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Theme: *"Customary Law in a Changing Africa"*

Thursday and Friday, 28 & 29 January 2021

1:00PM – 4:30 PM GMT

8:00AM – 11:30AM EST

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME AND SPEAKERS' PROFILES

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - 28th January

1:00 – 1:30

Welcome Address – Dean of the UPSA Law School
Dr. E. Kofi Abotsi

Dean of Fordham Law School
Prof. Matthew Diller

Opening Keynote

Her Ladyship Justice Georgina Theodora Wood
Former Chief Justice of Ghana & Member, Council of State,
Ghana

MC: John Yeboah Mensah, UPSA Law School

1:30 – 2:50

Panel I: Constitutionalism, Dispute Settlement and Customary Law

- **Prof. PLO Lumumba** (Former Director, Kenya Law School) **and Evans Ogada** (Lecturer, University of Nairobi)
“The Jurisprudential Basis of Traditional Justice Systems in Kenya”
- **Professor Chuma Himonga** (Dean, School of Law, University of Zambia)
“The Future of Living Customary Law in Africa Legal Systems”
- **Dr. Eghosa Ekhator** (Senior Lecturer, University of Derby, UK) **And Dr. Newman U. Richards** (Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria)
“The continued relevance of customary arbitration in Nigeria: Implications of the recent Supreme Court judgment in Umeadi v. Chibunze”
- **Prof. Raymond Atuguba** (Dean, School of Law, University of Ghana)
“Customary Law Revivalism: Seven Phases in the Evolution of Customary Law in Sub-Saharan Africa”

Q & A

Moderator: Prof. Edmund Ato Kwaw, UPSA Law School

5 minutes break

2:55 – 3:25

Discussion: The Supreme Court, African Customary Law and Chieftaincy Systems

- **Justice Willy Mutunga**, Former Chief Justice of Kenya
- **Justice Stephen Brobbey**, Former Justice, Supreme Court of Ghana

Moderator: Prof. Paolo Galizzi, Fordham Law School

3:25 – 4:25

Panel II: Family Law, Gender and African Customary Law

- **Maria Rita Bartolomei** (Lawyer, Independent Researcher of Legal and Cultural Anthropology)
“Law, custom and gender in Tanzania and Zambia. How Women Lawyers Association empower women’s rights and status”
- **Dr. Fructose Bigirimana** (Former Dean, Faculty of Law, INES Rwanda)
“Discrepancies between Gender equality promotion and customary law in Rwanda”
- **Prof. Angelica Bonfanti** (Head, Master’s Program in Sustainable Development, Law Faculty, University of Milan, Italy)
“Customary Family Law and Traditional Practices: Striking the Balance Between Cultural Diversity and Fundamental Human Rights”
- **Joseph Baffour Aduamoah** (Lecturer UPSA Law School)
“The Survival of Customary Law Will in a Changing Africa”

Q & A

Moderator: Dr. Francisca Kusi-Appiah, UPSA Law School

4:25 – 4:30

Closing Remarks: Benedicta Lasi, CALS, UPSA Law School

DAY 2 – 29th January

MC: Gertrude Armah, UPSA Law School

1: 00- 2:00

Panel III- Customary Law, Human Rights, Peace and Security

- **Prof. Sandra F. Joireman** (Weinstein Chair of International Studies, Associate Provost for Faculty at the University of Richmond)
“Customary Law and Return Migration After Violent Conflict”
- **Prof. Muna B. Ndulo** (William Nelson Cromwell Professor of International and Comparative Law Cornell Law School and Director of the Berger International Studies Programs, Cornell Law School).
“Customary Law and Human Rights in Africa”
- **Dr. Charles A. Khamala** (Senior Lecturer, Africa Nazarene University Law School) **and Alexander Luchetu Likaka** (Lecturer, Africa Nazarene University Law School)
“Building Security and Respecting Human Rights through Customary Governance”
- **Dr. Peter Onyango** (Senior Lecturer, School of law, University of Nairobi, Kenya)
“Some Concerns on the Enforcement of the African Customary Law by the Republic of Kenya Constitution of 2010 and What this Entails in the Changing Dynamics of the Justice System”

Q & A

Moderator: Prof. Jeanmarie Fenrich, Leitner Center at Fordham Law School

2:00 – 2:30

African Customary Law: A discussion with Traditional Leaders

- **Nana Prof. S.K.B Asante**, Paramount Chief, Ghana
- **Hon. Chief Fortune Charumbira**, President of Zimbabwe Chiefs' Council & *Vice President Pan-African Parliament, Zimbabwe*

