

Programme



11 - 12 August 2021

College of Law, Centre for Indigenous Law

Conference in Celebration of Women's Month

Theme: Reflections on Gender in the Context of Customary Law in the African Continent



Day One

Wednesday, 11 August 2021

8h30 - 9h00	Registration
	Programme Director: Mmatsie Mooki
9h00 - 9h15	Opening and Introduction Prof Olatse Kole - Acting Executive Dean of the College of Law -UNISA
9h15 - 9h25	Background of the Centre for Indigenous Law and the Conference Adv Posche Makama - Manager- Centre for Indigenous Law-UNISA
9h25 - 9h50	Welcome Address and Introduction of the Minister by the VC Prof Puleng LenkaBula - Vice-Chancellor and Principal -UNISA
9h50 - 10h20	Keynote Address Hon Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma - Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA)
10h20 - 10h40	Presentation Dr Mwiza Nkhata - Principal Legal Officer African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights
10h40 - 10h50	Questions and Answers
Break	

Session Two

Plenary Discussion: Women in Traditional Leadership

Facilitator : **Adv Themba Skosana**

10h50 - 12h30	Introduction of Guests - Dr Lebogang Morodi- Director - School of Criminal Justice Hosi Dr Lwandlamuni Nwamitwa II - Chief of the Valoyi Traditional Community Limpopo Prof Mathole Motshega - Chairperson of the Constitutional Review Committee Parliament of the Republic of South Africa Princess Gaboilelwe Moroka - Member of the National House of Traditional Leaders and Khoi-San Leaders (NHTKL) Kgoshihadi Raphahlelo - Deputy Chairperson Limpopo Congress of Traditional Leadership of South Africa (Contralesa) Ms Mamello Matthews - Commission for Gender Equality (CGE) Prof Dial Ndima – Professor of African Customary Law -UNISA
12h30 -13h00	Question and Answer Session
13h00 -13h30	Lunch

Day One Breakaway Sessions (CONT)

Session A	Session B
Customary Law Human Rights and Gender Equality Moderator - Mr Kwena Seanego Click here to join the meeting	Customary Law on Marriages and Divorce Moderator – Ms Kedibone Chembe Click here to join the meeting
13h30 -13h45	13h30 - 13h45
P Ndlovu Resolving the antithesis of gender differentiation and equality in African customary law and the South African constitution-Unisa Alumni	G Chikaonda Customary marriages in Zimbabwe Stanford Law School

Day 1 Breakaway Sessions (Cont.)

13h45 - 14h00	13h45 - 14h00
A Johnson Beyond The Universalist And Cultural Relativist Debate: Challenges To Using The African Women's Protocol To Realise Gender Equality In Africa - University of the Free State -South Africa	I W Gikonyo Perceived gender equality: the interplay of customary marriages and the law in Kenya - Kenya
14h00 - 14h15	14h00 - 14h15
Chief Sekonyela Reflections on gender issues under customary law in Basotho and Batlokoa society - National university of Lesotho	M Khaile Gender dynamics of customary marriage in Lesotho
14h15 - 14h30	14h15 - 14h30
I O. Olude - The impact of customary law on women's human rights in Nigeria Chrisland University, Nigeria	O Mawodza - Is polyandry the solution for gender equality in polygamous marriages in South Africa? A commentary - University of the Western Cape South Africa
14h30 - 14h45	14h30 - 14h45
J Coetsee Dismantling customary law and revealing its living aspects: Putting women at the centre - Free State University -SA	N Mweso et al Recognition of marriage by repute: its implications on customary law and gender justice in Malawi - University of Malawi
14h45 - 15h00	14h45 - 15h00
O Olomola Customary law and Gender Dynamics of Political A Participation in Nigeria - University of Ibadan, Nigeria	TR Ibitoye Gender roles in the Nigerian customary law marriage - University of Ibadan, Nigeria
15h00 - 15h15	15h00 - 15h15
Question and Answer session	Question and Answer session
15h15 - 15h25	15h15 - 15h25
Summary, closing and vote of thanks Thabitha Kgobe	Summary, closing and vote of thanks Unathi Poyo

Day Two

Thursday, 12 August 2021

	Programme Director : David Letsoalo Plenary: Property Ownership, Land Rights and Gender Challenges Under Customary Law
9h00 - 9h15	Opening and Welcome Prof Mpfari Budeli-Nemakonde- Acting Deputy Executive Dean- College of Law UNISA
9h15 - 9h40	Guest Address Judge Nobolao Mbhele-Deputy President Free State High Court
9h40 - 9h50	Brief interaction with the Audience All
9h50 - 10h00	Introduction of Guests Prof Ahmed Raheel- Acting Director-School of law - UNISA

