

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFILE AND COMPETENCE SUMMARY

Post graduate in public international law (human rights) - Advanced training in good governance and democratisation in Africa - Twenty (20) years' experience in programmes pertaining to the legal and judicial protection of human rights, the rule of law, international human rights law, constitutional governance and democratisation in Africa - Sound legal research, analytical, and drafting skills with an excellent command of English and French - Experience with the justice sector, public agencies, academic institutions, donors and civil society in law auditing, training, advisory work, and programme management with a focus on institutional governance and the legal and judicial protection of human rights - senior level experience with regional African judicial organisations and human rights organs of the African Union.

Theoretical and practical experience in international human rights adjudication and litigation, follow-up on implementation and state compliance with decisions of (international) courts with a focus on Africa - Interest and experience in research and publication relating to public international law, human rights, justice, constitutionalism, and democracy.

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

Contribute directly at strategic and operational levels to human development in Africa through actions aiming to:

- Protect and promote of human rights;
- Strengthen of the rule of law and consolidate democracy;
- Pursue political, social and economic governance based on purposive constitutionalism;
- Realise African Union's Agenda 2063;
- Achieve ECOWAS Vision 2050.

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Acting Head of Legal Division, October 2022 - to date
Principal Legal Officer - Head of Unit, March 2016 - to date
Special Assistant to the President (2016-2018; 2021-2022)
African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Arusha, Tanzania

Jan 2013 - Feb 2016
Senior Legal Expert
Team Leader
GFA Consulting Group, funded by GIZ
African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Banjul, The Gambia

Jan 2011 - Dec 2012
Research and Litigation Project Coordinator
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Jan - Dec 2010
Executive Officer | ForAID NGO Benin
External Human Rights Consultant | Centre for Human Rights

Apr - Dec 2009
International Law and Human Rights Researcher
International Law in Domestic Courts Project (ILDC)
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria | Centre for International Law, University of Amsterdam

Jul 2008 - Dec 2008
Human Rights Fellow
United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Regional Office for East Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Jan - June 2008
Institutional Governance and Human Rights Consultant
Benin Human Rights Commission

Oct 2002 - Dec 2006
Programme Officer, Legal and Judicial Human Rights Protection
Francophone Africa Supreme Courts Association (AA-HJF)
Supreme Court of Benin

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Acting Head of Legal Division, October 2022 - to date

Principal Legal Officer - Head of Unit, March 2016 - to date

Special Assistant to the President of the Court (2016-2018; 2021-2022)

African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Arusha, Tanzania

- Manages and supervises the conduct of legal research on international law relating to human rights, relevant developments in international law in general, legislation and jurisprudence at the level of international courts, and any other relevant research, mainly on issues arising from applications filed before the Court and other judicial matters
- Participates in the planning and implementation of periodical training courses for the Judicial and Library, Documentation and Archival functions
- Coordinates and supervises the preparation of the Work Plans and Budgets for the Units of the Legal Division
- Coordinates and oversees the activities of the entire Legal Division and ensures the judicious management of its resources
- Officer in Charge of the Registry, and Legal Division
- Handling contentious and advisory matters
- Conducting research in various areas of public international (human rights) law
- Drafting judgments, decisions, opinions, briefs and other technical or policy documents on the interpretation and implementation of provisions of international law instruments, in particular, the African Charter, African Court Protocol, African Women's Protocol; the African Court and Commission's Rules of Procedure
- Assistant Editor, and Coordinator for the publication of the African Court Law Report
- Editor and Coordinator of the African Human Rights Yearbook
- Servicing the Committee on Amendment of the Court Rules
- Coordinating the study for the establishment of the mechanism for monitoring the implementation of decisions of the Court and adoption of the Framework thereon
- Focal Person for sensitization missions to AU Member States on ratification of the Protocol and filing of the declaration of recognition of jurisdiction
- Focal Person for the implementation of the Kampala Declaration governing cooperation with the European and Inter-American Courts
- Focal Person for Exchanges Visits to the European Court of Human Rights, International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court, and Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals
- Coordinating the drafting of the Manual of litigation before the Court
- Supervising legal officers and interns
- Special Assistant to the President of the Court, advising the President on legal

and administrative matters; and attending summits of the African Union, engaging with policy organs of the African Union

