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FRIDAY, 6 November 2026

OPENING CEREMONY

Chair: **MS. TAFADZWA PASIPANODYA**, *Partner, Foley Hoag LLP & Vice-President, AfSIL*

- **H.E. DR. EMMANUEL UGIRASHEBUJA**, *Minister of Justice, Republic of Rwanda*
- **PROF. MAKANE MOÏSE MBENGUE**, *University of Geneva & Sciences Po Paris, President of AfSIL*
- **DR. APOLLIN KOAGNE ZOUAPET**, *Legal Officer, International Court of Justice & Chair of the 2026 AfSIL Annual Conference*

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Chair: **DR. JAMSHEED PEEROO**, *Barrister, 36 Stone & Secretary General, AfSIL*

- **H.E. JUDGE DIRE TLADI**, *Judge, International Court of Justice*

Coffee Break & Conference Photo

PANEL I | Foundations of Reparation: Afrocentric Frameworks and Decolonial Reimagining Jus Cogens

- **MR. MUKHTAR ADESUNKANMI**, *Political Officer, Commonwealth Secretariat*, “Reparations for Africa: Between Political Demands and Expert Debate – Testing the Waters of International Law”
- **DR. ERNEST YAW AKO**, *Senior Lecturer, University of Cape Coast School of Law* & **MRS. JULIA SELMAN-AYETHEY**, *Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Coast*, “Developing an Afrocentric Framework for Reparative Justice in International Law”
- **DR. IDRIS FOFANA**, *Assistant Professor of Law, Harvard Law School*, “Wrongs of the International Community as a Whole”
- **DR. LAURA SALVADEGO**, *Associate Professor of International Law, University of Macerata*, “What ‘Reparations’ for Transatlantic Slave Trade?”
- **DR. DENNIS SCHMIDT**, *Assistant Professor, Durham University*, “Beyond Origins: International Law as Worldmaking and the Decolonial Imagination”

Lunch

PANEL II | Overcoming Temporality and Doctrinal Defenses to Reparations

- **DR. ADEJOKÉ BABINGTON-ASHAYE**, *Founder, Amaryllis Sage LLC; Co-Chair, Blacks of the American Society of International Law Task Force*, “From Historical Wrong to Continuing Responsibility: Reparations for Transatlantic Enslavement in International Law and Africa’s Claim”
- **DR. TAMER MORRIS**, *Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney*, “The Standard of ‘Civilization’ and Colonisation: A Legal Standard in Time”
- **DR. RONALD ONG’UDI**, *Member, National Environmental Tribunal (Kenya); Managing Partner, Allamano & Associates* & **MR. LEWIS MORARA**, *Trainee Advocate, Allamano & Associates*, “Echoes from the Past: Temporal Justice and Procedural Dilemmas in Reparations Law”
- **MS. BRITTA REDWOOD**, *Assistant Professor, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law*, “The Last Defense: Non-Retroactivity and the Limits of Legal Obstruction to Reparations”
- **DR. SARA WISSMANN**, *Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Salzburg*, “CERD’s Contouring of Continuing Breaches: Reparations for Transatlantic Slave Trade”

Coffee Break

PANEL III | Architecture of Reparation: Responsibility, Design and Feasibility

- **DR. IFEOMA LYNDA AGBO**, *Lecturer, University of Port Harcourt*, “Hybrid African-Centred Framework Integrating Corrective, Distributive, Restorative, and Transitional Justice Theories”
- **MS. ROSALIND ELPHICK**, *Legal Advisor, Iran-United States Claims Tribunal*, “Capacity to Pay Conundrum in Comparative Analysis”
- **MS. KATHERINE KRUDYS**, *Associate, White & Case LLP*, “From Chorzów Factory to Contemporary Claims: Applying Investor-State Arbitration Principles to Reparations for Historic Wrongs”
- **DR. VERA PIOVESAN**, *Assistant Professor, University Centre for Conflict and Post-Conflict Justice, Charles University*, “The Role of Local Stakeholders in Reparations after International Criminal Trials: A Dialogical Process of Transformative Justice”
- **DR. NORBERT TÓTH**, *Associate Professor, Ludovika University of Public Service; Co-Chair, ASIL Minorities in International Law Interest Group*, “Secondary/Indirect International Legal Responsibility for Colonisation? The Responsibility of European States Not Directly Involved in the Colonisation of Africa”

