



STRENGTHENING JUDICIARY SYSTEMS AND AFRICAN COURTS TO PROTECT SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS AND END IMPUNITY

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Programme

Strengthening Judiciary Systems and African Courts to protect Safety of Journalists and End Impunity

In preparation of
the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists

Co-organized by
UNESCO and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

9:00 - 9:30

Opening Statements of convenors

Keynote speech

- Augustino Ramadhani, Former President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Co-initiator of the Seminar, Tanzania

Introducing remarks

- Zulmira Rodrigues, Head of the UNESCO Dar es Salaam Office and Representative to the United Republic of Tanzania
- Guy Berger, Director of the Division of Freedom of Expression and Media Development, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO
- Professor Sifuni Mchome, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Tanzania

9:30 - 11:00

Session 1

Theme: African jurisprudence and international standards

Sharing knowledge on African jurisprudence and inter-court exchange of best practices on how judicial actors apply international standards on freedom of expression, the safety of journalists, ending impunity and decriminalization of defamation.

Moderator: Sarah Clarke, International Policy and Advocacy Manager, PEN International, the United Kingdom

Speakers:

- Ben Kioko, Vice-President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Kenya
- Faith Pansy Tlakula, Commissioner, Chairperson and Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, South Africa
- Micah Wilkins Wright, Vice President, Community Court of Justice ECOWAS, Liberia
- William Horsley, International Director, Centre for Freedom of Media, University of Sheffield, the United Kingdom
- Lucy Freeman, Chief Executive Director, Media Legal Defence Initiative, the United Kingdom
- Dominique Delpuech, Deputy Director, Political Affairs and Democratic Governance, Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, France

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00

Session 2

Theme: The capacity of judicial actors at a national level

Strengthening capacity building strategies of judicial members in promoting freedom of expression, protecting safety of journalists and ending impunity by sharing knowledge and experiences. Production of a series of recommendations for reinforcing the judicial systems capacities on these issues.

Moderator: Gitobu Imanyara, Lawyer, Publisher and Editor, Platform for Law Justice & Society, Kenya

Speakers:

- Maureen Kondowe, Vice President, Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU) for Southern Africa, Malawi
- Henry Omusundi Maina, Regional Director ARTICLE 19 Eastern Africa, Kenya
- Laiza Maharo Rakotoarison, Head of Service for judicial professions, Court Administration, Ministry of Justice, Madagascar
- Mehdi Benchelah, Senior Project Officer, Division Freedom of Expression and Media Support, UNESCO
- Cheikh Tidiane Lam, Deputy Inspector-General of the Administration of Justice, Ministry of Justice, Senegal
- Mama Cheikh Sidiya, Counsellor to the Indictment Chamber of the Court of Appeal of Nouakchott, Mauritania

13:00 - 14:30

Lunch

14:30 - 16:00

Session 3

Theme: The Protocol and Declaration of the African Court

Identifying and strengthening strategies to increase the number of African countries ratifying the Protocol and depositing the Declaration, allowing their citizens to present their cases to the African Court.

Moderator: Onyango Kakoba, Executive Chairman African Parliamentary Alliance for UN Reforms and Director of the Centre for Democracy and Governance, Former Chairperson of the PAP Committee on Justice and Human Rights, Uganda

Speakers:

- Gerard Niyungeko, Former President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Burundi
- Joan Obiero, Associate Legal Officer, Office of the Legal Counsel African Union, Kenya
- Abdirahman Omar Osman, Senior Media and Strategic Communications Advisor, Federal Government of Somalia, Somalia
- Alphonsine Kalume Asengo, Counselor to the Supreme Court of Justice, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Mouhoub Mohamed El Mahdi, Counselor to the Supreme Court of Justice, Algeria
- Mohamed Diawara, Investigative Judge, Justice of peace, Kérouané, Guinea

16:00 - 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 - 17:45

Final Session:

Open microphone & Closing remarks

Theme: Recapping key points, adding comments, discussing way forward.

Moderator: Fiona Mbabazi, News Anchor and Reporter,
Rwanda Broadcasting Agency, Rwanda

Rapporteur: Nani Jansen Reventlow, Human rights lawyer,
The Netherlands

Speaker: Sylvain Oré, President of the African Court on
Human and Peoples' Rights, Côte d'Ivoire

18:00 - 20:00

Reception

Location: Mount Meru Hotel

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