- Member of the Management Committee of the Registry, the Internal Procurement Committee, the Board of Survey of the Court, and the Appointment, Promotion and Recruitment Board

Jan 2013 - Feb 2016

Senior Legal Expert

Team Leader

GFA Consulting Group, funded by GIZ

Project: “Strengthening the Capacity of the African Commission”

African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, Banjul, The Gambia

- Supervised research in the areas of public international (human rights) law
- Handled individual Communications/Complaints
- Conducted research and drafting decisions for consideration by the Commission; presenting and defending draft decisions before the Commission
- Conducted research and drafted opinions, briefs, pleadings, and other technical or policy documents on the interpretation and implementation of provisions of the African Charter, African Court Protocol, Women’s Protocol, Court and Commission’s Rules of Procedure
- Identified cases and drafted recommendations for referral to the African Court
- Supported litigation of cases referred to the Court by the Commission
- Drafted guidelines for referral of cases to the African Court
- Member of the Communications Management Team, and Working Group on Communications
- Led a team of three legal experts, including technical, administrative, and senior management functions

Jan 2011 - Dec 2012

Research and Litigation Project Coordinator

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

- Conducted research on state compliance with the judgments of the ECOWAS Court of Justice and influence on domestic systems; in a comparative approach with UN, European, American, and African regional and sub-regional systems and regimes
- Supervised Master’s students in Human Rights Clinics, ‘Litigation in regional courts in Africa’
- Represented the Centre for Human Rights in a case filed with RADDHO before the ECOWAS Court of Justice
- Contributed to the preparation of amicus curiae submission to the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights

- Drafted commentaries, reports, articles and chapters for various academic research projects
- Coordinated the Association of Alumni of the LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa: Administration and management, coordination of academic research, publication and other alumni projects, setting up and launching of country chapters, organisation of alumni country chapter meetings
- Chief Editor of 'Righting Wrongs', HRDA Alumni Association Newsletter
- Member of the Vera Chirwa Human Rights Award Selecting Committee
- Coordinator of the Alumni Association of the LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa, management of the Association, academic research and publication and other projects involving alumni, launching of national chapters, organising and supporting national chapters' meetings

Jan - Dec 2010

Executive Officer | ForAID NGO Benin

External Consultant | Centre for Human Rights

- Chaired and represented the ForAID Executive Committee on National NGOs Forum
- Initiated the Benin elections fair (2010) and advocated for a presidential debate during Benin 2011 election; organised youth human rights campaigns in high schools in Cotonou (Benin)
- Served as the Centre for Human Rights focal person and a coordinating member of the Benin UNESCO Chair Organising Committee, 19th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition (Cotonou-Benin, 4-9 October 2010)
- Undertook empirical research on international case law, the rights to political participation and freedom of association

Apr - Dec 2009

International Law and Human Rights Researcher

International Law in Domestic Courts Project (ILDC)

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria | Centre for International Law, University of Amsterdam

- Conducted research and traced international law relevant cases from domestic courts in Francophone West Africa
- Contributed to the organisation of an international conference on 'International law and human rights litigation in Africa' held in Lagos in conjunction with the 18th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition
- Contributed to the selection and editing of proceedings of the conference for publication
- ILDC Reporter and commentator

Jan - Mar 2009

Human Rights Expert

Constitutional Court of Benin

- Conducted research and drafted a prospective paper on the projected amendment of the Constitution of Benin, 1990
- Law review

Jul 2008 - Dec 2008

Human Rights Fellow

United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human

Rights (OHCHR), Regional Office for East Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- Contributed to the organisation and coordination of a training workshop on “Human Rights Based Approach to Programming for Ethiopia UN Country Team staff”
- Supported human rights capacity building and technical co-operation projects for Djibouti, Tanzania and Ethiopia
- Drafted a research and strategy paper on “Building on human rights mandates in regional integration to foster human rights development in Africa: How can the UN and OHCHR help?”
- Conducted research on the “Impact of counter-terrorism measures on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights”
- Drafted Terms of Reference for the development of a Human Rights Resource Centre within the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission
- Drafted Terms of Reference, a questionnaire and researched for a baseline study on “the state of parallel reporting by East African countries’ civil society organisations to United Nations Treaty Bodies and cooperation with Special Procedures”
- Contributed to the final draft of the project document on “Strengthening the capacity of the African Union organs with a human rights mandate” in the framework of the UN 10-year capacity building program for the AU

