



# 12th Annual Conference of the African Society of International Law

## Africa and the Governance of the Global Commons

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Friday 27 October 2023: African Union Commission Headquarters**

### 9.00-9.30am – Opening Ceremony

Chair: Ms. Tafadzwa Pasipanodya, Partner, Foley Hoag LLP, Vice-President of AfSIL

- Prof. Makane Moïse Mbengue, University of Geneva & Sciences Po Paris, President of AfSIL
- Mr. Mohamed Salem Boukhari Khalil, Acting Legal Counsel & Senior Legal Officer, African Union Commission
- H.E. Gedion Timothewos, Minister of Justice, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Government of Ethiopia
- Amb. Youssef Mandoha Assoumani, Ambassador, Union of the Comoros to Ethiopia & Chair of the AU Permanent Representatives' Committee for 2023 [Invited]

### 9.30-10.15am – Keynote Speech/Conversation

Chair: Prof. Phoebe Okowa, Professor of Public International Law, Queen Mary University of London

- Professor Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Professor of International Law, University of Geneva & The College de France (2022-2023)

### 10.15-10.45am – Photo Ceremony and Coffee Break

### 10.45am-12.00pm – Panel I: International Law-Making concerning the Global Commons

Chair: Prof. Edwin Egede, Professor of International Law & International Relations, Cardiff University

- Nancy Kgengwenyane, Consultant: Global Commons - an African Legal Standing on Benefits in Participation in Governance of the Biodiversity Commons
- Etienne Marque, Lecturer, Université Paris Nanterre: Ubuntu ou une approche africaine de la gouvernance des biens communs
- Miracle Okoth Mudeyi/Teddy Tabu Odira, Researchers, University of Nairobi: Decolonizing AI Governance: Africa's Path to International Law-Making in the Era of the Global Commons

### 12.00-1.15pm – Lunch Fireside Chat | Africa's Carbon Markets: Financial Innovation for the Conservation of the Global Commons

Chair: Dr. Elena Cima, Lecturer in International Energy and Environmental Law, University of Geneva

- Antonny Mukulu Nshimye, Chief Legal Officer, Kigali International Finance Centre
- Yuejia Peng, Associate Director of Research, Nature and Biodiversity Lead, Environmental Markets Analytics, S&P Commodity Insights



## 1.15-2.30pm – Panel II: International Economic Systems, Trade, & the Global Commons

Chair: Mr. Mezmur Yared, *Deputy Attorney General, Ethiopia*

- **Dr. Leonila Guglya**, *Counsel, Swiss Legal Rouiller et Associés*: Africa's Part in the WTO Fisheries Subsidies Deal: the Use of the Negotiations Theories for Ensuring More Effective Engagement in the Global Commons Governance
- **Joel Matonga**, *Senior Legal Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malawi*: An analysis of the Primacy of Consensus Decision-Making in the BBNJ Agreement: A case study of the regime of the Access and Benefits Sharing of MGRs in ABNJ
- **Nicholas Renzler**, *Counsel, Foley Hoag LLP*: Opportunities and Obligations in the Management of Economic Activity Occurring in the Global Commons
- **Jackson Shaw Kern**, *Partner, ALG LLP/Mohit Khubchandani*, *Lawyer, WilmerHale LLP, London*: Enforcing Investors' Environmental Obligations Under the Investment Protocol to the African Continental Free Trade Area

## 2.30-2.45pm – Coffee Break

## 2.45-4.15pm Panel III: Pursuit of International Justice concerning the Global Commons

Chair: Prof. Christian Tams, *Professor of International Law at the University of Glasgow*

- **Dr. Harrison Otieno Mbori**, *Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg*: Anticipating the ITLOS advisory Opinion: The continuing Experiments in International Judicialization of Climate Change and Environmental Justice
- **Dr Alberto Pecoraro**, *Lecturer, University of Hull*: National Courts and Disputes over Deep Seabed Minerals in the Area
- **Vonintsoa Rafaly**, *Postdoctoral researcher, University of Copenhagen*: Africa, Climate Change and the Ocean: Seeking Justice at the Time of Global Challenges