PANEL IV | Fiscal, Financial, and Structural Reparations

- **MR. KEITH BUSINGYE**, *Head of Department, Public and Comparative Law, King Ceasor University*, “Reparations for Historical and Contemporary Wrongs in Africa: Re-Imagining International Law through Restorative Justice and Structural Transformation”
- **PROF. JAY BUTLER**, *Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law*, “Global Tax for Repair”
- **DR. JAMES GATHII**, *Wing-Tat Lee Chair in International Law & Professor of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law*, “Reverse Reparations: Sovereign Debt, Race, and the Political Economy of Compensation in Zimbabwe”
- **MS. EVA KEÏTA**, *Associate, Withers Bergman LLP* & **MS. MELANIE KEÏTA**, *Co-founder, Melanin Kapital Limited*, “The Architecture of Non-Reparation in International Law: Development Aid and the Normative Foreclosure of Reparation Claims”

FIRESIDE CHAT

- **DR. MARTINS PAPARINSKIS**, *Member & Special Rapporteur on compensation for the damage caused by internationally wrongful acts, UN International Law Commission & Professor of Public International Law, University College London*

COCKTAIL RECEPTION | AFSIL 15TH Anniversary Celebration

- **Remarks by Prof. Maurice Kamto, Founder of AfSIL**
- **2026 African Society of International Law Award for Excellence in International Law & Practice**

SATURDAY, 7 November 2026

PANEL V | Regional Remedies in Practice: African Court & Other Mechanisms

- **DR. MOUSTAPHA FALL**, *Lecturer & Researcher in Public Law, Cheikh Anta Diop University*, “La réparation des violations des droits de l’homme devant la Cour de justice de la CEDEAO”
- **MR. LASSANA KONÉ**, *Senior Lawyer, Forest Peoples Programme* “Indigenous Peoples’ Land Rights, Structural Injustices and the Challenge of Restitution under the Batwa Case in the Democratic Republic of Congo”
- **DR. MISHA ARIANA PLAGIS**, *Guest Researcher, Leiden University*, “50 Ways to (Not) Comply: Authority and the Micro-Politics of Compliance with Decisions of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights”
- **MR. SYLVAIN BURUME RUTAKANGWA**, *Chargé des pratiques professionnelles, Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs/Goma*, “La réparation non pécuniaire devant la Cour africaine des droits de l’homme et des peuples: vers une justice restauratrice à l’africaine?”
- **DR. FRÉDÉRIC FOKA TAFFO**, *Political Affairs Officer, European Union Delegation; Executive/Research Director, CREPEG*, “La réparation de la violation des droits humains par omission devant les mécanismes africains de protection des droits humains”

PANEL VI | Reparation Before International Courts: Quantification, War Damages, and Evidentiary Challenges

- **MR. AHMED ABDEL-HAKAM**, *Partner, Volterra Fietta; Co-Chair, Dispute Resolution Section, AfSIL*, “Reparation for Unlawful Exploitation of Natural Resources in Times of War: What Does the Hague Convention of 1907 Say and How It Has Been Interpreted by International and National Courts?”
- **JUDGE THOMAS Y. ABRAHA**, *Eritrean Embassy, South Sudan*, “Revisiting the Unenforced Final Damages Awards of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission: A Challenge to the African Framework of Ensuring Justice through Reparation?”
- **MR. SAMSON RISTOM ASFAHA**, *Visiting Lecturer & Researcher, Department of Law, College of Business and Social Sciences (Eritrea)*, “Economic Limitation as a Challenge to Reparative Justice: Rethinking Full Reparation in African War Reparation Practice”
- **MR. MOHIT KHUBCHANDANI**, *Adjunct Lecturer of International Law and Arbitration, Yerevan State University* & **MR. JASON RUDALL**, *Associate Professor of Public International Law, Grotius Centre, Leiden University*, “Evidence, Equity and Capacity in Environmental Reparation: Lessons from the ICJ’s Armed Activities Case and Ground Realities for Africa”
- **DR. LAURI MÄLKSOO**, *Professor of International Law, University of Tartu; Member, Institut de Droit International; Member, Venice Commission*, “Russia’s War against Ukraine and the Question of Reparations, including its Potential Impact on Africa”

