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AFRICAN NETWORK OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CONFERENCE
'FOSTERING CONSTITUTIONALISM IN AFRICA'

**Nairobi Safari Club, University Way,
Nairobi, Kenya**

Wednesday, 18 April to Friday, 20 April 2007

Provisional Programme

OPENING SESSION: 8.30 – 9.15

Welcome: Prof Christina Murray (coordinator of African Network Steering Committee; IACL Executive Committee member)

Prof Cheryl Saunders (President of IACL)

Prof Didier Maus (First Vice-President of IACL)

Opening address: Prof Gerard Niyungeko (President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights)

SESSION 1 (WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9.15 – 10.45)

CONSTITUTION-MAKING

Prof. Githu Muigai (Kenya) 'Constitution making in Kenya'

Thulani Maseko (Swaziland) 'Constitution making in Swaziland'

John Simpkins (US) 'Must it please the Court? Judicial participation in constitutional design'

Djedjro Meledje (Côte d'Ivoire) (*title to be submitted*)

SESSION 2 (WEDNESDAY MORNING, 11.00 – 1.00)

COMPARING CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS

Dr Ernest Folefack (Cameroun) 'A comparative analysis of the jurisdiction of and practices of constitutional courts in francophone and Anglophone Africa'

Mrs Lucia da Luz Ribeiro, Mozambican Counsellor Judge of the Constitutional Council

Dr Hashim Tewifik, Minister of Justice, Ethiopia

Tunisian speaker (*to be confirmed*)

SESSION 3 (WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2.15 – 4.45)

THE ROLE OF CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS

Mr Gilles Badet (Benin) ‘La cour constitutionnelle béninoise, en fait-elle trop? Bilan et perspectives organiques et jurisprudentiels’

Prof ES Nwauche (Nigeria) ‘Is the end near for the Political Question Doctrine in Nigeria?’

Dr Mamadou Dagra (Niger) ‘L'expérience de la Cour Constitutionnelle du Niger’

Dr Assefa Fiseha (Ethiopia) ‘Adjudication of Constitutional Issues: The Ethiopian Experience’

Prof Theunis Roux (RSA) ‘Tactical Adjudication: How the Constitutional Court of South Africa Survived its First Decade’

SESSION 4 (THURSDAY MORNING, 9.00 – 12.15)

NEW IDEAS FOR ENFORCING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TACKLING CORRUPTION

Chris Maina Peter (*title to be submitted*)

Mabvuto Hara ‘The independence of prosecuting authorities: The Malawian experience’

Othman Masoud Othman, ‘Independence of prosecution authorities: The case of Tanzania’

Dr Clarisse Loa (Côte d’Ivoire) ‘le maintenance de l'indépendance et la responsabilité du ministère public’

Francophone speaker (*to be confirmed*)

12.15 - 12.45

Lia Nijzink ‘An analysis of 47 sub-Saharan African constitutions’

SESSION 5 (THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2.00 – 4.30)

THE AFRICAN NETWORK

Way forward, office-bearers, constitution, etc

SESSION 6 (FRIDAY MORNING, 8.45 – 12.00)

CONSTITUTIONALISM IN AFRICA

Justice George Kanyeihamba ‘The Role of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights and Constitutionalism in Africa’

Prof Charles Manga Fombad ‘Presidential term limitations and their impact on constitutionalism in Africa’

Prof Mervin Mbao ‘Popular participation in the law-making process: emerging jurisprudence from the Constitutional Court of South Africa’

Prof Deji Adekunle ‘Maintaining independent and accountable prosecuting authorities’

Prof Oyelowo Oyewo (*title to be submitted*)

Prof Theodore Holo 'Justice constitutionnelle et démocratie en Afrique: The case of Benin'

Prof Jacques Nzouankeu 'Réflexions sur la garantie constitutionnelle des droits de l'homme dans l'espace francophone africain'