Jan - June 2008

Institutional Governance and Human Rights Consultant

Benin Human Rights Commission

- Advocated for the reinstatement of the Commission
- Conducted research, drafted and published an advocacy paper on institutional governance in Benin calling for the rehabilitation of the Commission
- Communicated to the President of the Republic, Parliament Speaker, Presidents of Supreme and Constitutional Courts, Ombudsman, Justice and Human Rights Minister on Benin’s international commitments with regard to

the Commission

- Raised public awareness on the situation of the Commission and the urgent need for its rehabilitation, including TV and radio interviews and articles in newspapers
- Contributed through relevant recommendations to the renewal of the Commission's membership, the launching of its activities, and its involvement in on going national and international initiatives
- Drafted and published an advocacy report

Oct 2002 - Dec 2006

Programme Officer, Legal and Judicial Human Rights Protection

Francophone Africa Supreme Courts Association (AA-HJF) with the support of Interights and Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA)

- Organised three annual sessions of an international judicial human rights course at judicial training schools in Benin, Burkina Faso, and Senegal
- Organised international judicial conferences for Supreme Courts' judges and other stakeholders of the judiciary from West and Central Africa
- Organised judicial exchange visits for West and Central Africa judges
- Edited and distributed an international human rights course syllabus
- Drafted results focused mid-term and final reports, program budgets and motivated grant applications; drafted Association's plan of action and annual activity reports, coordinating the development of a legislative and jurisprudential database, an experts and consultants' database and contributed to the selection of trainers and trainers of trainers
- Supported the organisation of and attended annual statutory meetings (General Assembly, Board and other meetings)
- Conducted legal research
- Assistant Editor of the Association's Law Review

Jan - Apr 2001

Electoral Programme Assistant

International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)

- Supporting the National Electoral Commission for the 2001 presidential election in Benin
- Providing technical and operational support to electoral officers, members of parliament and members of the Electoral Commission
- Contributing to the framing of a national election management strategy, its discussion with stakeholders and dissemination at country level

EDUCATION

LL.D. Doctor of Laws, Public International Law, Human Rights

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, 2013

LL.M. Master of Laws in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, 2007

LL.B. Licence en Droit Public

Université Pierre Mendès (France) - USAM (Benin), 2005

Bachelor in Public Administration and Law

National School of Administration and Judicial Training, Université d'Abomey-Calavi (Benin), 1998

Certificate, Summer Courses, Central European University

- 'Strategic Human Rights Litigation', July 2015
- 'Constitution Building in Africa', July 2014

Certificates, United Nations

- Treaty bodies, common core document and target reports, Nov 2009
- Indigenous peoples and minority rights, Sept 2008
- Human Rights Based Approach to programming and development, Nov 2008

Certificates, Advanced Courses, University of Pretoria

- International Law, Jan 2007
- Socio-Economic Rights, Mar 2007
- Good Governance, Jul 2007
- Gender, Development and Human Rights, Dec 2007

Certificate, Strasbourg Institute for Human Rights

- Human Rights Summer Course, Aug 2004

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Presiding Judge, Africa Gender Equality Moot Court Competition 2022-2023, Equality Now and SOAWR and Strathmore University, Nairobi - January 2023
- Judge, Nuremberg Moot Court, International Nuremberg Principles Academy - since 2022
- Extraordinary Lecturer, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria - since 2016
- Visiting Professor, Master's Programme on "Comparative Constitutional Law