Moderator: Dr. E Kofi Abotsi - Dean, UPSA Law School

5 minutes break

2:35 – 3:30

Panel IV: Natural Resources Management, Innovation and African Customary Law

- **Prof. Janine Ubink** (Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society of Leiden University, Netherlands)

“Regulating Legal Pluralism: Natural Resource Management and Rural Democracy in South Africa”

- **Dr. Bolanle Erinoso** (Faculty of Law, University of Cape Coast, Ghana)

“Transforming Ocean Governance in Ghana: The Role of Customary Law in Ocean Facing Communities”

- **George Fordam Otieno Wara** (Doctor of Laws Candidate, University of Pretoria, South Africa)

“Interface Between the State and Customary Legal Systems in the Kenya Rift Valley”

- **Dr. Bernadette Araba Adjei** (Adjunct Lecturer, GIMPA, Ghana)

“Customary Laws and Water Resources Governance Frameworks in Ghana; Gender Dynamics and Nuances”

Moderator: Victor Brobbey, GIMPA Law School

3:30 – 4:30

**Panel V – African Customary Law and Contemporary
Challenges (Crosscutting Issues)**

- **Prof. Dunia P. Zongwe** (Associate Professor, Walter Sisulu University, South Africa)

“When Customary Meets Commerce: Excavating the Value of Communal Trust to Rebuild Commercial Law”

- **Dr. Nnenna Ifeanyi-Ajufo** (Senior Lecturer of Law and Technology, Hillary Rodham Clinton School of Law Swansea University, United Kingdom.)

“Law and Technology: Exploring New Legal Frontiers for African Customary Law”

- **Prof. Anthony C. Diala** (Associate Professor of Law and Director, Centre for Legal Integration in Africa, University of the Western Cape)

“Rethinking Customary Law in Postmodern Africa”

- **Lerato Rudolph Ngwenyama** (LLD Candidate, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.)

“Attending Customary Initiation School in South Africa During the COVID – 19 pandemic Era”

- **Luísa Acabado** (Research Visitor, Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

“The changing game of mirrors – customary law from the outside”

Moderator: Dr. Kwaku Agyeman-Budu, GIMPA- Ghana

4:30pm

Closing Remarks - Prof. Paolo Galizzi, Fordham Law School

PROFILE OF SPEAKERS

HER LADYSHIP JUSTICE GEORGINA THEODORA WOOD



Her Ladyship Justice Georgina Theodora Wood is a member of the Council of State and former Chief Justice of the Republic of Ghana. She was appointed to the Bench as a Magistrate of the District Court in 1973 and rose through the hierarchy of the court system to become the first female Chief Justice of Ghana. Between 2003 and 2007, she served as a justice of the Supreme Court of Gambia when in session. She is an advocate of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). She was a member of the task force which designed the Ghana Court-connected ADR program and was the Chairperson of the working committee which drafted the manuals on Court connected ADR and pre-trials in the Commercial Court of Ghana.

She also chaired the committee responsible for mainstreaming ADR in the courts in Ghana. She has lectured extensively in ADR (theory and practice) at the Judicial Training Institute, training key personnel including judges, lawyers and civil society organizations. She taught Civil Procedure and ADR in the Judicial Service Career Magistrates Programme, and was an external examiner in advocacy and ethics, Ghana School of Law for over 10 years. Justice Wood also co-authored the practice manual on the Gambian ADR court-connected programme and has also been a Judicial educator in ADR for the Bench, the Bar and court officials in the Gambia.

HIS LORDSHIP WILLY MUTUNGA



Willy Mutunga is a Kenyan lawyer, intellectual, reform activist, and was the Commonwealth Special Envoy to the Maldives. He is also an active member of the Justice Leadership Group. He is the retired Chief Justice of Kenya and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya.

Dr. Mutunga has published two books: *The Rights of Arrested and Accused Persons* (Nairobi: Oxford University Press, 1990) and *Constitution-Making from the Middle: Civil Society and Transition Politics in Kenya, 1992-1997* (Nairobi and Harare: Sareat/MWENGO, 1999). He has also published many essays and papers on human rights, law and society and co-edited and co-authored several books.

NANA PROF. S.K.B ASANTE



Nana Prof. S.K.B Asante a Ghanaian lawyer and the Paramount Chief of Asokore Asante in the Ashanti Region of Ghana. He was an International Arbitrator, and served as International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). He was an Honorary Chancellor of the Graduate School of Governance and Leadership and a Visiting Professor at the University of Ghana.

