



Programme Round Table

African Approaches to International Law

3 – 4 May 2017

Room 1-48 (Ground level, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria)

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Wednesday 3 May 2017

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| 09:00 | Introduction to the event and process: Frans Viljoen
Questions for clarification; discussion |
| 09:15 | Conceptualising “African” approaches: Charles Ngwena
Questions for clarification; discussion |
| 09:45 | Typologies of African scholarship on international law: Makau wa Mutua
Questions for clarification; discussion |
| 10:15 | African justice in postcolonial Africa: Michelo Hansungule
Questions for clarification; discussion |
| 10:45 | TEA |
| 11:00 | African histories, history-writing and international law: Humphrey Sipalla
Questions for clarification; discussion |
| 11:30 | TWAIL, decolonisation and international law: Chris Gevers
Questions for clarification; discussion |
| 12:00 | Open/ further discussion |
| 13:00 | LUNCH |
| <i>(After lunch venue – Moot Court Room, Ground level, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria)</i> | |
| 14:00 | Teaching and studying international law in Africa:
Recap of morning session: Busingye Kabumba

Africanising/ decolonising the teaching of international law?
Penelope Andrews; Annelize Nienaber
Discussion with Master’s students |
| 16:30 | TEA |
| 19:00 | DINNER (INVITED GUESTS): KAPEESH RESTAURANT, Brooklyn |

Thursday 4 May 2017

(Venue – Room 1-48, Ground level, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria)

09:00	Discussion continue Recap of previous day/ afternoon session: Japeth Biegon Discussion on way forward
10:30	TEA Concluding remarks: Justice Ben Kioko (TBC)
12:30	LUNCH

Questions to be considered may include:

- To what extent have “African approaches” to international law already emerged?
- What are their features; and their contributions/ shortcomings?
- What would be the constituent parts of “African approaches to international law”?
- Is it possible or even desirable to talk of “African approaches to international law”?
- Is TWAIL sufficient to articulate/ describe what could be considered as African approaches to IL? (so, are African approaches to IL different from that of other third world/ Southern approaches?)

The potential outcomes of the Round Table are:

- initial survey of “African approaches” to IL
- draft thoughts/ framework on elements of African Approaches to IL
- firm plan to have all-inclusive conference in mid/ later 2018
- plan agenda for such a conference
- identify volunteers/ others who will prepare papers for 2018 conference, which will presented/ discussed at conference and subsequently reworked
- 2018 conference will then be event towards the end of a writing process, leading to publication
- planning team for 2018 conference identified