- and Human Rights”, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary - 2017
- Lecturer, 5th Yaoundé Session on “Refugees Rights and International Human Rights Law”, René Cassin Foundation International Human Rights Institute and Institute of International Relations of Cameroon, April/May 2022
- Faculty Member, Summer Course on Constitution Building in Africa, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary - since 2015
- Visiting Professor of human rights and comparative constitutional law, Faculty of Law, University of Saint Louis, Senegal - 2018
- Author and editor, ‘Justice politicking in Africa’ personalised blog on law, and justice in Africa
- Reviewer
 - African Human Rights Law Journal
 - Journal of African Law
 - African Human Rights Yearbook
 - The Age of Human Rights Journal
 - World Comparative Law Journal
 - De Jure Law Journal
 - Stellenbosch Handbooks in African Constitutional Law
 - A Theory of African Constitutionalism, ICON Book
 - The Gambia in Transition: Towards a New Constitutional Order; Justice and Accountability in Africa - Regional and National Developments, Pretoria University Law Press
- Supervisor
 - ‘The right to an effective remedy: an assessment of government compensation for human rights violations in Uganda, 2010-2017’, Master of Laws dissertation (University of Pretoria, 2018)
 - ‘Analysis of implementation of recommendations from the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism: explaining Uganda’s low rate of compliance in the context of theoretical factors’, Master of Laws dissertation (University of Pretoria, 2017)
- Examiner
 - ‘Legal traditions and constitutional interpretation of bills of rights: Comparative perspectives from the constitutional courts of Benin, or Congo and South Africa’, Doctoral thesis (University of Pretoria, 2021)
 - ‘Minority language rights in Namibia: an international human rights law perspective’, Master of Laws dissertation (University of the Western Cape, 2019)
 - ‘A critique of the jurisprudence of the African Commission regarding evidence in relation to human rights violations: a need for reform?’, Doctoral thesis defense (University of the Western Cape, 2018)
 - ‘Meeting the minimum standards on the Palermo Protocol: the case of South Africa’, Doctoral thesis defense (University of the Western Cape,

2018)

- ‘State compliance with and influence of reparation orders by regional and sub-regional human rights tribunal in five selected African states’, Doctoral thesis defense (University of Pretoria, 2017)
- ‘Implementation of African human rights decisions by domestic actors’, Doctoral proposal defense (University of Pretoria, 2017)

RESEARCH / PUBLICATION

Books

- Between Constitutionalism and Presidentialism: Successes and Dilemmas of Benin’s New Constitutional Dispensation, 1990-2012 (CeDAT, January 2013)
- Human Rights and Constitutional Adjudication in Africa: Benin’s Experience in the Light of the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights (L’Harmattan, October 2011)

Chapters in books

- Implementation of the Maputo Protocol in Benin in *The implementation of the Maputo Protocol in African States*, with Claire Houngan Ayemona (PULP, 2021)
- *A Model of Centralised Constitutional Adjudication: the Constitutional Court of Benin*, in Stellenbosch Series on African Constitutional Law (Oxford, 2017)
- “Made in Courts” Democracies? *Constitutional Adjudication and Politics in African Constitutionalism* in Stellenbosch Series on African Constitutional Law (Oxford, 2017)
- *Separation of powers and the role of the Public Prosecutor in Francophone Africa*, with C Fombad in Stellenbosch Series on African Constitutional Law (Oxford, 2016)
- Between presidentialism and a human rights approach to constitutionalism: Twenty years of practice and the dilemmas of revising the 1990 Constitution of Benin in *Constitutionalism and Democracy in Africa: Contemporary Perspectives from Sub-Saharan Africa* (Pretoria University Law Press, 2013)
- ‘Benin’ in Centre for Human Rights (ed), *Impact of the African Charter and Women’s Protocol in selected African states* (PULP, 2012)
- ‘Senegal’ in Centre for Human Rights (ed), *Impact of the African Charter and Women’s Protocol in selected African states* (PULP, 2012)
- International law and domestic human rights litigation in Africa: An introduction, with Magnus Killander in M Killander (ed) *International law and domestic human rights Litigation in Africa* (PULP, 2010)
- International law and human rights litigation in Côte d’Ivoire and Benin, with Armand Tanoh in M Killander (ed) *International law and domestic human rights Litigation in Africa* (PULP, 2010)

