims to strengthen the legal frameworks for the enforcement of the right of access to information at regional, sub-regional and national levels in Africa, using the recently adopted Model Law on Access to Information for Africa. The project seeks to integrate the Model Law into the existing legal framework of the African Union through the African Union Commission, the NEPAD/APRM process and the Pan African Parliament and at the sub-regional level, through the Regional Economic Communities. At the national level, technical support will be provided to assist 10 Member States with the adoption and implementation of access to information laws which conform to the Model Law.

The Freedom of Expression project was financially supported by Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA), the Foundation Open Society Institute (FOSI) and the German International Cooperation (GIZ).
Finalisation meeting on the Global Principles on National Security and the Right to Information (“Tshwane Principles”)

On 5 and 6 April 2013, the programme in partnership with the Open Society Justice Initiative hosted the finalisation meeting of the Draft Principles on National Security and the Right to Information, in Pretoria, South Africa. The meeting brought together representatives of 26 organisations and academic centres to finalise the draft document, following several regional consultations worldwide. The Principles have since been launched, on 12 June 2013, as the Global Principles on National Security and the Right to Information (“Tshwane Principles”).

The Access to Information project was financially supported by Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA), the Foundation Open Society Institute (FOSI), the German International Cooperation (GIZ) and the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDF).

International Conference on Women’s Health and Reproductive Rights

This was a conference to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa. Fifteen papers were presented on the broad theme of women’s reproductive health and included topics such as the reproductive health of marginalized groups, resource allocation and women’s reproductive health, abortion and sexual rights. Mr Stephen Lewis of AIDS Free World delivered the annual Helen Kanzira Memorial Lecture during the conference. Helen Kanzira hailed from Uganda and was an alumna of the pioneer class of the LLM (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) programme. She died in childbirth in 2007.

The conference was funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (through the Embassy in Pretoria).

Fostering Human Rights Among European (external and internal) Policies (FRAME)

FRAME brings together 19 universities and human rights institutes mainly from the European Union, Egypt, China, India, Peru, South Africa and the United States to investigate the role of the European Union in the protection of human rights. FRAME is a four-year project launched in 2013. The Centre for Human Rights participates in six work packages dealing with challenges and factors; underlying conceptions; institutions and instruments; engagement with multilateral organisations; bilateral cooperation; and development and trade.

UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Eritrea

The project aims to strengthen the capacity of the Centre for Human Rights in contributing to the academic discourse and concrete action regarding the situation of human rights in Eritrea, with a view to bringing about better enjoyment of human rights in the country. In this regard, the Centre provides some support to the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea (Special Rapporteur) as she delivers independently on her mandate.

This involves primarily monitoring human rights developments in Eritrea, including maintaining an overview of human rights and political developments in the Horn of Africa, through daily desktop research.
The main implementer being the senior researcher appointed to support the Special Rapporteur. As information within Eritrea is very controlled and limited, it is necessary to keep abreast of other online news resources to keep abreast of the situation of human rights in Eritrea. The information derived is then documented on a database monitoring any improvements or progress made in relation to the situation of human rights in Eritrea.

Some students on the LLM/MPhil (Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa) programme participated in the Eritrea Human Rights Clinic and provided some support to the Special Rapporteur, mainly in the form of research on the situation of human rights in Eritrea.

The Special Rapporteur attended the 53rd session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, where she presented her vision of and approach to the mandate during a briefing with the members of the Commission.


The Centre for Human Rights together with the Working Group has been awarded a research project by the Australian Government to investigate and explore the impact of the extractive industries in Africa on the environment and human rights. The project is scheduled to end in mid-2015, with the development of a set of human rights-based Guidelines for Extractive Industries in Africa. The project involves different activities, of which four country visits to conduct primary research are the most notable for the first stage of the project.

The project is expected to deliver several research outputs, including background studies on selected countries, thematic research papers, and reports on all activities. Background studies on Liberia and Zambia have been done so far, and four thematic papers are in the process of being finalised on the topics of international standards pertaining to extractive industries; case studies of extractive industries and human and peoples’ rights in Africa; national legislation on extractive industries in Africa; and the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights in Africa.

