

## **REGIONAL LEGAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE SADC TRIBUNAL REVIEW PROCESS**

**co-hosted by**

**International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), Southern Africa Litigation Centre (SALC) & SADC  
Lawyers' Association (SADC LA)**

**Kopanong Hotel & Conference Centre Benoni, South Africa, 28 July 2011**

### **Conference Synopsis**

Despite the advice of the World Trade Institute Advisors (WTIA) and the finding of the SADC Committee of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys-General that the Protocol on the Tribunal took effect through its incorporation into the Treaty by the adoption of the Agreement Amending the Treaty in August 2001; that the effectiveness of both the Protocol and the Agreement Amending the Treaty in August 2001 did not require ratification; and that the SADC Tribunal was legally constituted, and its decisions are binding on all SADC Member States, the SADC, the Summit of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) has will continue to have pervasive effects on human rights and the rule of law in the SADC region.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> SADC Tribunal Review Conference co-hosted by the International Commission of Jurists, the SADC Lawyers' Association and the Southern Africa Litigation Centre will provide judges, lawyers and rule of law advocates from the SADC region an opportunity to discuss the latest developments around the Tribunal. The conference will focus on a wide range of topics pertaining to the review process and the role of the stakeholders in working towards a strengthened SADC Tribunal.

### **Relevant Topics**

- Judges, Lawyers & Prosecutors
- Rule of Law
- Administration of Justice
- African Human Rights system
- International Justice