Day 2 Breakaway Sessions Session Two

Academic Presentations

Parallel Sessions A & B

Session A	Session B
Women, Land and Property Moderator: Ms Lethabo Mailula Click here to join the meeting	Customary Law on Marriages and Divorce Moderator – Prof BO Fagbayibo Click here to join the meeting
12h30 - 12h45 T Chome et al Negotiating women's access to land under the customary land act in Malawi: a win or loss for women in matrilineal societies? University of Malawi	12h30 - 12h45 IW Gikonyo Perceived gender equality: the interplay of customary marriages and the law in Kenya - Associate at Mukoma & Associates Advocates, Kenya
12h45 -13h00 O Gbadamosi Realizing women's rights to property ownership in Africa. a case study of Nigeria- Osun State University, Nigeria	12h45 -13h00 K Maphalle Culture and Human Rights: One Woman, Two Lives, Different Expectations University of Cape Town South Africa

Day 2 Breakaway Sessions (Cont.)

10h00 - 11h30	Plenary Discussion - Facilitator : David Letsoalo Dr Gaynor Paradza - Senior Researcher Land Program at the Public Affairs Research Institute (PARI) Inkosikazi Nobongo Ngonyama - National House of Traditional Leaders and Khoi-San Leaders - (NHTKL) Prof Anthony Diale - Director - Centre for Legal Integration in Africa and Professor University of Western Cape Dr Lungowe Matakala - School of Law University of Zambia Ms Zamatungwa Mbeki - Attorney, Senior Legal Officer South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) & PhD candidate at University of the Free State Ms Nhlanhla Dlamini Ndwandwe - Department of Public, Constitutional and International Law College of Law Unisa
11h30-12h00	Question and Answer Session
12h00-12h30	Lunch

DAY 2 Breakaway Sessions

13h00 - 13h15 R Rotich customary law vis a vis land ownership rights and gender rights -Advocate of the High Court-Kenya	13h00 - 13h15 P Vengesai Reflections on Gender in the Context of Customary Law in the African Continent Great Zimbabwe university
13h15 - 13h30 PA Batinge Did Ghanaian Customary Law's Treatment of Women Satisfy the Core Desiderata of the Rule of Law? Fordham Law School - USA	13h15 - 13h30 N Nkosi Excluded or Side-lined: women in unregistered customary union on sharing of property at the dissolution of a marriage. Unisa LLB Student
13h30 - 13h45 F O Ajagunna Women's rights and changing conceptions of the primogeniture rule in Nigeria - University of Ibadan, Nigeria	13h30 - 13h45 B Malunga et al Distribution of matrimonial property under the current divorce regime: any positives from customary law? University of Malawi
13h45 - 14h00 Joana Martins dos Santos United Nations- Geneva Switzerland	13h45 - 14h00 M Makau Unequally yoked: dissolution and division of the joint estate in a customary marriage in Lesotho - National University of Lesotho
14h00 - 14h20 Questions, Answers & Feedback	14h00 - 14h20 Questions, Answers & Feedback
14h20 - 14h25 Summary, closing and vote of thanks – Adv Lux Kubjana	14h20 - 14h25 Summary, closing and vote of thanks Ms Lentumetse Padi
Comfort Break- 5 Minutes Comfort Break	

Session Three

Parallel Sessions A & B

Academic Presentation

Session A	Session B
Customary and Religious Practices Moderator: Adv Nomagugu Hlongwane Click here to join the meeting	Language, Traditional Courts and Traditional Leadership Moderator Prof Mampolokeng Monyakane Click here to join the meeting
14h30 - 14h45 TJ Omidoyin Male child preference in marriage and the travail of motherhood in the traditional African society: Nigeria as a case study Achievers University, Nigeria	14h30 - 14h45 L Monyamane creating and sustaining a tunnel version' argument for the application of customary law – a language conundrum - University of Limpopo South Africa
14h45 - 15h00 Gigimon & S Nair A study of Marriage and religion conflict analysis of legislations and cases in India- Mar Gregorios College of Law-India en in matrilineal societies? University of Malawi	14h45 - 15h00 C Maimela & K Radebe The suitability of women in kinship and chieftainship roles in traditional African societies in a post-colonial era-University of Pretoria-South Africa
15h00 - 15h15 S Khan & R Bhattacharjee Custom and Law; an End to Unveil the Paradox of Life: An Indian African Comparative Study - Adamas University India	15h00 - 15h15 N Mabeka The Implementation of 'the best interest of the child' principle in Traditional Courts in the Light of Human Rights: A superb journey to success in Customary Law - UNISA - South Africa
15h15 - 15h30 Questions and Answers	15h15 - 15h30 Questions and Answers
15h30 - 15h35 Summary, closing and vote of thanks Reliance Mokomane	15h30 - 15h35 Summary, closing and vote of thanks Tondi Mulaudzi
15h35 - 15H50 Session Four Summary of the Conference and Way Forward	Prof Isaac Shai Department of Public, Constitutional and International Law - Unisa
15h50 -16h00 Vote of thanks and closure	Mr Aubrey Manthwa - Chair of the Department - PCIL UNISA