The project was financially supported by the Australian Government.

National Action Plans Project

Following the adoption of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Ruggie Principles) by the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2011, the United Nations Working Group on Human Rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises (UN Working Group) has been working to help countries across the globe adopt national action plans (NAPs) on implementing the Ruggie Principles. The Centre is one in a coalition of organisations which has been awarded a project by the UN Working Group to assist national human rights institutions in developing NAPs, and is holding workshops to this extent. The other organisations in the coalition include the Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS), the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (SAIFAC), the Asian Business & Rule of Law initiative, the Singapore Compact, and ASEAN CSR Network.
The Centre hosted the Kenyan Law Reform Commission (KLRC) for a study visit to South Africa. The new Kenyan Constitution was adopted in 2010, and the KLRC has since been burdened with the task of reforming all existing legislation in Kenya, bringing them in line with the provisions of the new Constitution. As the Kenyan constitution is quite similar to the South African constitution in many regards, the KLRC came to South Africa with a view to learn about the law reform process post 1995. The main purpose of the visit was to meet with role players from different backgrounds on the issues that need to be addressed in the law reform process, and learn from the South African experience. Some of the meetings involved professors from the Universities of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria (UP), the Witwatersrand (Wits), and Johannesburg (UJ). The KLRC also spent two days with the South African Law Reform Commission and the South African Human Rights Commission.

Freedom of Association and Civil Society Workshop

The International Centre for Not-for-profit Law (ICNL), together with the Centre, hosted a workshop in Pretoria on the freedom of association and civil society in Africa. The main focus of the workshop was legislation pertaining to freedom of association and the implications on civil society in Africa. The workshop was attended by several representatives from civil society groups in South Africa, as well as Master’s and Doctoral students from the Centre.

PUBLICATIONS

Pretoria University Law Press (PULP)

The Pretoria University Law Press (PULP), an independent press based at the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria, and administered from the Centre, seeks to strengthen the rule of law and promote legal scholarship on the African continent by publishing primary materials and scholarly texts on law and its related disciplines in Africa.

In keeping with PULP’s access to information policy, all the books are available online in electronic format at no charge.

PULP now publishes seven law journals – the Constitutional Court Review; African Human Rights Law Reports; Pretoria Student Law Review; Botswana Law Review; the first open-access law journal of the Faculty of Law, De Jure; the African Human Rights Law Journal; and the African Disability Rights Yearbook. In addition, PULP publishes periodical discussion papers on topical issues (PULP Fictions) and guides on legal writing and academic publishing in law.

During 2013, two more open-access journals were launched, one already having been published for many years, the African Human Rights Law Journal and the latest journal the African Disability Rights Yearbook.
Books published by PULP during 2013
- Pretoria Student Law Review (2011)
- Pretoria Student Law Review (2012)
- PULP guide - Where to publish articles on the law (2013)
- Compendium of key human rights documents of the African Union (5th Edition, English)
- University of Botswana Law Journal (June 2012)
- University of Botswana Law Journal (December 2012)
- African Disability Rights Yearbook (2013)
- De Jure 46 Volume 1 2013
- De Jure 46 Volume 2 2013
- De Jure 46 Volume 3 2013
- De Jure 46 Volume 4 2013
- Constitution Making, Constitutionalism and Constitutional Reform in Africa
- Exploited, Undervalued – and Essential: Domestic workers and the realisation of their rights

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STAFF ACTIVITIES

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Publications
• “From a cat into a lion? An overview of the progress and challenges of the African human rights system at the African Commission’s 25 year mark” Law Democracy and Development 17, 298-314
• “The role and impact of international and foreign law on adjudication in the apex courts of Brazil, India and South Africa” in Vilhena, Baxi & Viljoen (eds) Transformative constitutionalism: Comparing apex courts of Brazil, India and South Africa, Pretoria University Law Press, 2013

Teaching
Taught on the postgraduate level at the Universities of Essex and Oxford, United Kingdom; Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique; University for Peace, Costa Rica; and the Åbo Akademi University, Finland.

