



AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW NETWORK (AfIELN)

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Committee 2022-2024

The African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) is pleased to welcome a new team for the 2022-2024 term. The Committee is comprised of:

- An Executive Team
- A Conference Planning Team
- An Editorial Team

AfIELN Biennial Conference 2023

The AfIELN Conference is scheduled to take place on 21-24 June 2023. Read more on Page 5.

Call for Papers/Contributors:

- Book Project on AfCFTA

Events:

- ASIL Global Engagement Series - Africa Region
- Business and Human Rights in Africa Book Launch
- Career Seminar Series for Early and Mid-Career Scholars
- WIPO National Essay Competition

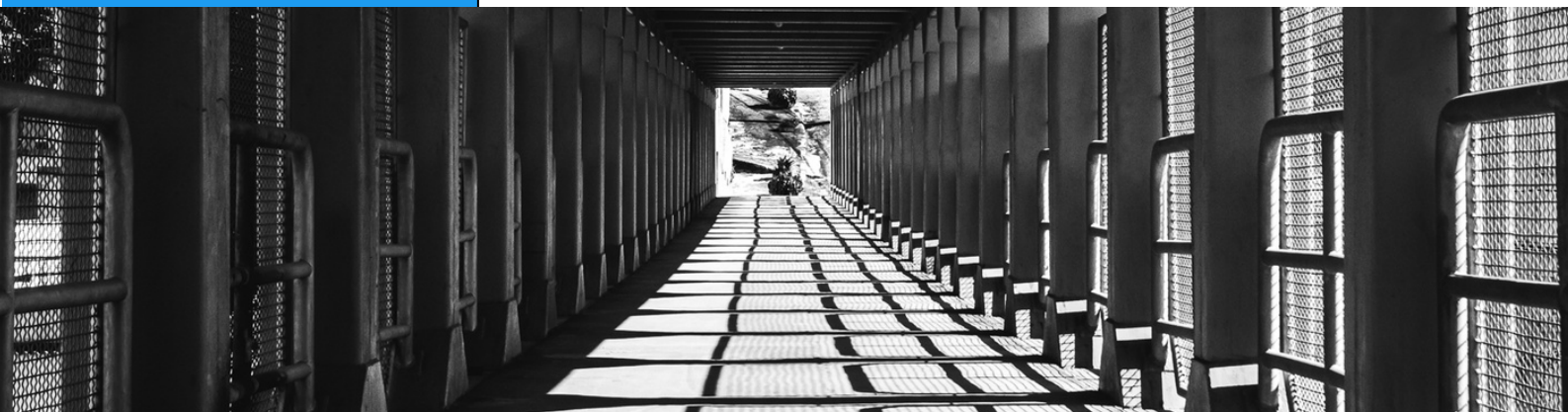
ABOUT AfIELN

The AfIELN is a regional network under the auspices of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL). AfIELN is an organisation aimed at academics, industry practitioners, policy experts and officials with interest in the field of International Economic Law (IEL) in Africa.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the theme for the forthcoming 6th Biennial Conference of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) - African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) highlights, international economic law is in an era of multiple crises. We are witnessing political, social, economic, and environmental disruptions. In Africa, there are increases in conflicts, coups, electoral irregularities, environmental degradation, hyperinflation, and sovereign debt defaults. Amidst the crises, the African Union (AU) is actively promoting its Agenda 2063 to harness the manifold untapped human and natural resources in Africa to deliver sustainable social and economic development on the continent.

In particular, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), one of the flagship projects of Agenda 2063, seeks to boost intra-Africa trade across all sectors of Africa's economy. Core sectors that have shown immense growth potential in Africa in the last decade, including agriculture, automotive, creative/cultural industries, e-commerce, finance, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications, and transportation are at the forefront of the AU/AfCFTA project. The AfCFTA has successfully concluded the negotiations of Protocols on Trade in Goods, Trade in Services, Customs & Trade Facilitation, Investment, Competition Policy, Intellectual Property Rights, and Dispute Settlement. It is also on track to conclude Protocols on Digital Trade and Women & Youths to expedite the elimination of trade barriers in Africa. 54 AU member states have signed the AfCFTA Agreement and 46 of them have deposited their instruments of ratification.