He holds an Mphil in African Studies from the University of Ghana and a JSD from Yale University Law School. He also holds an LLB from the University of Nottingham and LLM from London University.

HON. CHIEF FORTUNE CHARUMBIRA



Hon. Chief Fortune Charumbira is the President of Zimbabwe Chiefs' Council and the Vice President of the Parliamentary Organ of the African Union - Pan-African Parliament in South Africa.

HIS LORDSHIP STEPHEN BROBBEY



Stephen Alan Brobbey is a retired jurist. He was a justice of the Supreme Court of Ghana and once served as Chief Justice of the Gambia.

Prior to his retirement he served as the chairman of the Automation Committee of the Ghana Judicial Service, a committee whose core mandate is to mechanize courts throughout the country. In 2018 he was made chairman of the board of governors of the Economic and Organised Crime Office (EOCO), that same year he was appointed by the government of Ghana to chair the Commission of Inquiry into the creation of new regions.

DR. E. KOFI ABOTSI



Dr. E. Kofi Abotsi is Dean of the UPSA Law School and the Managing Partner at Axis Legal. He holds significant publications to his credit in leading peer review journals and has covered extensive fields in law including constitutional and comparative law, development law, International Human Rights law and customary law reform. He also has a rich experience in criminal justice administration especially in the area of police capacity building and legal sector reform projects. He holds a Master of Law (LL.M) Degree from Harvard Law School and a PhD from the University of Milan, Italy.

PROF. MATTHEW DILLER



Prof. Matthew Diller is the Dean of the Fordham Law School and a prominent scholar of social welfare law and policy. He has lectured and written extensively on the legal dimensions of social welfare policy, including public assistance, Social Security, and disability programs and on disability law and policy. His articles have appeared in the *Yale Law Journal*, *UCLA Law Review*, *Texas Law Review*, and *Michigan Law Review*.

PROF. PAOLO GALIZZI



Prof. Paolo Galizzi is a Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Sustainable Development Legal Initiative (SDLI) and the Corporate and Social Responsibility Program at the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School. He teaches and researches in the areas of international law, sustainable development, corporate and social responsibility, human rights and climate change law and policy.

BENEDICTA LASI



Benedicta Lasi is a lawyer and Executive Director of the Centre of African Legal Studies at the UPSA Law School. She has worked in the energy sector for over 8 years as a Legal and Business Development Manager.

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GERTRUDE ARMAH



Gertrude Armah is a lecturer at the UPSA Law School and the Programmes Coordinator for the Centre for Practical and Multidisciplinary Legal Education and Training (CPMLET) of the University. She obtained her First degree in Psychology and Theatre Arts from the University of Ghana, Legon and subsequently obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the same university. She then proceeded to the Ghana School of Law for her Professional Law Course (BL). She went on to obtain a Master of Laws (LLM) in Corporate and Commercial Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) in the United Kingdom (UK). She has taught Company Law, International Trade and Investment Law, Ghana Legal System and Legal Methods, among others at the UPSA Law School.

JOHN YEBOAH MENSAH



John Yeboah Mensah is an Assistant Lecturer at UPSA Law School. John obtained his LLB and an MBA in logistics and Supply Chain from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST). He acquired an LLM in international Law and Justice from Fordham Law School, New York. He worked as an intern with the African Center of international Criminal Justice (ACICJ) and the African Center on Legal Ethics (ACLE) at Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) Law School, where he helped in the organization of conferences and training programs on the International Criminal Law and legal ethics for young African Lawyers and later as a Deans Fellow for the Leitner Center and the Access to Justice Initiative concurrently at Fordham Law School. In this capacity as Dean's Fellow, John worked, inter alia, on initiatives to promote access to justice in civil matters and conferences to highlight the challenges facing low-income communities in addressing civil matters. At the Leitner Center, John researched legal issues on climate change in Africa and further worked as a Teaching Assistant in International Law, Human Rights, and Corporate and Social Responsibility

PANEL I: CONSTITUTIONALISM, DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND CUSTOMARY LAW

PROF. PLO LUMUMBA



Prof. PLO Lumumba is a Professor of Public Law and immediate former Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya School of Law. He is the former Secretary of the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission and a former Director of the Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission (KACC).

He holds an LL.D (Doctor of Laws) on the Law of the Sea from the University of Ghent, Belgium, Master of Laws degree and Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Nairobi. He also holds an honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters (*D.Litt.*) (*Honoris Causa*) from the University of Cape Coast in Ghana and a Doctor of Science (DSc) (*Honoris Causa*) from Bells University of Technology in Nigeria

He is an author of several Books and numerous articles. He has received several Local and International Awards. He has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential Africans in 2017 and

EVANS OGADA



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He holds an LLM and Masters in Public International Law at the University of Nairobi, Kenya.