Editorship and member of editorial board
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Publications
• ‘The suspension of the SADC Tribunal’ Strategic review for Southern Africa/Strategiese oorsig vir Suider-Afrika 35(1), 135-146

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Publications
• ‘Some reflections on the prospects for the harmonisation of international business law in Africa: OHADA and beyond Africa Today 59(3), 51-82
• ‘Some perspectives on durability and change under modern African constitutions’ International Journal of Constitutional Law 11(2), 382-413
• ‘An overview of the constitutional framework of the right to social security with special reference to South Africa’ African Journal of international and comparative law Constitutional Law 21(1), 1-31
• The Botswana Legal System 2nd ed. (LexisNexis) (2013)

Conference papers/keynote addresses
• ‘Teaching of Constitutional Law in Africa’, paper presented at the Stellenbosch Annual Seminar on Constitutionalism in Africa, 4-6 September 2013, Stellenbosch
• ‘Constitution-building in Africa: The never-ending story of the making, unmaking and remaking of constitutions’, Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study, 26 September 2013
• ‘Rethinking Anti-corruption Strategies in Africa: Constitutional entrenchment as a basis for credible and effective anti-corruption clean-ups’, symposium on Finding Solutions to Africa’s Development, 25 - 26 July 2013, UNISA, Pretoria
• ICLA/Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) project on Stellenbosch Annual Seminar on African constitutionalism 4-7 September 2013
• Seminar for Oxford Reporters of African Constitutions Online from 3-7 September, 2013

Editorial Activities
Member of the editorial board of the following journals:
• African Journal of International Affairs

Ms Karen Stefiszyn and Prof Hansungule at the Training for Lawyers on using the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa for legal action
In recognition of his sacrifice, commitment and passion for the advancement of human rights on our continent, the 2013 Vera Chirwa Award was presented to Mr Augustin Kounkiné Somé (pictured here with Ms Romola Adeola, Alumni Coordinator)

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Publications
• ‘A Commentary on L.C. v Peru: The CEDAW Committee’s First Decision on Abortion’ Journal of African Law 57(2) 310-324
• ‘Reforming African abortion laws to achieve transparency: arguments from equality’ African Journal of International and Comparative Law 21(3) 398-426
• ‘Scope and limits of judicialisation of the constitutional right to health in South Africa: an appraisal of key cases with particular reference to justiciability’ Journal of Health Law (Revista De Direito Sanitário) 14(2) 43-64 available at http://www.revistas.usp.br/rdisan
• ‘Human right to inclusive education: exploring a double discourse of inclusive education using South Africa as a case study’ Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights 31(4) 473-504
• ‘Right to Health in Post-apartheid era South Africa’ in Zuniga JM, Marks SJ Gostin LO (eds) Advancing the human right to health Oxford University Press, 129-142 (with Cook RJ & Durojaye ET)
• ‘Western Cape Forum for Intellectual Disability v Government of the Republic of South Africa: A Case Study of Contradictions in Inclusive Education’ African Disability Rights Yearbook 129-164
Papers delivered
- Not yet Uhuru: Women, Reproductive Health and Equal Citizenship in ‘Postcolonial’ Africa with Special Reference to Malawi’s abortion law, Keynote speech to Preliminary National Consultative Workshop on the Review of Laws on Abortion, Sunbird Capital Hotel, Lilongwe, Malawi, 9-10 April
- Global and regional response to unsafe abortion: the place of transparency obligations in the African region, First Global Conference on Contraception, reproductive and sexual health, Copenhagen, Denmark, 22-25 May
- Access to safe abortion as a human right: international and regional agreements on sexual and reproductive health and rights, Regional Meeting of Ministers on Unsafe Abortion and Maternal Mortality in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, 18-19 June

Editorships and membership of editorial boards
- Member of the Editorial Board, Medical Law International
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- Convening Editor, African Yearbook on Disability Rights
- Guest Editor, Special issue on disability in South African Journal on Human Rights
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Publications
- ‘Universality and the growth of regional systems’ Oxford Handbook of International Human Rights Law Oxford University Press, 670-698 (with Heyns CJ)
- Compendium of key human rights documents of the African Union (with C Heyns), also published in French

Teaching
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Editorships
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Conference presentations
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