

BIOGRAPHY – DR OLIVIA K LWABUKUNA

Dr Olivia K Lwabukuna is a lecturer in the department of Law at SOAS University of London. She previously worked as a research and policy specialist at the Africa Institute of South Africa within the South African Human Sciences Research Council, where she worked on the role of law in African development. Dr Lwabukuna has been a consultant for the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Rule of Law Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa, where she continues to coordinate their Annual Regional Rule of Law and Inclusive Development in Africa workshops. She has also been an Africa Advisor (consultant) for ROLE-UK (Rule of Law Expertise), an A4ID Programme, and the UK Open University. In the past, she lectured law at Tumbani University (Tanzania) and the University of Pretoria (South Africa) and worked in legal practice in Swaziland and Tanzania. Dr Lwabukuna has been a Fellow and Associate at the Center for West African Studies-College of Arts and Law, University of Birmingham, the Nyerere Center for Peace Research-East African Community, and the National Competitiveness Council of Nigeria.

Dr Lwabukuna is an Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania and obtained her Bachelor of Laws from the University of Swaziland, Master of Laws (International Commercial law) from the University of Cape Town and a Doctor of Laws (Public International law) from the University of Pretoria. Dr Lwabukuna's research interests lie in the area of law's interaction with development, specifically within an African regional and sub-regional context. In this respect, she has worked on trade and governance of natural resources, internal displacement, women's property rights and law-building in post-conflict. These research areas straddle fields of human rights law, international economic law and international development law.