While the AU tenaciously pursues the realisation of its vision for Africa, AfIELN provides a platform that brings together different constituencies including academics, government officials, practitioners, policy experts, civil society organisations (CSOs), researchers, and students to develop African-centred positions and solutions to its challenges. Along with the AU, AfIELN desires to see an integrated, peaceful, prosperous, and resilient Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena; An Africa that respects human rights, justice, and the rule of law.

One central way AfIELN contributes to this vision is through the production of high-quality open-access African-focused research and publications in partnership with Afronomicslaw.org. To discuss pertinent issues and support members as they advance in their careers and studies, AfIELN organises a series of targeted events, workshops, and masterclasses. For example, AfIELN is pleased to co-sponsor the American Society of International Law (ASIL) Global Engagement Series (African Region) event "The Prospects for Electoral Democracy in 2023: Africa's Elections, Courts and Rise of Authoritarianism" scheduled for 10 March 2023.

As we count down to our 6th Biennial Conference scheduled for 21 to 24 June 2023 at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), I look forward to the skill development sessions, robust informed discussions, and concrete action plans/proposals for Africa that we will generate. I am extremely grateful to the excellent AfIELN Advisory Board, Executive Team (Tsofeng Tsietse, Regis Simo, Suzzie Onyeka, and Harrison Mbori), Conference Planning Committee (Ashimizo Afadameh, Kevin Kipchirchir, Loubna Halmaoui, Joseph Fajimokun, Sharon Nyaga, and Kayode Olude) and GIMPA Faculty of Law Team (Dean Kwaku Agyeman-Budu and Humu-Annie Seini) for their generous service to AfIELN.

In closing, I am reminded of the African proverb, "not everyone who chased the zebra caught it, but she who caught it chased it." In reference to AfIELN, this is loosely translated to mean that our research, publications and events may not immediately lead to legal and policy reforms or the AU's Agenda 2063, but we cannot achieve these outcomes if we do not try.

Asante Sana.

Dr. Titilayo Adebola President

[Dr Titilayo Adebola](#) is the President of the African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN). She is a Lecturer in Law, Theme Coordinator for Intellectual Property Law, and Associate Director, Centre for Commercial Law at the University of Aberdeen. Her research interests are in International Economic Law, including Intellectual Property Law, Food/Agricultural Law, Environmental Law and Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAAIL). Dr Adebola is an expert member of the Drafting Committee for the African Continental Free Trade Area's (AfCFTA) Intellectual Property Protocol and Senior Advisor to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. She teaches, publishes, and speaks globally on her research interests. To foster knowledge dissemination, she creates, curates and circulates knowledge through Afronomicslaw.org, [CLRNN](#) and [Flora IP](#). Dr Adebola is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. She is also dually qualified as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. She received her LLM and PhD from the University of Warwick.

EXECUTIVE TEAM 2022 - 2024



Dr. Tsofeng Tsietso
Vice President

Tsofeng is the Vice-President of the African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN), having been a member of the network since 2018. She is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the National University of Lesotho. She convenes IEL courses in the undergraduate Bachelor of Laws programme, as well as in the postgraduate Master of Laws programme. She has been the coordinator of postgraduate studies in the Law Faculty since 2021 and was instrumental in the installation of a Master of Laws in International Economic Law that was launched in 2022. The National University of Lesotho was awarded a WTO Chair in 2022, and Tsofeng is the Co-Chair. She is a Research Associate of the Centre for Comparative Law in Africa. Her expertise lies trade in services, trade facilitation, gender and trade, and e-commerce.