## 4.15-4.45pm – AfSIL Interest Groups Meeting

Chair: John Nyanje, *University of Bayreuth in Germany and the Leibniz University in Hannover, AfSIL's IG Lead*

- **Ahmed Abdel Hakam**, *Partner, Volterra Fietta, AfSIL's Dispute Resolution IG Co-Chair*
- **Mezmur Yared**, *Deputy Attorney General, Ethiopia, AfSIL's Environment IG Co-Chair*

## 6.00pm: Cocktail Reception & International Law Award at Hyatt Hotel

Chair: Ms. Tafadzwa Pasipanodya, *Partner, Foley Hoag LLP, Vice-President of AfSIL*

- **Prof. Edwin Egede**, *Professor of International Law & International Relations, Cardiff University*



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**Saturday 28 October 2023: Hyatt Regency Hotel**

### 9.00am-10.30am – Panel IV: Rights and Sustainable Development concerning the Global Commons

Chair: Inès Ndonko Nnoko, Public International Law & International Organizations Department, University of Geneva

- **Francesco Luigi Gatta**, *Research Fellow, Université Catholique de Louvain*: International Justice and ‘Green’ Human Rights: Challenges and Way Ahead
- **Elodie Duhamel**, *Ph.D Candidate, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne*: Garantir l’intégrité des biens communs globaux par une meilleure protection internationale des communs fonciers
- **Kanyiri Kariuki**, *Advocate of the High Court of Kenya*: The Faustian Pact of Carbon Trading: a legal-political analysis in Kenya through “Capitalism as Civilization”
- **Yannick Kouassi**, *PhD candidate, University of Strasbourg*: From Mbembe to John Locke: A Case for the Universalization of the African Philosophy of the Commons
- **Douglas Musebenzi**, *Lecturer, Herbert Chitepo Law School*: International economic systems and Global Commons: A Critical examination of Africa’s utilization of High Seas and Outer Space in sustainable economic development

### 10.30-10.45am – Coffee Break

### 10.45-12.15pm – Panel V: In-depth Analysis concerning Specific Global Commons

Chair: Mr. Eran Sthoeger, *Attorney and consultant in international law; Adjunct Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School*

- **Carlos A. Cruz Carrillo**, *PhD researcher, University of Basel*: An appraisal of the ‘due regard’ obligation under the law of the sea: towards a more transparent and inclusive use of the high seas?
- **Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo**, *Ramon & Cajal Research Fellow at University of Cadiz*: Invoking Global Commons Against Exaggerated Extensions of The Continental Shelf: Is That a Feasible Solution?
- **Mukulu Kioko**, *Policy Manager, SKA Observatory*: Moving with the times: A Case for clearer legal and regulatory framework for the Protection of Dark and Quiet Skies
- **Marie Muhadia Shabaya**, *Fellow, Centre of Excellence for Human-Centred Global Economy, The Digital Economist*: Fostering African Data Commons: Embracing the Philosophy of Ubuntu

### 12.15-1.15pm – Lunch Break



## ➤ 1.15-1.45pm – Closing Ceremony & Best Paper Award

Chair: Mr. Karim M'ziani, Associate, Foley Hoag LLP, Deputy Secretary General of AfsIL

- Prof. Makane Moïse Mbengue, University of Geneva & Sciences Po Paris, President of AfsIL
- Mr. Mohamed Salem Boukhari Khalil, Acting Legal Counsel & Senior Legal Officer, African Union Commission

## ➤ 4.00pm: Post-Conference Event: Early Career Meet-Up at Weg Coffee Shop, Birsate Gebriel Square Addis

- Convener: John Nyanje, University of Bayreuth in Germany and the Leibniz University in Hannover
- Speaker: Dr. Harrison Otieno, Researcher, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg

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