Coffee Break

PANEL VII | Victims, Communities, and Transformative Justice

- **MR. SHREYAS CHANDAR**, *Guest Lecturer, Department of International Law, Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University*, “Who are the Right Holders of Reparations—Individual or Collective: Proposal for a Normative Humanistic Conception for the Orphaned Victims in Africa”
- **DR. DANIEL R. RUHWEZA**, *Senior Lecturer-At-Law; Head, Department of Law and Jurisprudence, Makerere University; Coordinator, HRDA Programme* & **MR. JESSE MUGERO**, *Programme Associate, International Center for Transitional Justice*, “Children Born of War as a Test-Case for Rethinking Reparation in International Law: Comparative Lessons from Uganda, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone”
- **MS. PARVATHAVARTHINIE BASKARAN**, *Doctoral Researcher, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University* & **DR. MUJAHID UL ISLAM**, *Associate Professor, The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University*, “Reparations for Children Born of Genocidal Rape in Post-Conflict Rwanda: Shattering Stigma and Seeding Social Belonging”
- **DR. WENCESLAS BUSANE RUHANA MIRINDI**, *Professor of Law & Vice-Rector Emeritus, Université Catholique de Bukavu*, “Quelle réparation pour les peuples autochtones pygmées victimes d’injustices historiques en Afrique centrale?”
- **DR. ALAIN-GUY SIPOWO**, *Assistant Professor of Victimology, School of Criminology, Université de Montréal*, “Who Is the Victim? Victimological Challenges in International-Law Reparations Claims for Slavery and Colonialism”

PANEL VIII | Criminal Accountability and Victim-Centered Reparation

- **MS. OLUWATOSIN SENAMI ADEGUN**, *LLD Candidate & Tutor, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*, “Criminal Liability of Corporate Entities for Complicity in Killings in Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: US and UK Cases”
- **MR. JUNIOR KYALONDAWA BABINGWA**, *Independent Researcher*, “Les défis de la réparation des violences sexuelles en tant que crimes de droit international devant les juridictions militaires congolaises et la CPI”
- **MS. UDODILIM NNAMDI**, *Independent Legal Expert, Mercor Intelligence*, “Starvation as Genocidal Strategy: Comparative Lessons from Biafra and Contemporary Gaza”
- **MS. VICTORIA OGOCHUKWU OKEKE**, *Student, Kabarak University School of Law*, “Indigence, Legitimacy and the Africanisation of Reparations at the International Criminal Court”
- **DR. ÉLISÉE JUDICAËL TIEHI**, *Associate Researcher, Jean-Bodin Center, University of Angers*, “Le principe de faisabilité en matière de réparation devant la Cour pénale spéciale de la République centrafricaine”

Lunch

PANEL IX | Reparation, the Environment, and Structural Redistribution

- **DR. BOUBACAR SIDI DIALLO**, *Professor & Head of the Department of International Law, Adam Mickiewicz University*, “L’exploitation coloniale des ressources naturelles en Afrique à l’aune du jus cogens et des obligations *erga omnes* : fondements juridiques d’un droit aux réparations et à la restauration environnementale”
- **MR. OLUSEGUN GBEDE**, *Lecturer, Royal Docks School of Business and Law, University of East London; Doctoral Researcher, University of Leicester* & **DR. OLALEKAN BELLO**, *Lecturer, Leicester Law School; Associate Director, Institute for Environmental Futures*, “From Carbon Colonialism to Legal Redress: Historical Responsibility and Climate Reparations in Africa”
- **DR. ZHENNI LI**, *Associate Legal Officer, International Court of Justice*, “Reparation as Redistribution: Reconstructing a Just International Legal Order”
- **DR. ÉTIENNE MARQUE**, *Lecturer, Institut Catholique de Paris*, “Reclaiming the Riverbed: Ubuntu-Based Investment Law as a Catalyst for Africa’s Global Rebalancing and Reparation”
- **DR. ELENA PRIBYTKOVA**, *Senior Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore*, “Countering Digital Colonialism and Eco-Colonialism: Reparations or Assistance?”