He has published articles human rights and access to justice.

PROF. RAYMOND A. ATUGUBA



Prof. Raymond A. Atuguba is an Associate Professor and the Dean of the University of Ghana School of Law, where he teaches Constitutional and Administrative Law, Ghana Legal Systems, Conflict of Laws and Jurisprudence. He was a Visiting Professor of Law and the Henry J. Steiner Visiting Professor of Human Rights at Harvard Law School (2018-2019). He is a graduate of the University of Ghana and of Harvard Law School, where he did his doctoral studies. His research interests are in the areas of Constitutional and Administrative Law in the Global South, Law and Development in Africa and Human Rights and Community Lawyering.

His recent articles include: 'Getting to the Roots: Constitutional Rules and the Zero-Sum Politics of Winner-Takes-All in Ghana' (2020), *Journal of Law, Policy and Globalization*, Vol. 99: pp 75-85; 'The Concept of Sovereignty in Ghanaian Constitutionalism' (2020), *International Journal of Human Rights and Constitutional Studies*, Vol. 7(1): pp 52-82.

Prof. Atuguba has consulted widely for various governments, international organisations and national institutions. He has also worked in the public sector, the private sector and the non-profit sector.

PROF. CHUMA HIMONGA



Prof. Chuma Himonga is the Dean and Professor of Law at the School of Law, University of Zambia (UNZA). She is also professor of Law Emeritus, University of Cape Town and a member of the College of Fellows of the University of Cape Town.

She held the Department of Science and Technology South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI) Chair in Customary Law, Indigenous Values and Human Rights at the University of Cape Town.

Professor Himonga has served on several Commissions, Committees and Boards, including: the South African Law Reform Commission Project Committee (2003-2006); the Board of the Commission on Folk Law and Legal Pluralism (1999 to date); member of the International Working Group of legal educators that established the International Association of Law Schools (2004-2005); member of the Board of the International Association of Law School (2005 - 2010); and Chair of the seven-member international committee to plan the International Association of Law Schools Educational Conference on 'Effective Techniques for Teaching about other Cultures and Legal Systems' held in Montreal, Canada, 30 May 2008.

DR. EGHOSA O. EKHATOR



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PROF. EDMUND ATO KWAW



Prof. Edmund Ato Kwaw is an Associate Professor of Law and Head of the Department of Private Law. Prior to his current position, Professor Kwaw was the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Governance and International Relations at Kings University College, and also Vice-President of the University. Before that, he taught at several tertiary institutions in Ghana and Ontario, Canada; including the Faculty of Law of the University of Cape Coast, the Faculty of Law of Queens University, Kingston, Ontario; Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, Toronto; and the Faculty of Law of the University of Windsor.

He currently serves as the Associate Executive Secretary of the Ghana Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (GIALS) and has over 30 publications to his credit. His works cover a wide range of topics, including domestic and international financing, financial regulation, international trade, corporate finance, children's rights, and sustainable development.

PANEL II: FAMILY LAW, GENDER AND AFRICAN CUSTOMARY LAW

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Angelica Bonfanti (Ph.D.) is Associate Professor in International Law and Head of Studies of the Master Program in Sustainable Development at the Law Faculty of the University of Milan (Italy). She teaches *Diritto Internazionale* [International Law]; *EU Law on Business and Human Rights*; and *Sustainable Development in Global Trade (WTO) Law*. Her research activity chiefly focuses on public and private international law, human rights protection, business and human rights, cyber law, and international trade and investment law. Prof. Bonfanti is the author of the book *Imprese multinazionali, diritti umani e ambiente. Profili di diritto internazionale pubblico e privato* [Multinational corporations, human rights and environmental protection. A public and private international law perspective] (Milan: Giuffrè, 2012) and of many essays published in peer-reviewed legal journals and collected volumes, as well as the editor of the volume *Business and Human Rights in Europe: International Law Challenges* (Routledge, 2019) and the co-editor of the book *Natural Resources Grabbing: An International Law Perspective* (Brill, 2015, with F. Romanin Jacur and F. Seatzu).

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PANEL III- CUSTOMARY LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS, PEACE AND SECURITY

PROF. MUNA B. NDULO



Prof. Muna Ndulo William Nelson Cromwell Professor of International and Comparative Law, Cornell Law School and Director of the Berger International Studies Programs, Cornell Law School. He is an internationally recognized scholar in the fields of constitution making, governance and institution building, international criminal law, African legal systems, human rights, and international law and foreign direct investments.