Dr. Regis Simo
Conference Planning Chair

Dr Regis Simo is the Conference Planning Chair for the 2023 Biennial Conference of the African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) and a Member of the Advisory Board of the AfIELN. He is currently a Lecturer at the School of Law, Queen's University Belfast (QUB), Northern Ireland, UK. He is also, since September 2022, a UK Trade and Sustainable Development Domestic Advisory Group (UK TSD DAG) Member Representative appointed by the Department for International Trade. Before joining QUB, he was a Senior Researcher at Mandela Institute, School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, and a Fellow at the Nantes Institute for Advanced Study (IEA Nantes) in France. Regis teaches and writes on international economic law, world trade law, law and development, and African regional integration. His work also explores non-economic concerns, notably sustainable development issues. He holds a PhD in International Law and Economics from Bocconi University (Italy), a Master of Laws in International Trade Law from the University of Fribourg (Switzerland), an MSc in Comparative Law, Economics and Finance from the International University College of Turin (Italy), and an LLB from the University of Buea (Cameroon). He sits on the Editorial Board of the African Journal of International Economic Law, the German Law Journal (Cambridge University Press), and the International Journal of Public Law and Policy (Inderscience Publishers).



Dr. Suzzie Onyeka Oyakhire
Secretary

Suzzie is the Secretary of the African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN). She is a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Benin, Nigeria. She currently teaches Human Rights Law and International Trade Law to undergraduate law students. Although Suzzie is currently building her profile as a criminal law and justice expert through her research, she is also interested in research on the pedagogy and teaching of international economic (trade) law in Nigeria. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree from the University of Benin, Nigeria, a Master of Laws (LL.M) with a specialization in international law and a Doctor of Philosophy in law both from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Suzzie is a member of the Nigerian Association of Law Teachers, the International Economic Law (IEL) Collective and Member, International Law Association (Nigerian Branch) specifically the Committee on Teaching of International Law in Nigeria.



Mr. Harrison Mbori
Editor-In-Chief

Harrison Mbori is the current Editor-in-Chief of the African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN). He is also a Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European, and Regulatory Procedural Law, in the Department of International Law and Dispute Resolution. Harrison is also an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. Before joining Max Planck Luxembourg, he worked as a lecturer at Strathmore Law School where he taught courses in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and International Trade Law and successfully coached many moot court teams. His current research focuses on the sub-regional courts and tribunals in Africa on economic, trade, commercial, and investment dispute settlement. His other research interests are in International Economic Law, International Dispute Settlement (International Courts and Tribunals in Africa), and Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL). Harrison holds a bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) from the University of Nairobi (Kenya), a Masters (LLM) degree in International Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, an LLM in international economic law and policy from the Academy of International Economic Law and Policy (AIELPO), Athens, Greece and is nearing the completion of his SJD (PhD equivalent) from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE 2022-2024

Dr. Ashimizo Afadameh-Adeyemi,

Dr. Ashimizo Afadameh-Adeyemi is a trade lawyer with expertise in International Trade and Investment Law, Commercial Litigation, Public International Law, and International Economic Law. He holds a Bachelor of Law degree from Lagos State University, a Master of Law degree and Doctorate degree from University of Cape Town. He was previously the Managing Editor of the SADC Law Journal, past Chairperson of the African International Economic Law Network and presently a member of the Advisory Board of the African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN). He was previously a visiting lecturer at University of Lusaka and University of Africa, Zambia. He is currently the CEO of ASHFAR Group, and he sits on the University Council of Regent University College of Science and Technology Ghana. He also is an adjunct lecturer at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA). His present area of research is on the impact of national and regional policies on small and medium scale enterprises in Africa, financing intra -regional infrastructure and intra African trade.

Ms. Loubna Halmaoui

Ms Loubna Halmaoui is a Member of the Conference Planning Team of the 6th Biennial Conference, African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN). She is a member of the legal research team (LRT) which is a team of the African Mining Legislation Atlas (AMLA). Ms Halmaoui is also a PHD student in competition law. Her research interests are in competition law, distribution, and compliance law.

