

African-Caribbean Dialogue on Justice through Reparations

Justice à travers les réparations: **Dialogue Afrique-Caraïbes**

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Monday 2 June 2025

Lundi 2 Juin

08.30-09.00:

Opening and welcome **Ouverture officielle et allocutions de circonstance**

Chair: Prof Frans Viljoen

*Centre for Human Rights, NRF Chair in International Constitutional Law,
Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria*

University of Pretoria

Prof Loretta Feris

Vice Principal: Academic

University of The Bahamas

Dr Maria Woodside Oriakhi

Provost, Vice President, Academic Affairs (online)

Université de Goma

Prof Trésor Muhindo Makunya

Bahamas National Reparations Committee

Dr Niambi Hall Campbell-Dean

Associate Professor, University of the Bahamas

African Judges and Jurists Forum

Dr Justice Alfred Mavedzenge

Programs Director

Office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Regional Office for Southern Africa

Ms Abigail Noko

Regional Representative for Southern Africa

UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent

Ms Gaynel Curry

Vice-Chairperson

UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

Dr Catherine Namakula

Member

09.00-10.15:

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Chair: Prof Nkatha Murungi

Assistant Director, Center for Human Rights

Representatives of African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights

Dr. Mwiza Nkhata

Principal Legal Officer (online)

Representative of African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

Hon. Rémy Ngoy Lumbu

Chairperson (online)

Representative of African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

Hon. Wilson Almeida Adão

Chairperson (online)

Representative of CARICOM

Dr June Soomer

Chair of the University of the West Indies Open Campus Council, former Ambassador of St Lucia to CARICOM, Immediate past Chair and Member of the UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, Member of St Lucia's National Reparations Committee (online)

Representative of AUDA-NEPAD

Daphine Muzawazi

Senior Programme Officer, Institutional and Social Development

African continental reparations framework and strategies for compensation for European Slave Trade, colonial exploitations and injustices

Michael Chukwujindu Ogwezzy

Professor of Human Rights Law, Head of the Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, Rivers State University, Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Across the Atlantic: Africa-Caribbean shared histories and collaborative pathways toward reparative justice

Takudzwa Mharadze

PhD Candidate in Development Studies, University of Johannesburg; Part-time Lecturer, Zimbabwe Open University

Strengthening AU-CARICOM collaboration on historical injustices: enhancing strategies for reparations

Sidney Tambasi Netya

LLM student, International Law at the Graduate Institute Geneva (online)

10.15-10.30:

Tea

10.30-12.00

Panel 1: Conceptual framing and ambiguities
Cadre conceptuel et zones d'ambiguïté

Chair: Ms Bonolo Makgale

*Manager, Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit,
Centre for Human Rights, UP*

Le droit à réparation des victimes des injustices historiques causées par l'esclavage et la colonisation

Mutoy Mubiala

*Professor, University of Kinshasa; Coordinator,
AU Reference Group on Transitional Justice in Africa (online)*

(Re)imagining reparative justice: epistemic fractures and ontological limitations in international human rights discourse

Michael Khorommbi

*PhD candidate, Public and Development Management,
School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University*

Africa, reparations and the right to development: is the right to development an alternative to reparations?

Dr Aaron Olaniyi Salau

Faculty of Law, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Nigeria

An analysis of reparative justice frameworks for biocultural exploitation: a case study of Africa and the Caribbean

Mitchel Kakai

Consultant at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Rule of Law Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa, Nairobi, Kenya

12.00-13.30

Panel 2: Reparations: African case studies I
Réparations: études de cas africains

Chair: Prof Charles Fombad

Director, Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa, Faculty of Law, UP

Reparation for historical injustice committed during the Italian occupation of Ethiopia 1935-1941: analysis of challenges and opportunities

Dr Tsega Andualem Gelaye

*Former Assistant Professor, Ethiopian Civil Service University,
School of Law*

The politics of memory and Mau Mau veterans in Kenya: can reparations heal past human rights violations?

Tioko Emmanuel Ekiru

*Constitutional Law and Media Law Lecturer, Daystar Faculty of Law,
Nairobi, Kenya*

Quelle(s) réparation (s) pour les peuples autochtones pygmées victimes d'esclavage et autres exactions avant, pendant et après la colonisation en Afrique centrale ?

Wenceslas Busane Ruhana Mirindi

*Professeur de droit public et administratif,
Université Catholique de Bukavu (online)*

Reparations for colonialism and historical injustice: insights from the Lusophone experience

Prof Rui André Lima Gonçalves da Silva Garrido

Assistant Professor, Universidade Portucalense

Le massacre «de Thiaroye 44» sous le prisme du droit international des droits humains: comment réparer une si grande injustice historique?

