



## SEVENTH ANNUAL LAW AND RELIGION IN AFRICA CONFERENCE

*Law, Religion, and Environment in Africa*

Gaborone, Botswana

19-22 May 2019

### CALL FOR PAPERS

Following the success of conferences in Ghana (2013), South Africa (2014), Namibia (2015), Ethiopia (2016), Morocco (2017) and Nigeria (2018), the African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies will be convening its Seventh Annual Law and Religion Conference in Gaborone, Botswana from 19 to 22 May 2019 in collaboration with the Department of Theology & Religious Studies, the Department of Law at the University of Botswana, and the International Center for Law and Religion Studies of the Brigham Young University Law School, USA.

The subject of the conference will be *Law, Religion, and Environment in Africa*. Intending participants are encouraged to submit abstracts which address any aspect of the theme, drawing on their field of study, professional expertise, and national, regional, or comparative experience. Themes for the conference include, but are not limited to:

- Freedom of Religion or Belief, Human Rights, and the Environment
- Religion and International Law on the Environment in Africa since the 1992 Kyoto Protocol, the 2015 Paris Climate Accord and in relation to the 2030 UN Agenda
- Religion and the Governance of Sacred Sites, Biosphere Reserves and Heritage Sites
- Environmental Policies on Land, Water, Pollution, Waste, and Food and Religious Human Rights Movements/Responses
- Faith-Based Organisations and Interreligious Initiatives on Environment in Africa
- Environmental and/or Human Dignity: Negotiating Competing Grounds of Rights
- African Traditional Religion and Indigenous Perspectives on the Environment
- Religion, Public Health and African Burial Practices
- African Environmental Movements
- “Dark Green Religions” and “Greening Religion” in Africa
- War, Conflict, and the Impact of Environmental Degradation on Vulnerable Populations
- Animals and the Environment in Law and Religion
- Religion and Conservation of Protected Areas and Species
- Women, Gender and Ecofeminist Perspectives
- Religion, Fecundity and Human Fertility
- Sustainable Development Goals and the Environment
- Law, Religion and Sustainable Futures in Africa
- Environment, Future Generations and Intergenerational Justice
- Any aspect of law, human rights, and religion/religious pluralism in Africa

Abstracts (not exceeding 250 words) should be submitted by **Monday 1 October 2018**. The conference committee will notify successful applicants by **30 November 2018**. Draft papers from selected participants should be submitted by **1 April 2019**. Revised versions should be submitted shortly after the conference for inclusion in the ACLARS annual peer-reviewed volume. All abstracts, together with a short biographical note of the author, should be sent to [deborah.wright@aclars.org](mailto:deborah.wright@aclars.org). Submissions will only be accepted if they are submitted using the accompanying response form (also accessible on the [ACLARS website](#)).