Mr. Fajimokun Joseph

Joseph is a Member of the Conference Planning Team of the 6th Biennial Conference of the African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN). He is a multidisciplinary economist, development expert, trade analyst, and policy researcher. His research interests are in international economic law, international trade, sustainable development, and international human rights laws. Joseph has a first degree in Economics from the University of Jos, Nigeria. After graduation, he acquired both private and public sector experience as Program Officer in the Centre for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, a non-governmental organisation (NGO), Office of the Director General, Media and Publicity to the Governor and Program Assistant to the Kogi State Commissioner of Information and Communication. He serves as the Regional Representative (Pioneer) for West Africa in the Afronomicslaw Academic Forum for 2022.

Mr. Kevin Kipchirchir

Kevin Kipchirchir is a Member of the Conference Planning Team of the 6th Biennial Conference of the African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN). He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Kabarak University, Kenya. He is currently undertaking the Advocate Training Program at the Kenya School of Law. He has a foundational background in research in democracy, human rights, and civil society causes. His interests are in civic participation, minority democracy, criminal justice reforms, international humanitarian law and international economic law.

Ms. Pabullo Oobete

Paballo Qobete is a Member of the Conference Planning Team of the 6th Biennial Conference of the African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN). She is a Law graduate from Lesotho. Her goal is to see young people cement themselves in processes that seek to better the future of their countries as they represent a major political constituency. In pursuit of this, she became a Southern African Youth Forum Parliamentarian, one of five from Lesotho. With a focus on Human Rights, she tabled the grievances of Basotho Youth and strategized to come up with recommendations that were compiled into the Mozambique and the Malawi Declaration. She is currently attached as a volunteer under the NUL WTO Chair Programme, working to increase visibility of the Chair among young people, she heads up a Club that is aimed at making Trade popular among young people. This is one of the many ways in which she hopes to encourage active youth participation in developing their country. She hopes to pursue her LLM next year at the University of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Ms. Humu-Annie Seini

Ms. Humu-Annie Seini is a member of the Conference Planning Committee Representing the host Faculty, Faculty of Law, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA). Ms. Seini was called to the Ghana Bar in 2000. She has worked with several law firms and government regulatory institutions in Ghana as well as other countries. She is the Secretary to the Board of the Petroleum Commission and a lecturer in Law at the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA). Ms. Seini is a founding member of An-nisaa Foundation, a non-profit organisation formed by professional Muslim women that engages in various philanthropic activities. Ms. Seini holds an LL. B from the University of Ghana and a Qualifying Certificate to practice Law from the Ghana School of Law. She also holds a Diploma in International Environmental Law from the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Ms. Seini obtained a joint LL.M in European Legal Practice and Integrated Studies from the Leibniz Universität Hannover and Université Rouen. Ms. Seini also holds an LLM from Harvard Law School. Ms. Seini speaks English, Dagbanli, Hausa, German, and French. She also reads Arabic. She enjoys cooking, reading, and reaching out to under-served communities.

NEWS AND EVENTS



AfIELN CONFERENCE 2023

The SIEL-African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) is holding its 6th biennial conference at Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) Accra, Ghana from 21-24 June, 2023. This will be an opportunity for leading academics, researchers, policy experts, industry practitioners and professionals interested in shaping the field of International Economic Law to come together to share ideas and experiences.

The African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) Conference 2023, themed **“International Economic Law in an Era of Multiple Crises: Opportunities and Challenges for Africa”** will cover crucial and contemporary international economic law issues affecting Africa, including its sovereign debt crises. The conference is strategically scheduled to hold in Accra, Ghana because it is the first physical AfIELN Conference holding since the momentous opening of the Accra-based AfCFTA Secretariat in 2020. In addition to the raging debt crises in Africa, the conference discussions will cover other related contemporary issues such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) architecture, Trade and Gender, Monetary/Financial and Tax Law, Human Rights, Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Food Security alongside the Role of Civil Society Organisations and Non-State Actors in Law and Policy Making. The conference will comprise of a mix of sessions including plenaries, panels, workshops, trainings and fireside chats. The AfIELN approach is to employ different engagement styles to provide platforms for robust interactions and exchanges amongst stakeholders. Similarly, the conference outputs will include publishing an edited volume, a special journal issue, blog posts, policy briefs and press statements. In the past, AfIELN has successfully adopted the approach of employing different engagement styles during conferences and publishing different types of outputs. However, this conference will introduce novel features such as fireside chats alongside publishing policy briefs and press statements. The rationale for the fireside chat is to share first hand insights from selected experienced colleagues, while the policy briefs and press statements will be introduced to ensure that the conference outputs are accessible.