He has acted as consultant to the African Development Bank (ADB), World Bank, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), National Democratic Institute (NDI) United States Institute for Peace (USIP) and International Development Law Organization (IDLO). He has also acted as consultant to the Kenya 2010 Constitutional Process, Zimbabwe Constitutional Process, Somalia, and Sudan.

He has published 19 books, 29 book chapters and over 100 articles in academic journals. He is Honorary Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, Extraordinary Professor of Law, University of the Free State South Africa, Extraordinary Professor of Law, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, and was formerly Professor of Law and Dean of the School of Law at the University of Zambia. He has been an arbitrator under International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

PROF. SANDRA F. JOIREMAN



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Joireman is an author and has written numerous articles on property rights, migration, and legal development most recently appearing in *Oxford Development Studies*, *International Migration*, *Development & Change*, *The Journal of Political Geography*, and *The Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law*. Joireman has conducted field research in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Ghana, Kenya, Kosovo, Liberia, Rwanda, Serbia and Uganda.

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PROF. ANTHONY C. DIALA



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He consults for several international bodies including the Social Science Research Council of New York, Canada's International Development Research Centre, and the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa. Among others, he has held fellowships and received grants from the American Council of Learned Societies, the Nordic Africa Institute, the Social Science Research Council of New York, the Institute of International Education, the German Academic Exchange Service, and the South African National Research Foundation.

DR. CHARLES A. KHAMALA



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PROF. JEANMARIE FENRICH



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PANEL IV: NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, INNOVATION AND AFRICAN CUSTOMARY LAW

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Janine Ubink is Professor of Law, Governance and Development at the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society of Leiden University. Her research centers around African law and governance, with a primary focus on customary law and its relation to state law, traditional authorities, land law and policy, gender, transitional justice and rule of law reforms and legal empowerment. Her regional focus is on Africa, particularly Ghana, Namibia, Malawi, Somalia, and South Africa, but she has also been involved in comparative research in Asia and Latin America.

She is the President of the international Commission on Legal Pluralism, and also works as a consultant in this field, most recently as an advisor to the Ministry of Justice of Somalia. Ubink has taught at the law schools of University of California Irvine, New York University and Australia National University as well as at the FHR Lim A Po Institute for Social Studies (Paramaribo, Suriname). She studied law at Leiden University (1995-2000) and acquired her PhD in legal anthropology from Leiden University with her thesis "In the land of the chiefs: Customary law, land conflicts, and the role of the state in peri-urban Ghana" (2008).

DR. BOLANLE ERINOSHO



Dr. Bolanle Erinosh is a lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Cape Coast. She qualified as a Barrister and Solicitor in Nigeria in 2004. She obtained an LLM in International Environmental law from the University of Nottingham and a PhD in International Environmental Law from the University of Sheffield both in the United Kingdom. She teaches and researches in the area of international environmental law with a particular emphasis on translating international commitments to regional and national law. She is a co-investigator on a collaborative research for sustainable development project funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) through the Global Challenges Research Fund titled the One Ocean Hub: Re-focusing multi scalar integrated ocean management for SDG synergies.

GEORGE FORDAM OTIENO WARA



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He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Laws (LLD) degree at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. His doctoral research is about law reforms as tools for transforming the interface of dominance by the state statutory system over the customary rights of communities. His background also includes work with non-governmental organizations and international organizations on civil rights.

DR. BERNADETTE ARABA ADJEI



Dr. Bernadette Araba Adjei is a lawyer and a development studies expert. She holds a PhD in Development Studies at the Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research (ISSER) at the University of Ghana, and an LLM in Environmental Law from the University of Nottingham, UK. She has been called to the Bar in Ghana after obtaining an LLB from the University of Ghana. She has undertaken a number of short courses in International Surface and Groundwater Law from the University of Dundee, University of Geneva and UNITAR.

Dr. Adjei has 15 years working experience in the water sector in Ghana as Chief Legal officer for the Water Resources Commission. She has been engaged in the development of policies and regulations. She has expertise in water governance (national and transboundary), aiding and consulting in the building and creation of institutional frameworks for national and transboundary cooperation in Ghana and West Africa. In addition to this, she has extensive experience in academia and has been an adjunct lecturer in water and environmental law in various universities in Ghana since 2010.

Her research area includes environmental and water governance, legal pluralism (state and customary laws) and gender issues.

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