



Rising Judicial Persecution of HRDs in Africa Pretoria, South Africa 16-17 July 2015, Sheraton Hotel

Session 1

INTRODUCTION		DAY ONE (16 July)
8:30-9:00	Registration	Constance Mukarati Chair, Martin-Okumu Masiga
9:00-9:45	Welcome Remarks	ICJ Director, Arnold Tsunga
	Supporting human rights defenders	OSF Rep. Mr. Kizito Byenkya
	Judicial protection of HRDS	AJJF Rep. Martin Okumu-Masiga
	Creating safe hubs for HRDS	DIRCO, Director Pitso Montwedi(Apology).
9:45-10:15	Perspectives from ACHPR Special Rapporteurs:	
	Use of Criminal defamation and insult laws to silence HRDs: Crossroads	Advocate Pansy Tlakula, ACHPR SR on FOE
	Phenomenon of Reprisals Against HRDs and fight against impunity: Way Forward	Commissioner Reine-Alapini Gansou, ACHPR on HRDs(Apology).
10:15-11:00	Discussion	
11:00-11:15	Health Break and family photo	

Session 2: Judiciary		Chair Justice Mkandawire	
11:15-12:00	Perspectives from the Judiciary		
	Protecting the rights of minorities and marginalized populations in Botswana	Justice Dingake	
	Repeal of criminal defamation and insult laws in Zimbabwe: Has the Concourt adequately addressed the impasse.	Justice Chinhengo	
	Use of Suppression of Terrorism Act and Sedition and Subversive Activities Act in Swaziland: Prospects of Repeal	Cyril Maphanga, Former LSS President	
	Using the law to enforce morality: The case of Uganda and Nigeria's Anti-Homosexuality Laws	Justice Wangutusi	
12:00-13:00	Discussion		
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break		
Session 3: Role of lawyers and HRDS		Corlett Ltlojane, HURISA	
14:00-15:00	Role of human rights lawyers/activists in defending defenders		
	Rapid Reaction at the national level and Role of regional coalitions for HRDs	Irene Petras, ZLHR	
	Defending defenders subjected to judicial persecution: Challenges	Beatrice Mtetwa	
	International, regional and domestic collaboration for the protection of HRDS	George Kegoro, ICJ Kenya	
Experiences of Human Rights Defenders		Chair, Norman Tjombe	
15:00-16:00	Hazards of Investigating corruption in Angola	Rafael Marques de Morais	
	Scourge of criminal defamation and insult laws in Zimbabwe: Freedom of expression versus	Nevanji Madanhire	

dignity and privacy.

Land Rights of indigenous communities in Kenya: Fallacy or Reality? Abraham Sing'oei Korir

Use of security laws: Trials and Tribulations of a human rights lawyer in Sudan Amir Suleiman

Supporting and surviving incarceration of human rights defender: Lived reality of supportive wives Tanele Maseko/Fikile Makhubu

16:00-17:00 Discussion

18:00-20:00 Welcome Reception for Thulani Maseko and Bheki Makhubu at the Kutlwanong Democracy Centre and Guest Lecture by Advocate George Bizos: Protection of human rights defenders on trial through judicial activism
Chair **Arnold Tsunga**
End of first day

Session 4: International Remedies: Role of Supranational Tribunals in protecting HRDs where domestic remedies are not effective

Day two (17 July)

8:30-9:00 Registration ICJ Team

9:00-9:30 Recap of Day One
Chair **Brian Penduka, ICJ Legal Advisor**

9:30-9:45 Commentary on UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders and domestic implementation in Africa
Ms Jacqueline Kasoma, Head of Programs, Uganda Human Rights Centre

9:45-10:30	African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights: Amir Suleiman and others v Sudan. African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights: Case Against Burkina Faso	Arnold Tsunga, ICJ Africa Director Justice Gerard Niyungeko, Former President of African Court
	East African Court of Justice: Burundi Association of Journalists	Ms Evelyn Chijarira, PALU Legal Officer
10:30-10:45	Health Break	
10:45-11:00	Discussions	
11:00-12:00	Recommendations on strategies for adequate and effective protection of human rights defenders subjected to judicial persecution: To states, judges, lawyers and activists.	Martin Okumu-Masiga, AJJF
12:00-12:30	Closing Remarks	Arnold Tsunga and Martin Okumu-Masiga

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