

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME	MONDAY 18 MAY	LAW AND RELIGION IN AFRICA 2015
8:30-9:00	Registration	

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME	SUNDAY 17 MAY	LAW AND RELIGION IN AFRICA 2015
18:30-19:00	Registration	
19:00-19:30	Opening and Welcome Addresses Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari Chair: Nico Horn Yvonne Dausab , Deputy Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Namibia Pieter Coertzen , African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies W. Cole Durham, Jr. , International Center for Law and Religion Studies	
19:30-20:15	Plenary 1 THEME: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN NAMIBIA: PERSPECTIVES OF VARIOUS RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari Chair: Nico Horn Bishop Wylie V. Upi , Oruano Protestant Unity Church Bishop Wahl Abrahams , Kingdom Faith Builders Prof. Shahin Aadeh , Bahá'í Faith Dr. Armas Shikongo , Psychologist, UNAM Academic and Islamic Scholar Rev. Clem Marais , Dutch Reformed Church Elder Kevin S. Hamilton , The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	
20:15-21:00	Plenary 2 Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari THEME: KEYNOTE SESSION Chair: Nico Horn Joseph Diescho , <i>Place for All in the House</i>	
21:00	Reception with refreshments	
9:00–9:45	Plenary 3 Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari THEME: KEYNOTE SESSION Chair: Nico Horn Bishop Zephania Kameeta , <i>The Role of Religion in Creating a Just Society</i> , Honorable Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church and Namibian Government Minister of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare	
9:45-10:15	THEME: RULE OF LAW IN NAMIBIA Chair: Nico Horn John Walters , <i>The Development and Protection of Human Rights in Namibia</i>	
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:45	Concurrent sessions	
	THEME: PROPHECY, PROPHETS AND THE STATE OF AFRICA Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari Chair: Rosalind I.J. Hackett Enyinna Nwauche , <i>Neutral Principles and the Criminal Prosecution of Religious Leaders in African States: A Constitutional Inquiry</i> Esha Faki Mwinyihaji , <i>"No Idols in our Town": Constitutional Guarantees and the Competition for Religious Space in Kisumu City, Kenya</i> Asonzeh Ukah , <i>Prophecy, Miracle & Tragedy: The Afterlife of T.B. Joshua's Ministry and the Nigerian State</i> Damaris Seleina Parsitau , <i>Prophets, Power, Authority and the Kenyan State: Prophet David Owuor of the National Repentance and Holiness Ministry</i>	THEME: WOMEN, CHILDREN AND MARRIAGE Room: Flamingo 2, Hotel Safari Chair: Wahab Kunle Shittu E.H. (Helena) van Coller , <i>Homosexuality and the Church: Controversies and Challenges</i> Amal Idrissi , <i>Women, Law, and Religion in Maghreb</i> Abdulmunmini Adebayo Oba , <i>Between Willingness and Unwillingness: Christian Judges, Lawyers and Litigants in Islamic Courts in Northern Nigeria</i>
11:45–12:00	Break	

12:00-13:00	Plenary 4 THEME: EDUCATION, RELIGION AND THE LAW Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari Chair: Akinola Ibidapo-Obe Pieter Coertzen , <i>Religion and Religious Observances in South African Public Schools – To be or not to be!</i> Kofi Quashigah , <i>Toddling Along the Beaten Path? Ghana's Emerging Issue of Religious Influence in Schools</i>		
13:00-14:00	Lunch Room: Restaurant, Hotel Safari		
14:00-15:00	Plenary 5 THEME: EDUCATION, RELIGION AND THE LAW Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari Chair: Akinola Ibidapo-Obe Mary Anne Plaatjies van Huffel , <i>The Rights and Responsibilities of Freedom of Religion at Public Schools in South Africa</i> Iain T. Benson , <i>Religious Education and Diversity: The Role and Limits of 'Civic Virtues'</i> Shaun de Freitas , <i>Transcending the Private-Public School Divide</i>		
15:00-15:15	Break		
15:15-16:45	Concurrent sessions		
	THEME: RELIGION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari Chair: Danoye Oguntola-Laguda T. Jeremy Gunn , <i>Religion, Politics and Law in North Africa</i> James O. Latigo , <i>Revisiting our African Religious Roots: Insights from the Luo-Gang</i> Mohamed Abdelaal , <i>The Paradox of Freedom of Religion in Post-Revolutionary Egypt</i> Francois Bangamwabo , <i>War against Terror or War against Religion</i>	THEME: AFRICAN CUSTOMARY LAW AND THE STATE Room: Cape Cross Room, Safari Court Chair: Jean-Baptiste Sourou Fortune Sibanda , <i>Avenging Spirits and the Vitality of African Traditional Law, Custom and Religion in Contemporary Zimbabwe</i> W.S.D. Zeze , <i>Democratic Constitution and Ethnic Organisations in Milawi: Preserving Traditional Practices or Promoting Nepotism and Tribalism?</i> Obed Kealotswe , <i>Relationship of Custom, Culture, Ethnicity, and Religion: The Case of the Mwali Cult of the Bakalanga of the North East District of Botswana</i>	THEME: RELIGION AND DEVELOPMENT Room: Flamingo 2, Hotel Safari Chair: Robert T. Smith George William Byarugaba , <i>Religion and Development in Africa</i> Salim Magashi , <i>The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and Economic Development of Pluralistic Nations: Nigeria as a Case Study</i> Nisbert Taisekwa Taringa , <i>African Traditional Religious-Ecotopian Visions: Problems and Promise</i>
16:45-17:00	Break		
17:00	CONFERENCE DINNER AND SPEAKER Room: Namib 2, Hotel Safari Chair: Mark Hill QC John Walters , <i>The Development and Protection of Human Rights in Namibia</i>		