Articles

- The African Court: From the politics of gender to the gender of politics? Why women representation on the bench is not enough, *AfricLaw blog*, University of Pretoria (2021)
- A crisis of design and judicial practice? Curbing state disengagement from the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, *African Human Rights Law Journal* (Vol 20, 2020)
- Jurisdictional fiction? A dialectical scrutiny of the appellate competence of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, *Journal of Comparative Law in Africa* (Vol 6(2), 2019)
- The rise of a regional electoral judge in Africa (with EY Ngondo), *African Human Rights Yearbook* (Vol 3, 2019)
- Between unlimited imperium and restricted decidendi: reparations in the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (with S Oré), *African Human Rights Yearbook* (Vol 3, 2019)
- The making and remaking of national constitutions in African regional courts, *Africa Journal of Comparative Constitutional Law* (Vol 1, 2018)
- Will Konate set African journalists free? Interrogating the promises of an emerging press freedom jurisprudence in African regional courts (with N Jansen Reventlow), *African Human Rights Yearbook* (Vol 2, 2018)
- The main jurisprudential silences of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, *African Human Rights Yearbook* (Vol 2, 2018)
- Political motives or civil advocacy? The making of the Declaration recognising the jurisdiction of the African Court by Benin, *Glory Droits Humain Benin* (2018)
- In accordance with Paris? Gaps between advocacy and reshaping of the Benin Human Rights Commission, *Glory Droits Humain Benin* (2018)
- The ECOWAS Court Njemanze judgment, universal jurisdiction and implications for the grand African human rights system, *iConnect* (2018)
- The African Court and need for a system based approach to judicial law making, *AfricLaw* (2017)
- The ECOWAS Court as a Human Rights Promoter: Assessing Five Years' Impact of the Koraou Slavery Judgment, *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights* (Vol 3, 2013)
- 'Benin' in *Constitutions of the Countries of the World Online*, Oxford (2012)
- Visiting the Senegalese Legal System and Legal Research: A Human Rights' Perspective, *GlobaLex*, New York University (2009)

Commentaries

- Note on Resolution 234 of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Right to Nationality, *International Legal Materials*, American Society of International Law, 2014
- Can the ECOWAS Court revive regionalism through human rights? in 'Opinio

- Juris' American Journal of International Law Symposium, 2014
- Equating the right to life with an abolition of the death penalty under the ICCPR? The Benin Supreme Court case of Yaovi Azonhito v Public Prosecutor, in *International Law in Domestic Court (ILDC)*, Oxford, 2011
 - The ICC complementary jurisdiction, states sovereignty and constitutional immunities: Control of conformity of the Rome Statute with the Constitution by the Constitutional Council of Côte d'Ivoire, *ILDC*, 2010
 - The Rome Statute "Article 98 Agreements" and states commitments under international human rights law: The Benin Supreme Court advisory opinion on a proposed impunity agreement with the USA, *ILDC*, 2009

CONSULTANCIES - TRAINING

- Expert-Facilitator, Workshop and Note on review and certification of constitutional amendments in Africa, for Mali: Benin, Kenya and South Africa, November 2022, *International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance - IDEA*
- Expert-Facilitator, Workshop and Note on the general principles on the amendment and drafting of new constitutions during political transitions, for Mali with experiences from Benin and Burkina Faso, August 2022, *International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance - IDEA*
- Facilitator, Training of judges, lawyers and civil society actors on litigating the African Charter, Maputo Protocol, and Children's Charter in regional forums, Niger, March 2022, *Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA), American Bar Association*
- Consultant, Analysis of the African Commission's Decision in the Kilwa Case - Communication 393/10 - IRHDA and Others v DRC, *Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa* (2022)
- Consultant, Review of the Training Manual on CSO Shadow/Alternative Report on Women's Rights in Africa, *Equality Now* (2022)
- Consultant, Drafting of the Manual for Litigants before the ECOWAS Court of Justice, *Pan African Lawyers Union* (2022)
- Consultant, Study on the impact of Covid-19 on access to and administration of justice in Francophone Africa (with Charles Fombad), *Africa Judges and Jurists Forum* (ed) (2021)
- Consultant, Review Options in the Draft Constitution of Sudan (with O'Brien Kaaba and Felicity Kayumba Kalunga), *IDEA International and African Constitutional Law Association* (2021)
- Facilitator, Training of lawyers and civil society actors in regional human rights litigation, Togo, January 2021, *Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA)*
- Facilitator, Training of lawyers and civil society actors in regional litigation on women's and children's rights, Mali, March 2021, *IHRDA*

