



4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

Free State Centre for Human Rights, University of the Free State | 01- 02 November 2021

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT AND ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS FROM AFRICA

1-2 November 2021

Venue: Online (Microsoft Teams Only)



All Times: South African Standard Time (SAST) UTC (UTC+02:00)

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DAY 1
1 NOVEMBER 2021

08:45 -09:00 Login Commences

09:00 -09:40 Welcoming and Opening Remarks **CHAIR/DISCUSSANT**

- 1. Prof John Munbangizi**
(Dean, Faculty of Law, UFS)
- 2. Prof Mtende Mhango**
(Dean, Faculty of Law, NUL)
- 3. Prof Frans Viljoen**
(Director, Centre for Human Rights, UP)
- 4. Prof Danie Brand**
(Director, Free State Centre for Human Rights, UFS)

Dr Gerard Kamga

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

TIME	THEME	KEYNOTE SPEAKER
09:40 - 11:00	Agenda 2063: Illicit Financial Flows & Africa's Development Agenda	Prof Toyin Falola (University of Texas, Austin, Free State Centre for Human Rights)

11:00 – 11:30 C O F F E E B R E A K

TIME **THEME** **SPEAKER** **CHAIR/DISCUSSANT**

PANEL A

11:30 - 13:00	Report Launch: A Human Rights Based Approach to Addressing Illicit Financial Flows From Africa - A (Draft) Study of The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liz Nelson (Tax Justice Network) 2. Maria Emilia Mamberti (Fiscal Justice in Latin America) 3. Sakshi Rai (Centre for Economic and Social Rights) 	Asha Ramgobin (Human Rights development Initiative (HRDI))
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13:00 - 14:00 L U N C H B R E A K

PANEL B

14:00: 15:30	IFFS & Natural Resource Exploitation in Africa	1. Annah Kahari, Chane Henney and Rita Ozoemena (Free State Center for Human Rights, University of the Free State, South	Dr Seun Bamidele (Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Federal University
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Africa), Digging for Development: The impact of illicit financial flows on the realisation of the right to development in Africa's Mining Sector.

2. **Muyamba Mangu & Tumba Tuseku Dieudonne** (UNISA), Impact of Chinese investment: Trap to the realization of the Right to Development in the DRC.
3. **Alimi Salifou** (The Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, Nigeria), Transnational Crimes and Illicit Financial Flows: Issues, Actors, and Impacts on the Right to Development in Africa.

Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Nigeria), Africa's Development Hemorrhage and the Shadows of Illicit financial flows in Resource Rich Countries: Interrogating the Nigerian oil Sector Corridor.

PANEL C

15:30 - 17:30 **IFFS, Debt & Development**

1. **Prof Daniel Bradlow** (SARChI Professor of International Development Law and African Economic Relations, UP)
2. **Irene Ovonji** (Independent Commissioner ICRICT, Member South Centre tax steering initiative, TJNA Advisory Board, UN FACTI panel and PALU IFF task force)
3. **Jason Rosario Braganza** (AFRODAD)

Prof Serges Kamga (Thabo Mbeki African School of Public & International Affairs, UNISA)
Arsene Douglas KAMGAN (Shalom & Rhoda (PTY) LTD)

17:30

Closing Remarks

Day 2
2 November 2021

8:45 - 9:00 Login Commences

TIME

THEME

SPEAKER

CHAIR/DISCUSSANT

PANEL D

9:00 – 10:30	Right To Development & IFFS From Africa: Country Perspectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Simon Ayooluwa St. Emmanuel (Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria), Illicit Financial Outflows as an inhibition to the realization of the Right to development in Africa: The Nigerian situation. Chrispus Nampwera & Joyce Kirunga (East Africa Emerging Public Interest Advocates Programme, Uganda and Kenya), Hemorrhaging: The impacts of Illicit Financial Flows on the Realization of the Right to Development in Africa, a case for Uganda/Illicit Financial Flows undermining the Right to Development in Africa: The Ugandan Experience. Letitia Mwavishi Shitagwa (Chiggai and Company Advocates Associate Advocate), The Impacts of Illicit Financial Flows on the Realization of the Right to Development. 	Dr George Fordham (Free State Center for Human Rights, University of the Free State, South Africa)
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PANEL E