In case you would like to attend this conference as a delegate or send individuals as part of an organization’s delegation, please contact us at: afieln.siel@gmail.com.



BOOK LAUNCH WEBINAR

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND PRACTICE IN AFRICA

WEDNESDAY
8 March, 2023 | **12:30PM – 2:30PM**
(UK TIME)

 DR. SUSAN L. KARAHMANIAN DEAN, HBKU COLLEGE OF LAW, HBKU	 PROF. DAMILOLA OLAWUYI, SAN UNESCO CHAIRHOLDER ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	 DR. OYENIYI ABE SENIOR LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD, UNITED KINGDOM AND CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS, ILO-NIGERIA	 AMBASSADOR BANKOLE ADEYOYE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSIONER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, PEACE & SECURITY	 HON. DIANA ASONABA DAPAAH DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, GOVERNMENT OF GHANA
 PROFESSOR HASSAN M. AHMAD PETER ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	 LYILA LATIF PUBLIC FINANCE LAW AND WEALTH TAX SPECIALIST	 JOHN IKUBAJE SENIOR POLITICAL OFFICER, DEPT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION	 FLORENCE SHAKO SENIOR PARTNER, MITULLAH SHAKO & ASSOCIATES, ADVOCATES, KENYA	

Register Here:
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Book Launch Webinar

The UNESCO Chair on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development at HBKU, in partnership with the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights and the Oxford Business and Human Rights Network cordially invites you to the launch of the book 'Business and Human Rights Law and Practice in Africa', edited by Professor Damilola Olawuyi and Dr. Oyeniyi Abe.

During this online event, the panelists will discuss the approaches for advancing the implementation of business and human rights norms across Africa. They will also explore the latest developments in law, regulations, policies, and governance structures across the African continent. This is in response to adverse human rights impacts of business operations and activities.

When: 8 March 2023 from 12:30 - 2:30 PM (UK Time).
Registration: <https://www.hbku.edu.qa/en/academic-events/CL-SP-BHRLPA>

Webinar: The Prospects for Electoral Democracy in 2023: Africa's Elections, Courts and Rise of Authoritarianism

When: 10 March 2023. 11:00 am to 12:30 pm US Eastern Time

American Society of International Economic Law Global Engagement Series: Co-sponsored by the African Society of International Law, the African Association of International Law, Afronomicslaw.org, and the African International Economic Law Network

Africa has a busy election calendar in 2023. These elections come at a time of global resurgence in authoritarianism. Having free and fair elections especially at the Presidential level will be crucial to ensuring democratic transitions and popular governance. Rigged, compromised, or badly managed elections could put many African countries on the path towards autocratic rule especially when there is so much social and economic dislocation arising from a convergence of crisis - debt, climate, Covid19 and war among others. This Africa Global Engagement Series will explore these themes by bringing together Africa's international law societies in a 90-minute discussion with questions and answers.

Moderator:

- Dr Titilayo Adebola, Lecturer, School of Law, University of Aberdeen

Panellists:

- Adaobi Egboka, Africa Program Director, Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice, New York
- Idayat Hassan, Director, Center for Democracy and Development, Abuja, Nigeria
- Professor Githu Muigai, S.C - Senior Partner, Mohammed Muigai LLP, Kenya

Book Project: Regional Integration in Africa and the African Continental Free Trade Area: Prospects and Challenges from a Law and Economics Perspective

This book project seeks to explore multiple themes pertaining to the adoption and operationalization of the AfCFTA. It seeks to interrogate the prospects and challenges of operationalization of the AfCFTA from a law and economics perspective and any other related viewpoints.

