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on Access to Information for Africa

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Centre for Human Rights,
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Soft law and human rights: The impact of the Model Law on Access to Information for Africa

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2015

08:00 – 08:30	Registration of Participants
08:30 – 08:40	Welcome Remarks Professor Themba Mosia <i>Vice Principal: Student Affairs, Residence Affairs and Accommodation, University of Pretoria</i>
08:40 – 08:50	Opening Remarks Her Excellency Ms Trine Skymoene <i>Ambassador of Norway to South Africa</i>
08:50 – 09:00	Keynote Address Adv Pansy Tlakula <i>Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa and Chairperson, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights</i>
09:00 – 09:10	Self-introduction of participants

THEME ONE

THE MODEL LAW AND ITS INFLUENCE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN AFRICA

09:10 – 09:20	The History and development of the Model Law Mr Maxwell Kadiri <i>Legal Officer, Open Society Justice Initiative</i>
09:20 – 09:30	Advocacy for the adoption of ATI laws in Africa: the Impact of the Model Law Dr Fola Adeleke <i>Head of Research, Mandela Institute, University of the Witwatersrand</i>

09:30 – 09:40	Implementing a Model Access to Information Law in Africa: Lessons from the Americas Ms Marianna Belalba <i>Centre for Applied Legal Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa</i> Mr Alan Sears <i>Law Clerk, Constitutional Court of South Africa</i>
9:40 – 10:10	Discussions, Observations and Comments
COUNTRY STUDIES: THE INFLUENCE OF THE MODEL LAW IN THE ADOPTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION LAWS IN AFRICA	
10:10-10:20	MOZAMBIQUE Ms Lara Dias <i>Ministry of Justice, Mozambique</i>
10:20 – 10:30	SUDAN The Sudanese Access to Information Act 2015: A Step Forward Mr Ali Abdelrahman Khalil <i>Partner, Shami, Khalil & Siddig Advocates, Sudan</i>
10:30 – 10:40	KENYA The impact of the African union model law on access to information in Kenya: A best practice guide Ms Anne Nderi <i>Programme Manager: Democratisation, ICJ-Kenya</i>
10:40 – 10:50	TANZANIA A critique on the Tanzania Access to Information Bill 2015 Mr Charles Joseph Mmbando <i>Principal State Attorney, Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Tanzania</i>
10:50 – 11:20	Discussions, Observations and Comments
11:20 – 11:40	Tea Break
11:40 – 11:50	GHANA The African Union Model Law and the Struggle for the Review and Passage of the Ghana Right to Information Bill Ms Ugonna Ukaigwe <i>Project Consultant, RTI Coalition, Ghana</i>
11:50 – 12:00	MALAWI Assessing the Influence of the ATI Model Law in the Development of the ATI Bill and Review of Existing Legislation in Malawi Mr Mandala Mambulasa <i>Member, Governing Board, MISA-MALAWI</i>
12:00 – 12:10	MALAWI Mr John Mchilikizo <i>Ministry of Information, Malawi</i>
12:10 – 12:40	Discussions, Observations and Comments
THEME 2 IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN AFRICA	
12:40 – 12:50	The Implementation of the Constitutional Right of Access to Information in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities Ms Lola Shyllon <i>Programme Manager, FOE & ATI, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>

12:50 – 13:00	The Implementation of the Access to Information Act of Uganda Mr Ronald Sekyewa <i>Director, Hub for Investigative Media, Uganda</i>
13:00 – 13:10	Compliance through decoration: Access to information in Zimbabwe Mr Nhlanhla Ngwenya <i>Director, MISA Zimbabwe</i>
13:10 – 13:20	Making the Right of Information a reality in Litigating on the Right to health in Kenya Ms Belice A. Odamna <i>Senior Programme Officer, Kenya Legal Ethical Issues Network (KELIN)</i>
13:20 – 13:30	Implementing the Nigeria FOI Act Mr Maxwell Kadiiri <i>Legal Officer, Open Society Justice Initiative</i>
13.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:10	Procurement Monitoring and the Nigerian FOI Act Ms Seember Nyager <i>CEO, Public and Private Development Centre, Nigeria</i>
14:10 – 14:20	The Implications of the My Vote Counts v Speaker, National Assembly Judgement in South Africa Ms Toerien Van Wyk <i>FOIP Coordinator, South African History Archive</i>
14:20 – 14:50	Discussions, Observations and comments
THEME 3 THE ROLE/INFLUENCE OF SOFT LAW WITHIN THE AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM	
14:50 – 15:00	Soft Law in the African Union: A legitimacy-based enquiry Dr Busingye Kabumba <i>Lecturer, Makerere University, Uganda</i>
15:00 – 15:10	Soft law and human rights: The impact of thematic resolutions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Mr Japhet Biegon <i>Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>
15:10 – 15:20	The General Comments of the African Commission as sources for the Development of Norms and Standard on Sexual and Reproductive Health Prof Ebenezer Durojaye, <i>Head, Socio-economic Rights Project, Dulla Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape</i>
15:20 – 15:30	The Role of the African Union Model Law on IDPs in addressing internal displacement in Africa: prospects and challenges Dr Romola Adeola <i>Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>
15:30 – 15:55	Discussions, Observations and comments
15:55 – 16:00	Concluding remarks Prof Frans Viljoen <i>Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria</i>
17:00 – 19:00	Conference Dinner