

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day One: Friday 10th November

13h30 – 14h00:	Arrival and Registration
14h00 – 14h10:	Opening Remarks from Harald Sippel (African Law Association) and Andreas Mehler (ABI)
14h10 – 14h15:	Opening Remarks from Joyce Muvunyi (Stiftung Entwicklungszusammenarbeit Baden- Württemberg)
14h15 – 15h00:	The Evolution of the Responsibility to Protect (Nneka Okechukwu , Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, Heidelberg)
15h00 – 15h45:	The Contested Principles of Humanitarianism (Dennis Dijkzeul , Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
15h45 – 16h15:	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16h15 – 17h00:	Justice for internally displaced persons in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) (Carolien Jacobs , Leiden University)
17h00 – 17h45:	The judicial protection of citizens in post-conflict countries: The case of Burundi (Aimé-Parfait Niyonkuru , ABI)
17h45 – 18h45:	ROUNDTABLE: The Protection of Displaced Persons in Africa: Promises and Pitfalls with Carolien Jacobs , Aimé-Parfait Niyonkuru , Nneka Okechukwu and Marina Sharpe <i>Moderator:</i> Franzisca Zanker
19h30:	<i>Joint Dinner</i> Location: Mehlwaage, Metzgerau 4, 79098, Freiburg

Day Two: Saturday 11th November

09h00 – 09h45:	Supporting refugees in contexts of fragility - approaches by German Development Cooperation (Oliver Meinecke , BMZ Berlin)
09h45 – 10h30:	The Regional Law of Refugee Protection in Africa (Marina Sharpe , McGill University)
10h30 – 11h00:	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11h00 – 11h45:	Perspectives of East African Legal Practitioners with Alexis Manirakiza (Burundi), Claude Mwanza Wa Kalombo (DRC), Jean Claude Nsengiyumva (Rwanda), Bernard Ntahiraja (Burundi) and Elizabeth Simon Swai (Tanzania) <i>Moderator:</i> Hartmut Hamann
11h45 – 12h00:	Final Words Harald Sippel (African Law Association) and Franzisca Zanker (ABI)
12h00 – 13h00:	Annual General Assembly



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Legal and Political Measures for Protect- ing Displaced People and Preventing Forced Migration

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CONVENORS

African Law Association

The African Law Association was founded in 1973 and is a network that consists of more than twohundred members. Its focus is ‘African law’, which implies the entire past and present legal systems and cultures of all African states. Moreover, its understanding is based on an interdisciplinary approach that unites law with political, historical and African science as well as ethnology and development aid.

Arnold Bergstraesser Institute

The Arnold Bergstraesser Institute (ABI) is an independent research institute. Its focus is socio-political issues in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East with an emphasis on conflict and fragility, contested governance, and patterns of (forced) migration. Apart from research, the Institute's remit includes the transfer of knowledge to the general public and its application in development practice. Since 2008 the ABI has been an associate institute of the University of Freiburg and since 2015 the director of the ABI simultaneously holds a professorship in development theory and policy at the Department of Political Science, Freiburg University.

Foundation for Development Cooperation of Baden-Wuerttemberg (SEZ)

The Foundation for Development Cooperation of Baden-Wuerttemberg (SEZ) was founded in 1991 by the state legislature and offers a variety of services to strengthen and promote the development engagement in the country. The SEZ emphasizes the creation and development of various networks and platforms for meetings and exchange and seeks to strengthen the partnership between civil society, business, politics and administration.

SPEAKERS

Dennis Dijkzeul

Dennis Dijkzeul is Professor of organization and conflict research at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict at the Ruhr University in Bochum. His research focus is on Humanitarian Studies, Management of International and Local Organizations in Crises and Local Participation.

Carolien Jacobs

Carolien Jacobs is Assistant Professor at the Van Vollenhoven Institute. She has a background in International Development (MSc, Wageningen University) and in Legal Anthropology (PhD at Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology). She has mainly worked in Africa, previously on the role of religion in disputes and dispute resolution (Mozambique), and on an evaluation of the Dutch development aid (DR Congo), in relation to capacity building of Congolese NGOs and to civil society development. At present she is involved in research on access to justice for internally displaced persons in Bukavu, DR Congo.

Oliver Meinecke

Oliver Meinecke is Policy Officer “Peace, Security and Disaster Risk Management” at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in Berlin. He is Deputy Chairman at the African Law Association.

Aimé-Parfait Niyonkuru

Aimé-Parfait Niyonkuru is a Phillip Schwartz Fellow at the Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institut. He wrote his PhD in Law on “The Right of Access to the Civil Judge in Burundi: Legal and Institutional Approaches” at the Catholic University of Leuven. Prior to that he was a lecturer at the University of Burundi.

Nneka Okechukwu

Nneka Okechukwu is the Country Manager of South Sudan and a Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law. Prior to that she wrote her PhD at the University of Hull (UK) in 2015. Before she worked for different international organizations in the United Kingdom, in Nigeria and in Switzerland.

Marina Sharpe

Marina Sharpe is a Visiting Fellow, and was previously a Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellow in International Migration Law and Policy, at the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, McGill University. She received her doctorate in law from the University of Oxford and also holds degrees in civil and common law, a BA in economics and international development from McGill and an MSc in development studies from the London School of Economics. Her research focus is the regional legal framework for refugee protection in Africa. Marina spent several years working on refugee issues in Cairo and Kampala.

EAST AFRICAN LEGAL SCHOLARS

Alexis Manirakiza

Alexis Manirakiza is a teacher and research assistant at the University of Burundi. He is currently writing his PhD on the "The principles of equality and non-discrimination and the personal and family status in Burundi" at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. He finished his Masters in Law with the specialization on Civil and Criminal Justice at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium in 2012.

Claude Mwanza Wa Kalombo

Claude Mwanza Wa Kalombo is currently working as an Advisor to the Court of Appeals of Lubumbashi. Prior to that she was a Magistrate in the Court of Peace in Lubumbashi-Kamalondo and worked as a Deputy Prosecutor of the Republic of Congo.

Jean Claude Nsengiyumva

Jean Claude Nsengiyumva is an Inspector of Courts at the Supreme Court in Rwanda. Prior to that he worked as a judge at several different courts like the Commercial High Court and as a Vice-President of Nyarugenge Commercial Court. He was also President of the First Instance Tribunal in Kibuye (Tribunal de Première Instance de Kibuye).

Bernard Ntahiraja

Bernard Ntahiraja is a teacher and researcher at the Faculty of Law at the University of Burundi and a PhD student at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. In 2012 he did his Masters in International Law and Dispute Resolution (MA in International Law and the Settlement of Disputes) with the United Nations University for Peace (UPEACE) in San Jose, Costa Rica. Ntahiraja also has a diploma in Human Rights and Pacific Resolution of Conflicts from the UNESCO-University of Burundi.

Elizabeth Simon Swai

Elizabeth Simon Swai is currently working as a Senior State Attorney with Attorney General’s Chambers in Arusha, Tanzania. She got her Advocate Certificate at the Council for Legal Education in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in 2013. Prior to that Swai worked with the Legal and Human Rights Centre in Arusha, Tanzania as a volunteer.