The book is a joint project of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Namibia & Angola Office), North West University and the University of Namibia's Faculty of Management, Commerce and Law. The Editors will accept articles dealing with or relevant to the AfCFTA. Any solid discussion of the AfCFTA will be accorded priority in this book project. Interested contributors can submit abstracts of not more than 250 words to: Dr Tapiwa V. Warikandwa: twarikandwa@unam.na; Prof. Howard Chitimira:

Howard.Chitimira@nwu.ac.za; or Mr. Denis Zaire: udzaire@gmail.com/Dennis.Zaire@kas.de.

Deadline for abstracts submission is 30 May 2023.

Email Dr. Suzzie Onyeka at suzansuzzie@yahoo.com for a full copy of the call

CAREER WEBINAR SERIES

The AfIELN is pleased to announce that it will hold a series of events targeting early career and mid-career scholars. This is an effort to diversify our capacity building efforts. While our successful biennial conferences have provided a platform for leading academics, researchers, policy experts, industry practitioners and professionals to share insights that have shaped the field of International Economic Law, one of our key aims is to groom the next generation of African IEL experts.

For early career scholars, we will hold a career seminar on March 14 th 2023. This is organised by way of a panel of speakers who have had, or are currently in, IEL-related careers, in policy making, international organizations, foreign service, trade practice etc. They will speak about their educational backgrounds and career path while alluding to the attributes that are needed for a successful career in that field. There will then be opportunity for attendees to ask questions for further guidance on setting out on those career paths.

Mentorship plays an important role in guiding and influencing professional growth. Therefore, for mid-career professionals, we will host a Masterclass in April 2023 which will take the form of an intimate discussion and exercises to support decision-making towards career advancement. For more information, follow our social media platforms.

WIPO National IP Essay Competition 2023

Gender Inclusivity as a Strategy to Drive Innovation and Creativity in Nigeria:

Every April 26, we celebrate the World Intellectual Property (IP) Day to learn more about the role that IP rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity. This year's theme of "Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity" puts the spotlight on the role that women play in driving innovation and creativity. It reflects on the challenges that women face in accessing the knowledge, skills, resources and support they need to thrive, and celebrates the can-do attitude of women, inventors, creators and entrepreneurs around the world and their groundbreaking work.

To celebrate this day, the WIPO Nigeria Office welcomes participation of all students of tertiary institutions across Nigeria in the 2023 National IP Essay Competition on the topic "Gender Inclusivity as a Strategy to Drive Innovation and Creativity in Nigeria". Participation in this competition will provide students with an excellent opportunity to research and learn more about the field of intellectual property, as they explore policy ideas along the lines of this year's theme for driving the increased participation of women in Nigeria's innovation and creativity landscape. Entries are welcome from all students of tertiary institutions in Nigeria, and in line with the competition guidelines should be accompanied with a valid student ID card or a proof of enrollment.

Deadline: March 31, 2023

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Recently Published Books & Book Chapters

- Babatunde Fagbayibo, *Transcending Member States: Political and Legal Dynamics of Building Continental Supranationalism in Africa* (Springer 2022).
- Daniel D. Bradlow & Maglie L. Masamba, eds., *COVID-19 and Sovereign Debt: The Case of the SADC* (Pretoria University Press, 2022).
- Dominic Npoanlari Dagbanja, *The Investment Treaty Regime and Public Interest Regulation in Africa* (Oxford University Press, 2022).
- Frans Viljoen, Humphrey Sipalla, & Foluso Adegalu, eds., *Exploring African Approaches to International Law: Essays in Honour of Kéba Mbaye* (Pretoria University Press, 2022).
- Folúkẹ Adébíṣí, *Decolonisation and Legal Knowledge Reflections on Power and Possibility* (Bristol University Press 2023).
- Nciko wa Nciko, 'Trans-Nationally Determined Contributions for Climate Justice: Resolving a Paris Agreement's Contradiction That Is Working Against Developing States' in Jelena Bäumlér et al eds. *European Yearbook of International Economic Law* (Springer 2023).
- Souleymane Coulibaly et al, eds., *Africa in the New Trade Environment: Market Access in Troubled Times* (World Bank Group, 2022).
- Timothy Masiko, *Flexible Regional Economic Integration in Africa: Lessons and Implications for the Multilateral Trading System* (Hart Publishing, 2022).
- Tomasz Milej, 'Anti-Legal? Georges Scelle's Solidarity, French Sociological School, and the Backlash against International Investment Law in Africa' in Eva Kassoti & Narin Idriz, eds., *The Principle of Solidarity - International and EU Law Perspectives* (Asser Institute, 2023).