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8:30–10:00	Plenary 6 WELCOME Introduction: Nico Horn John Baloro , Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Namibia THEME: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN AFRICA: IMPORTANT ANTICEDENTS AND PRESENT CHALLENGES Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari Chair: Getachew Assefa Woldemariam Mark Hill QC , <i>The Magna Carta's Effect on Religious Freedom in Africa and Around the Globe</i> Godfrey Msiska , <i>Globalisation and Religious Pluralism in Africa: The Religious Freedom and the Challenges</i> Muhammed Haron , <i>Agency and Authority: Muslim Minorities and the State</i>	
10:00-10:15	Break	
10:15-11:45	Concurrent sessions	

	<p>THEME: LAW AND RELIGION: A COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE FROM NAMIBIA AND NIGERIA Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari Chair: Nokuzola Mndende John Baloro, <i>Constitutional Separation of State and Religion in Africa: Formalism versus Practice</i> Ahmed S. Garba, <i>Nigeria's State-Religion Relation and its Legal Implications to Religious Pluralism and by Extension Freedom of Religion</i> Nico Horn, <i>Namibia: A Secular State with Religious Preferences</i> Desmond Dawid Tjipanga, <i>What is the Relationship between Religious Establishment and the Closely Related Category of Religious Freedom?</i></p>	<p>THEME: LAW, RELIGION AND POLITICS — THE NIGERIAN CASE Room: Flamingo 1, Hotel Safari or Cape Cross Room, Safari Court Chair: Kofi Quashigah Abubakar Imam Ali-Agan & Oyeronke Olademo, <i>The Effect of Religious Pluralism on the 2015 Elections in Nigeria</i> Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, <i>Religion, Leadership and Struggle for Power in Nigeria: A Case Study of the 2003 Presidential Election in Nigeria</i> A. Wahab Egbewole, <i>The Operational Complexities of Free Exercise and the Adoption of Religion Clauses in the Nigerian Constitution</i></p>	<p>THEME: LAW AND RELIGION: A COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE FROM ETHIOPIA AND BENIN Room: Flamingo 2, Hotel Safari Chair: Johan van der Vyver Abadir Mohamed Ibrahim, <i>Freedom of Religion in 'Revolutionary-Secular' Ethiopia</i> Jean-Baptiste Sourou, <i>State and Religion under the 1977 Constitution in Popular Republic of Benin</i> Gidey Seyoum Halibo, <i>Law and Religion in Ethiopia: The Evolution of a Complex Interaction</i> Mohammed Dejen Assen, <i>Contested Secularism in Ethiopia: The Freedom to Public Manifestation of Faith</i></p>
11:45–12:00	Break		
12:00-13:00	Concurrent sessions		
	<p>THEME: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AS A HUMAN RIGHT Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari Chair: Abadir Mohamed Ibrahim Hans Ingvar Roth, <i>Freedom of Religion as a Distinct Human Right</i> Tarisai Mutangi, <i>The State as between a Rock and Hard Surface: Maintaining a Delicate Balance between Religious Freedom and Duty to Combat Religion-Based Forms of Abuse in Zimbabwe</i></p>	<p>THEME: EFFECT OF CONTEMPORAY LAWS ON RELIGIOUS GROUPS Room: Flamingo 1, Hotel Safari or Cape Cross Room, Safari Court Chair: Shawn Boshoff Abamfo Atiemo, <i>Religion, Religious Groups, and Sects: Defining Religion for Legal and Administrative Purposes in Ghana</i> Oscarine Nokuzola Mndende, <i>South African Customary Law of Succession in a Changing Society: Contemporary Law and its Effects on Religious Practices and Beliefs</i></p>	<p>THEME: LAW AND THEOLOGY Room: Flamingo 2, Hotel Safari Chair: Mary Anne Platijies van Huffel Dennis Bonginkosi Xulu, <i>Contribution of Religious Laws as ADR: Developing a Theology of Rule of Law in the Rainbow Nation</i> M.D. Kebaneilwe, <i>Law, Religion and Ecological Issues: A Theological Approach</i></p>
13:00-14:00	<p>Lunch Room: Restaurant, Hotel Safari</p>		
14:00-15:30	<p>Plenary 7 THEME: CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS AND ASPIRATIONS Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari Chair: Cole Durham Michel Alokpo, Ministry of Interior, Benin Wahab Kunle Shittu, <i>Report on the International Conference on Law and Religion Held in Nigeria Between 23rd to 27th February 2015</i> M. Christian Green, <i>Ten Points on Law and Religion Scholarship in Africa</i> Delegates upon invitation of the chair</p>		
15:30-15:45	Break		
15:45-16:30	<p>Annual ACLARS Business Meeting Room: Namib 1, Hotel Safari Chair: Pieter Coertzen Secretary: Shawn Boshoff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve financial report • Set level of dues • Approve new committee chairs and members • Discuss and approve next ACLARS meeting, theme, and venue • Regional chapters/affiliates 		
16:30-16:45	Break		
16:45	<p>Visit to Heroes' Acre Bus Tour of Windhoek, Parliament, and Christ Church Closing Dinner</p>		