Coffee Break

PANEL X | Non-Contentious Pathways: Truth Commissions, Administrative Schemes, and Sanctions

- **MR. STEVE TIWA FOMEKONG**, *Professeur adjoint, Faculté de droit, Université Laval*, “Réparations pour les injustices historiques: quelle contribution de la Politique de justice transitionnelle de l’Union africaine?”
- **MR. YOUSSEF AZIZ & MR. MAX HAN**, *Law Clerks, Constitutional Court of South Africa*, “Binding Authority and the Promise of Reparation: National Human Rights Institutions in African Transitional Contexts”
- **MS. JANNA GREVE**, *PhD Researcher, Institute of Criminology, Catholic University of Leuven*, “A Restorative Approach to Reparations for Past Crimes? Beyond the Court Room: Elevating the Voices of Communities. Lessons from Colombia’s Transitional Justice Framework”
- **MR. RYAN MAK**, *PhD Candidate & Researcher in Public International Law, University of Hong Kong*, “Healing the Wounds: Truth Commissions and the Path to Reparative Justice for Colonial Crimes in Africa”
- **MS. ELIZA ROBERTS**, *Attorney & Early Career Researcher*, “The Wonders of Wakanda: Reparations that Build, Not Just Pay”
- **MR. CHRISTOPHER OZOMGI**, *Associate, White & Case LLP*, “Full Reparation in Conditions of State Fragility: Equity and Reparative Design in Post-Authoritarian Sudan

PANEL XI | Structural Limits, Systemic Responses, and Alternative Reparative Frameworks

- **MS. SHAFaq FAROOQ**, *Masters Student, Higher School of Economics (Moscow)*, “Unilateral Sanctions as ‘Quasi-Reparations’? Reframing Economic Coercion in African International Law Contexts”
- **MR. KANYIRI KARIUKI**, *Associate, G&A Advocates*, “From Mau Mau to the African Union: Colonial Reparations and the Structural Limits of International Law”
- **MR. PACHARO KAYIRA**, *Deputy Permanent Representative of Malawi to the UN in Geneva*, “Africa and Reparation for Past Crimes: Trans-Saharan and Indian Ocean Slave Trades”
- **DR. JEREMY I. LEVITT**, *Distinguished Professor of International Law, FAMU College of Law; Editor, Oxford University Press African Renaissance Law and Policy*, “Unresolved Questions in Africa’s Reparations Discourses and Movements”
- **DR. MICHAL SALITERNIK**, *Associate Professor, Netanya Academic College School of Law*, “Reconstruction Without Responsibility: Gaza, Africa, & the Future of Reparation in International Law”

CLOSING CEREMONY

Chair: **MR. KARIM M’ZIANI**, *Legal Counsel, Permanent Court of Arbitration & Deputy Secretary General of AfSIL*

- **MR. MICHAEL BUTERA**, *Chief Technical Advisor, Ministry of Justice, Republic of Rwanda*
- **H.E. AMB. NAMIRA NEGM**, *Director, African Migration Observatory & AfSIL Honorary President*
- **PROF. MAKANE MOÏSE MBENGUE**, *University of Geneva & Sciences Po Paris*

CONFERENCE SIDE EVENTS

5 November 2026 @ 2.30 PM

YOUNG ICSID x AfSIL

Masterclass on Reparation in Investment Arbitration: Modalities, Trends, & Challenges

Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU) x Wits University x AfSIL

Roundtable on Reparations and Strategic Litigation in Africa

7 November 2026 @ 8.00 AM

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Workshop on Publishing in EJIL (European Journal of International Law)

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