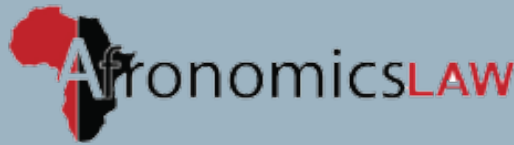




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**Fifth Biennial Colloquium of the
African International Economic Law
Network**

July 23-24, 2021

**Covid-19 and International
Economic Law: Africa's Experiences and Responses**

DAY 1 - 23rd July (East African Time)

10:00 – 10:10am

Welcome Remarks

Amaka Vanni *AfIELN President School of Law
University of Leeds*

10:10 – 10:20am

Remarks by SIEL

Markus Wagner *VP, SIEL Network*

10:20 – 10:30am

Opening Remarks and Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

Tsotang Tsietsi *Chair, Conference Planning Committee
National University of Lesotho*

10:30 – 11:00am

Keynote Address

Prof. Olufunmilayo Arewa

*Murray H. Shusterman Professor of Transactional and Business Law,
Beasley School of Law, Temple University*

11:00 – 11:45am

In Conversation with the Keynote Speaker

Prof. Olufunmilayo Arewa with Titilayo Adebola

School of Law, University of Aberdeen

11:45 – 12:15pm

HEALTH BREAK

12:15 – 1:45pm

PANEL 1 Regional Integration

Chair: Luwam Dirar, *Max Planck Institute*

Kimberley Nyajeka

Independent Scholar

Reinforcing the Building Blocs of the AfCFTA:
Covid 19 and African Regional Integration

Regis Y. Simo

*Mandela Institute, University
of the Witwatersrand School
of Law.*

Operationalizing the AfCFTA at the Time of a Global
Pandemic: Landlocked Countries and the Issue of Freedom of Transit

Ame Rebecca Masuku

University of Botswana

Examining Supranationality as a Prerequisite to a
Regional Response to Covid-19: the Case of the SADC and the EAC

Louis Koen

University of Johannesburg

Informal Cross Border Traders & Sustainable Regional Integration
Post Covid-19

1:45 – 2:15pm

HEALTH BREAK

2:15 – 3:45pm

PANEL 2 – IEL & Digital Economy

Chair: Jacqueline Mwangi, *Harvard University*

Chidochashe N Ncube

University of Western Cape

& Nanjira Annabel

Independent scholar

Digital Free Trade Areas: a Compass for Navigating the
New Normal in Africa

Susan Strba

*International Lawyers and
Economists for Development*

Covid-19 and Electronic Commerce in Africa: Experiences
and Responses



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**Fransiska
Sucker**

University of Witwatersrand

The AfCFTA's Role in Digital Trade Facilitation Within Africa.

3:45-4:00pm

HEALTH BREAK

4:00-5:30

ROUNDTABLE 1 - The African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), Trade and Investment in Africa

Chair: Richard Frimpong Oppong, *University of Bradford*

Ibirionke Odumosu-Ayanu, *University of Saskatchewan*

Joy Kategekwa, *UNCTAD Regional Office for Africa*

Pettina Gappah, *Office of the Secretary-General, AfCFTA Secretariat*

Enga Kamani, *Afreximbank*

DAY 2 - 24th of July (East African Time)

9:45 – 10:00am

Introduction to the Agenda of the 2nd Day

Tomasz Milej, *Kenyatta University*

10:00 – 11:30am

PANEL 3 Public Health and Intellectual Property

Chair: Suresh Nanwani, *School of Government and International Affairs, University of Durham*

**Pragyan Deep Agrawal &
Shreyansh Singh**

Centre for WTO Studies

COVID-19 and Test Data: Why African Nations Should Speak in One Voice

David Tilt

Central European University

Reframing Compulsory Licensing Post-Covid-19: Reconciling Intellectual Property with the Promotion of African Health

Caroline Mwaura

Kenyatta University School of Law

Collaboration and Intellectual Property in the Face of a Pandemic: a Legal Perspective from Kenya

Atish Rameshchandra Shah

University of Strathclyde &

Pooja Mahendra Karia

University of Cape Town

Legal Responses to the Upsurge of Telemedicine: Health Responses to Covid 19 in the East African Community (EAC)

11:30 – 12:00noon

HEALTH BREAK

12:00 – 1:30pm

PANEL 4: Sovereign Debt, Tax and Finance

Chair: Ohio Omiunu, De Montfort University

Maurice Mashiwa
Serano Africa

Public Debt, Inequality and Sustainable Financing for Post Covid-19 Recovery in Kenya

Dunia P. Zongwe
Walter Sisulu University

The Catastrophe Fund: Budget Insurance against Natural Disasters, Pandemics, and other Catastrophes in Africa

Marie-Louise F. Aren
University of Pretoria

Indirect Taxation of the Digital Economy in Africa as a Covid-19 Economic Recovery Strategy

1:30 – 2:00pm

HEALTH BREAK

ROUNDTABLE 2 - Career Paths in International Economic Law

Chair: Patricia Ouma, Leiden University

Caroline Ncube, *University of Cape Town*

Elizabeth Oger-Gross, *Partner, White & Case (Paris)*

Babatunde Ajibade, *Partner, S. P. A. Ajibade & Co (Lagos)*

Shingi Masanzu, *Legal Counsel, World Bank*

3:30 – 4:45pm

ROUNDTABLE 3 - The Role of Private Creditors in African Sovereign Debt

Chair: Olabisi Akinkugbe, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University

James Thuo Gathii, *Loyola University*

Magalie Masamba, *Boston University*

4:45pm – 5:00pm

Closing Remarks - James Thuo Gathii



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