Recently Published Articles

- James T. Gathii & Olabisi D. Akinkugbe, 'Judicialization of Election Disputes in Africa's International Courts' 84 (2022) *Law and Contemporary Problems*.
- Olabisi D. Akinkugbe & Adebayo Majekolagbe, 'International Investment Law and Climate Justice: The Search for a Just Green Investment Order' 46:2 (2023) *Fordham International Law Journal*.
- Regis Y. Simo, 'Non-Exclusivity and an Ocean of Possibilities: The AfCFTA Jurisdictional Lex Specialis', (2023) *Transnational Dispute Management*.
- Regis Y. Simo, 'Special Economic Zones in an Era of Multilateralism Decadence and Struggles for Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery: Perspectives from the Global South', (2023) *German Law Journal*.
- Regis Y. Simo, 'EU-ACP Economic Partnership Agreements After Brexit: The (Neglected) Case of Legitimate Expectations and Fundamental Change of Circumstances', 54(3) (2022) *The International Lawyer*.
- Titilayo Adebola, 'The Legal Construction of Geographical Indications in Africa' (2022) *Journal of World Intellectual Property*.
- Titilayo Adebola, 'Geographical Indications in the Era of the AfCFTA' (2022) *Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice*.
- Vincent Wong, 'Racial Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics: Analyzing the Political Economy of Racialized Dispossession and Exploitation in Xinjiang' 3 (2023) *African Journal of International Economic Law*, 6-35.

EDITORIAL TEAM 2022 - 2024

Sharon Nyaga and Kayode Olude are part of the African International Economic Law Network (AfIELN) as members of the Editorial Team.

International Women's Day



On 10 March, we celebrate International Women's Day. The theme of this year's International Women's Day is Innovation and Technology. We celebrate all women in STEM. In this issue, we shine the spotlight on two brilliant women:



Prof Folasade Ogunsola

Prof. Ogunsola is a Professor of Medical Microbiology, and the first female Vice Chancellor at the University of Lagos. She obtained her first degree in Medicine and Surgery at Obafemi Awolowo University (1974 - 1982) after which she proceeded for her Masters from the University of Lagos. Prof. Ogunsola acquired her Ph.D. in Medical Microbiology in 1997 from the University of Wales. She is a member of the Global Infection Prevention and Control Network, a board member of the Nigerian Society of Infection Control, and Chair of the Infection Control African Network.



Prof Nyovani Madise

Prof. Madise is the current Director of Research and Sustainable Development Policies and Head of the Malawi office of the African Institute for Development Policy. She is one of the 15 independent group of scientists appointed by the UN Secretary General to write the 2023 Global Sustainable Development Report. She is also Co-Chair of the 7th assessment of the Global Environmental Outlook Report.

Prof. Madise has a degree in Mathematics and Economics from the University of Malawi; MSc and PhD in Social Statistics from the University of Southampton. In 2016, she received an honorary higher doctoral degree (DSc) from the University of Aberdeen in 2016 in recognition of her contributions to research on healthcare in Africa. This includes research on maternal and child health, HIV/AIDS, adolescent sexual and reproductive health, food security, and nutritional status.