10:30 - 11:50	Policy & Legal Framework on IFFS From Africa	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Roopanand MAHADEW (University of Mauritius, Mauritius), Assessing the potential of the proposed UN Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights in remedying the violation of the right to development of Africans by illicit financial flows from the continent. Dr Annelie De Man (Free State Centre for Human Rights, South Africa), Implementing a Human Rights-Based approach to combatting illicit Financial flows. Gaopalelwe Mathiba (Rhodes University, South Africa), The Potential of Asset Recovery in Deterring Corruption & Other 	Dr Lloyd Chigowe (National University of Lesotho, Lesotho), An Assessment of the Implementation of the AU Convention on Prevention and Combatting Corruption.
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Transnational Crimes: South African Perspective with insights from *Bobroff v NDPP* [2021].

11:50 – 12:00

C O F F E E B R E A K

PANEL F

12:00 - 13:30

Tax Fraud, Misinvoicing & Corruption: The Drivers of IFFS

1. **Prof Avitus Agbor** (North-West University, South Africa). Cameroons Political elite; High-level corruption; illicit financial flows and the Right to Development: some disturbing revelations from the judgments of the special criminal court.
2. **Dr Cristiano d’Orsi** (South African Research Chair in International Law (SARCIL) , Faculty of Law, University of Johannesburg), The crime of corruption and its repercussions on the right to development in Somalia.
3. **Dr Marianne Séverin** (Center for African studies, Les Afriques, dans le Monde (LAM)/Science Po Bordeaux France), South African Banks, State Capture, IFFS and Violation of the RTD.
4. **Mr Wilbaforce Bwambale** (Henry Kunya and Co. Advocates, Uganda), Corruption and Trade Misinvoicing revisited: Realizing the right to development and attaining Agenda 2063 for Africa.

Mr Tafadzwa Luke Mupingashato (University of Witwatersrand, South Africa), The impact of institutions and financial development on trade misinvoicing in selected Sub-Saharan Africa countries.

13:30 - 14:30

L U N C H B R E A K

PANEL G

14:30 - 16:00

IFFS & Multinational Corporations

1. **Marie-Louise Aren** (LLD Candidate, International Tax Law, UP), Developmental Responsibility of National Governments in curbing International Corporate Illicit

Prof Isaac Shai (College of Law, UNISA)

financial flights: The Halliburton Bribery Case in Nigeria.

2. **Winnie Kungu** (Advocate of the High Court of Kenya), Combating Tax fraud by Multinational Corporations: Towards the realisation of the Right to development in Africa.
3. **Kesaobaka Nancy Mopipi** (University of Fort Hare, South Africa), The use of Big Data and Technology to Curb Corruption, Kleptocracy and IFFs in South Africa
4. **Morongoe Nkisi** (LLD Candidate, Department of Mercantile Law, UP) Understanding the Significance of Institutional Capacity in Tackling IFFs by MNCs in the Promotion of the Right to Development

PANEL H

16:00 - 17:30

IFFS & Specific Groups/Sectors

1. **Prof Kananelo E Mosito and Nthati Pheko** (National University of Lesotho & the Law Society of Lesotho), National University of Lesotho Pension Law and the Right to Development: Lesotho in Focus.
2. **Tinuade Adekunbi Ojo** (Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Johannesburg), Illicit Financial Flow for Covid-19 Recovery in Nigeria: A Path towards 2063 Agenda.
3. **Seife Tadelle Kidane** (Ethiopia), Ethiopia: Illicit Financial Flows' Consequences Exacerbating Conflict in the Northern Corridor.

Drs Bright Nkrumah & Claire Westman
(Free State Centre for Human Rights)

4. **Olayinka Adeniyi and John Olawuyi** (Strathmore University and University of Pretoria), **The Gendered impact of illicit transfer in Africa: Human Right and Development Perspective for Sustainability.**

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Closing Remarks