- Facilitator, Exchange session for Members of the Benin Human Rights Commission on Benin's re-engagement with the African Court, Benin, March - April 2021, *USAID*
- Facilitator, Webinar on election observation and adjudication in Francophone Africa in time of covid 19, August 2020, *African Judges and Jurists Forum*
- Facilitator, Webinar on the administration of justice in times of covid 19 in Francophone Central and West Africa, June 2020, *African Judges and Jurists Forum*
- Facilitator, Judicial dialogue for Judges from Francophone Africa on the application of international human rights law, Cotonou, February 2020 - *International Commission of Jurists*
- Facilitator, Capacity building on human rights for advocates on the rights of persons with albinism in West and Central Africa, Dakar, May 2019 - *OSIWA*
- Facilitator, Training for government and civil society actors from Central Africa on reporting before the African Commission under the African Charter and Maputo Protocol, Pretoria, Nov 2018
- Facilitator, Training of lawyers on human rights litigation in African regional forums, Niamey, Aug 2018 - *IHRDA*
- Facilitator, Regional seminar for civil society organisations and lawyers on transitional justice in African regional courts, Saly, June 2018 - *IHRDA*
- Facilitator, Regional seminar for civil society organisations on child rights litigation in African forums, Dakar, February 2018 - *IHRDA*
- Facilitator, Training of Barristers on the procedure before the African Court, Benin and Ghana, December 2017 - *African Court Coalition*
- Facilitator, VAW and SHRR Litigation Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa, Oct 2016 - *Initiative for Strategic Litigation in Africa (ISLA)*
- Consultant, Validation of Guidelines on Litigating Women's Rights before the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Nairobi, Kenya, 2016, *Equality Now*
- Facilitator, Strategic Women's Rights Litigation Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa, June 2016 - *ISLA*
- Trainer, Training for Judges and Lawyers on human rights law and litigation in the African system, Conakry, Guinea, 2016 - *Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA)*
- Facilitator and trainer, Training for Judges and Lawyers on human rights law and litigation in the African system, Bamako, Mali, 2015 - *IHRDA*
- Facilitator, Regional Workshop on Litigating the Maputo Protocol, Dakar, Senegal, 2015 - *Equality Now*
- Trainer, Training for Judges and Lawyers on human rights law and litigation in the African system, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 2014 - *IHRDA*
- Trainer, Training for Judges and Lawyers on human rights law and litigation

- in the African system, Banjul, The Gambia, 2013 - *IHRDA*
- Facilitator, Africa workshop on strategic litigation, 2012 -*Global Rights Nigeria*
- Rapporteur, Conference ‘Strengthening the SADC Tribunal’, 2011 - *International Commission of Jurist Africa*
- Study on the implementation of a self-monitoring and evaluation mechanism for the Parliament of Benin, 2009 - *Cellule d’Analyse des Politiques de Développement de l’Assemblée Nationale du Bénin*

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- *The right to democracy in African regional law*, Harvard International Law Annual Symposium, March 2022
- *Mechanisms of implementation of decisions of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights*, seminar by the African Court Coalition, Aug 2021
- *Material jurisdiction of the ECOWAS Court of Justice*, seminar by the Africa Academy for the Practice of International Law, March 2021
- *The African Court and the challenges of state dis-engagement*, seminar of the research master’s programme in law and policies of the African Union, University of Tunis Carthage, Nov 2020
- *The African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights in the African human rights system*, Short Course on the African human rights system, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, Oct 2020
- *Execution of decisions of international human rights courts*, Fourth Annual Conference, Network for Research on Law and Development, University of Humboldt, Berlin, Oct 2019
- *Judicial protection of freedom of expression and journalists in Africa*, Seminar of supreme courts judges from West and Central Africa, UNESCO, Dakar, Oct 2019
- *Conflicts of jurisdiction between the African Court and the ECOWAS Court of Justice*, Visit of the ECOWAS Court Delegation to the African Court, March 2018
- *Accountability for international crimes in African regional courts*, Civil Society Retreat on Advancing international criminal justice in West Africa, Trust Africa, 7-8 March 2017
- *Recent developments in the jurisprudence of the African Court*, Side event by Trust Africa and the African Court Coalition, 58th Ordinary Session of the African Commission, Banjul, October 2016
- *Litigating human rights in the African Court in an era of complementarity*, Side event by the NGO Litigants’ Group, 58th Ordinary Session of the African Commission, Banjul, October 2016
- *Overview of the operation of the African Court*, African Court sensitization seminar for media professionals from West and Central Africa, Arusha, 2016
- *African Union Regional Normative Framework and the Role of the Judiciary*

in the Strengthening of the Rule of Law and Constitutionalism, Regional Meeting with the Representatives of the Judiciary to Strengthen the Rule of Law and Justice Reform in Southern Africa, African Union Department of Political Affairs, Johannesburg, Nov 2015