Prof. Abdou Khadre Diop

Directeur des Etudes et de la Scolarité, Université Numérique (online)

Cheikh Hamidou

KANE UN-CHK, Dakar, Sénégal

and

Tapsirou Bocar Diop

Docteur en droit

13.30-14.30

Lunch

14.30-16.00

Panel 3: Reparations: African case studies II
Réparations: études de cas africains II

Chair: Prof Babatunde Fagbayibo

Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, UP

Justice, restoration, and reparations: A Nigerian perspective on addressing the precolonial, colonial and post-colonial economic legacies

Dr Olalekan A. Bello

*School of Law, University of Leicester
and*

Olusegun Gbede

Doctoral Researcher, School of Law, University of Leicester

Making a case for reparations in favour of Zimbabwe

Dr Michelle R Maziwisa

*Researcher and HRDA Programme Manager,
Centre for Human Rights, UP*

Conflict resolution or conflict transformation? the case of reparations for the Nama and Oveherero genocide of 1904-1908

Eva Church

*Research Assistant at the International Centre of Nonviolence,
Durban University of Technology*

Réparer le passé colonial au prisme des initiatives judiciaires et extra-judiciaires nationales: réflexion prospective à partir de l'exemple belge

Jonas Kakule Sindani

*Doctorant, Faculté de droit et criminologie, Centre Charles de Visscher pour le droit international et européen,
Equipe Droits et Migrations, Louvain-la-Neuve (online)*

***Africa Museum and the 2022 Belgium Restitution
Bill: decolonizing cultural heritage for a culturally
relevant education in the Democratic Republic of
Congo***

Rugenge wa Nciko

*LLB candidate, Kabarak Law School, Nakuru, Kenya; Head
of the Bureau of Students, Kabarak Law Clinic (online)*

16.00-17.30

**Panel 4: Panel: Gendered reparations
*Réparations tenant compte du genre***

***Women and reparations: exploring pathways to
address gendered harms?***

Dr Satang Nabaneh

*Director of Programs, University of Dayton Human
Rights Center, USA; Founder; Editor, Law Hub Gambia*

Gaynel Curry

*Faculty Member at the University of The Bahamas and
Vice-Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on People
of African Descent*

Matilda Lasseko-Phooko

*Programme Manager, Women's Rights Unit,
Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria*

Ida Persson

*Gambian lawyer and transitional justice expert;
Special Adviser on Transitional Justice, Ministry of Justice, The Gambia*

19.00-21.00:

Conference Dinner (Speakers)

Kream Restaurant, Brooklyn Pretoria, 83 Dey Street



Tuesday 3 June 2025
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08.30-10.00

Panel 5: Reparations of land
Réparations foncières

Chair: Ms Gaynel Curry

Vice-Chairperson UN Permanent Forum on People of African Descent

Land back: what happens when we think of land rights as reparations for colonisation in Africa?

Beth Davies-Kumadiro

MA Political Studies Candidate, University of the Witwatersrand

Land, law, and legacy: a comparative study of indigenous peoples' land rights and reparative justice in Tanzania and South Africa

Raymond Venance Kaswaga

*Resident Magistrate in Charge, Momba District Court,
Songwe Region, Tanzania*

The unresolved land question in Zimbabwe: reparations for colonial injustices versus compensation to white farmers

Dr Noah Maringe

*Professor, Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University
and*

Nyasha Makuzwa

Lecturer, Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University

10.00-10.30

Tea

10.30-12.00

Panel 6: Reparations and culture
Réparations et culture

Chair: Professor Pierre Kilele Muzaliwa

University of Goma

Beyond recognition: economic reparations for African women's cultural and intellectual exploitation

Dr Olayinka Adeniyi

Researcher, ISER, Rhodes University, South Africa
and

Dr Dorcas Basimanyane

ACCA Manager, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Restitution du patrimoine culturel spolié pendant la colonisation
L'apport du droit africain à la réparation d'une violation continue

Bulungalire Birindwa Espoir

Teaching Assistant, Catholic University of Bukavu (online)
and

Nyaluma Mulagano Arnold

Avocat (Barreau de Bukavu); Enseignant Chercheur (Droit public, Droits humains) à l'UCB et à l'ISTM-Bukavu

Colonial displacement and cultural erosion:
the struggle for Maasai cultural survival and the case for reparations

Winnie Naini

Masaai curator, Kenya (in person)
and

Dr. Patrick Michael Ogeto

Pacha Research Centre, Kenya
and

Prof Babere Kerata Chacha

Laikipia University, Kenya
and

Dr Evans Nyamwaka

Kisii University, Kenya



12.00-13.30

Panel 7: AU human rights institutions
Les organes des droits de l'homme de l'Union africaine

Chair: Prof Ebenezer Durojaye

Acting Director, Centre for Human Rights, UP

Advancing justice through reparations for cultural artifacts illicitly trafficked from Africa: any role for the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights?

