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
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**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 Kameni, *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*

**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

**David Tilt**

Central European University

**Caroline Mwaura**

Kenyatta University School of Law

**Atish Rameshchandra Shah**

University of Strathclyde & Pooja Mahendra Karia

University of Cape Town

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

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

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

**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*

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1:30 – 2:00pm

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**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*

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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*

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4:45pm – 5:00pm

**Closing Remarks - James Thuo Gathii**