- *Challenges and Opportunities of African Constitutionalism: The Role of National, Regional and Continental Parliaments*, Consultation with the Pan African Parliament and Regional Parliaments to Promote Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Africa, African Union Department of Political Affairs, Johannesburg, Nov 2015
- *Application of the African Charter in Francophone Africa, Colloquium on the application of the African Charter in domestic courts in Africa*, Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, Nov 2012
- *Effectiveness of the ECOWAS Court of Justice: The role of regional courts, domestic courts and civil society*, International conference on 'the role of the ECOWAS Court in human rights, democracy and good governance', ECOWAS Court and UNDP, Accra, Oct 2012
- *The state's duty to investigation human rights violations: The South African experience -- Putting the jurisprudence on the duty to investigation into practice -- Taking strategic and public interest litigation cases to sub-regional forums: Focus on the ECOWAS Court of Justice -- Status of the human rights judgments of the ECOWAS Court of Justice: Implications on human rights and democracy in the region*, Africa Workshop on Strategic Litigation, Global Rights Nigeria, Abuja, 4-6 Sept 2012
- *Enforcement of judgments of the ECOWAS Community Court of Justice and implications on democracy and human rights in West Africa*, Civil Society Forum, Media Foundation for West Africa, Abuja, Jul 2012
- *Sub-Regional Economic Communities and the protection of human rights in Africa*, Human Rights in Africa Advanced Course, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, Oct 2011
- *The African Charter in the Constitutional Protection of Human Rights in Benin: Incorporation, Application et Reparation, 30 years of the African Charter conference*, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, Jul 2011
- *Overview of judicial decisions of the ECOWAS Community Court of Justice and their implementation status*, West African symposium on the enforcement of judicial decisions from sub-regional tribunals: Gains, challenges and opportunities, International Commission of Jurists, Dakar, Jun 2011
- *Domestic human rights litigation in African Francophone countries*, ILDC Conference - 19th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition, Cotonou, Oct 2010
- *The use of international by domestic courts*, ILDC seminar for judges and lawyers, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2009

CONFERENCES

- World Law Congress, Inaugural Conference, Madrid, Jul 2021
- Meeting of Chief Justices of the G20 countries on equity in justice, Buenos Aires, Oct 2018
- Colloquium on the 40th anniversary of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, San José, Jul 2018
- AU - EU human rights dialogue, Brussels Jan 2017 and 2018
- African Union Summits, Jan 2017, June 2017, Jan 2018, July 2018, Jan/Feb 2020
- Human rights in international criminal justice, Dakar, Trust Africa, March 2017
- SASCA Stellenbosch Annual Seminar on Constitutionalism in Africa, *University of Stellenbosch and Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa*, South Africa, 2013, 2014, 2015
- Experts meeting on complementarity between the African Court and the African Commission, Pan African Lawyers Union, Arusha, June 2012
- African Charter on Democracy and Access to Information in Africa Model Law, Centre for Human Rights and IDASA, Dakar, October 2011
- NGOs Sensitization Seminar, African Court, Johannesburg, October 2011 - 30 years of the African human rights system, Pan African Lawyers Union, Arusha, July 2011
- The role of NGOs in the Universal Periodic Review Process in West and Central Africa, Dakar, July 2010 - Implementation of the Santa Cruz Declaration, human rights and migrations in West Africa, Bamako, 12 November 2009
- International Law and Human Rights Litigation in Africa, Lagos, 14-15 August 2009
- Network of National Human Rights Institutions of ECOWAS countries, Cotonou, February 2009
- The relations between national Courts of Cassation and the Common Court of Justice and Arbitration of the Organisation on the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa: Appraisal and Prospects, Francophone Africa Supreme Courts' Association (FASCA), Lome, June 2006
- Assessment of the application of international human rights conventions in West African countries, FASCA, Cotonou, September 2005
- Contrariety of decisions between constitutional, administrative and criminal courts, FASCA, Bamako, July 2004
- Rule of law and the separation of powers in Africa, Cotonou, FASCA, January 2004
- Application of international human rights law in the domestic legal order of African francophone countries, FASCA, Ouagadougou, June 2003

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- Individual member, Africa Judges and Jurists Forum
- Individual member, Pan African Lawyers Union
- Individual member, African Court Coalition
- Benin Association of Constitutional Lawyers
- African Association of Constitutional Lawyers
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