Dr Victor Ayeni

Senior Fellow, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (online)

A special mechanism on human rights and sovereign debt within the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights as a vehicle for sovereign debt justice reparations

Harrison Mbori and Daniel Thamsanqa Moyo

African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (online)

Enhancing access to reparatory justice for women: the role of African human rights bodies

Rizzan Nassuna

Senior Advisor and Rights Component Lead GIZ

Dispensation of justice through reparations: benchmarking the role of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in the Ogieks' case in protecting indigenous peoples' collective right to economic, social and cultural development in Tanzania

Cecilia Ngaiza

*Lecturer and Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies,
University of Dar es Salaam, School of Law (online)*

La contribution du Comité africain d'experts sur les droits et le bien-être de l'enfant dans le processus de réparation des injustices historiques : cas d'enfants d'ascendance nubienne au Kenya

Prof Junior Mumbala Abelungu

Doyen de la Faculté de Droit de l'Université Protestante de Lubumbashi (RDC)

13.30-14.30

Lunch

14.30-16.00

Panel 8: Reparations and health, the environment and the climate

Réparations en matière de santé, d'environnement et de climat

Chair: Dr Niambi Hall Campbell-Dean

Psychologist and Chair of the Bahamas Reparations Committee

Reclaiming African indigenous health systems and traditional knowledge post-colonialism

Michelle Ruvimbo Mutogo

*Executive Director, Rozaria Memorial Trust, Zimbabwe
and*

Melissa Ruvimbo Kubvoruno

Rozaria Memorial Trust, Zimbabwe (in person)

Reparations and mental health: the impact of traumatic generations in South Africa, Ghana, and the Caribbean

Dr Shumani Mulaudzi

*Transformation unit, Gauteng Department of Roads, and
Transport, Gauteng Provincial Government, South Africa (in person)
and*

Prof Muhammad Hoque

*Department of Public Health, Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University,
Pretoria, South Africa*

Climate reparations and the continuing legacies of colonial harm: developing a Pan-African research and policy agenda

Dr Patrick Toussaint

*Climate Research and Policy Advisor, African Futures Lab (online)
and*

Krishnee Appadoo

Senior Lecturer, University of Mauritius (in person)

***Beyond adaptation and climate aid:
climate reparations as a driver of resilience
and low carbon development in Africa***

Dr Michael Addaney

*Senior Lecturer and Postgraduate Coordinator,
Department of Land Management, University of Energy and Natural
Resources, Sunyani, Ghana*

16.00-17.30

Panel 9: Reparations: actors and actions beyond the state

Réparations : acteurs et actions au-delà de l'État

Chair: Lloyd Kuveya

Assistant Director, Centre for Human Rights, UP

***Reparations beyond the state: the role of grassroots movements
and informal networks in seeking justice for colonial and slavery
legacies***

Henrietta Ekefre

Legal Advisor, Africa Reparations Programme

***The role of the International Court of Justice
in advancing Africa's reparative justice agenda***

Dr Justice Mavedzenge

*Adjunct Senior Lecturer, University of Cape Town
Programs Director, Africa Judges and Jurist Forum*

***The role of the African Union Transitional Justice Policy in guiding
reparations for historical injustices***

Prof Steve Tiwa Fomekong

Faculty of Law, Université Laval, Canada (online)

Reparations for sovereign debt crises

Prof Matthias Goldmann

*Max Planck Institute for International and Comparative Law, Heidelberg,
Germany*

17.30-18.00:

Closing

Frans Viljoen, Gaynel Curry, Tresor Makunya



The House of Slaves and its Door of No Return is a museum and memorial to the victims of the Atlantic slave trade on Gorée Island, 3 km off the coast of the city of Dakar, Senegal. Gorée Island, a small island off the coast of Dakar, Senegal, is believed to have been a 'key stop for thousands and thousands of slaves on their brutal journey to the Americas' throughout the 16th and 19th centuries.

Elmina Castle was erected by the Portuguese in 1482 as Castelo de São Jorge da Mina, also known as Castelo da Mina or simply Mina, in present-day Elmina, Ghana, formerly the Gold Coast. Elmina Castle was the first European slave-trading post in all of sub-saharan Africa. Elmina Castle was the first European slave-trading post in all of sub-saharan Africa.



The African Union (AU) declared 2025 as the “Year of Reparations” under the theme “Advancing Justice through Reparations: Reparations, Restoration, and Renaissance”. Reparations for historical injustices and human rights violations due to slavery, colonialism, and other forms of exploitation against people of African descent is one of the burning issues of our time.

To explore this topic further, particularly against the background of the strategies devised and measures taken by countries in the Caribbean, individually and collectively as part of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), a conference titled Justice through Reparations: African-Caribbean Dialogue is organised. Over the two conference days, around 40 papers will be presented, as set out in the preliminary programme.

The organisers are three academic institutions (the University of The Bahamas, the University of Pretoria (Centre for Human Rights and NRF Chair in International Constitutional Law) and the University of Goma), together with the Bahamas National Reparations Committee, and the African Judges and Jurists Forum, in partnership with CARICOM and the United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent. The event is further undertaken in collaboration with the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights, the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.

The format of the event is: a two-day, hybrid, conference, bringing together experts and interested stakeholders from across Africa and the Caribbean, together with local South African participants, including the University of Pretoria and other students. There will be simultaneous English-French interpretation.

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