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About PALU

The Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU) is the umbrella association of African lawyers and law societies. It brings together the continent's five regional and fifty-four national lawyers' associations, as well as individual lawyer-members. Our mission is to work towards the development of the law and legal profession, the rule of law, human rights and socio-economic development of the African continent, including through supporting African regional integration.

Research and Publications Programme

PALU has activated its Research and Publications Programme. We intend to stimulate research, dialogue, publication and wide dissemination of articles and papers on topical legal issues. These are intended to be innovative and/or game changing papers that would set the tone for legal discourse and development in Africa. We will accommodate both longer scholarly papers, as well as shorter, practice-oriented articles, including analyses of treaties, laws or recent judgments. We will also incorporate reviews of books. These will be published in the PALU Journal, as well as in Monographs and Policy Briefs targeted at the African Union, Regional Economic Communities, other African International Organizations or Member States.

We are calling upon Legal Scholars, Researchers, Consultants or Legal Practitioners to express interest by submitting a short Abstract (500 words) and a Resume or *Curriculum Vitae*.

Suggested themes/ topics:

Some key suggested themes/ topics are listed below. However, we will also welcome innovative papers or articles in other areas.

1. The Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa: Progress, Prospects and Policy Options

2. The North African Uprisings: Implications for Constitutional Democracy; or the Roles of Lawyers and Lawyers' Associations
3. The African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG) and the evolution of the principle of Unconstitutional Change of Government: Historical Perspectives, Case Studies, towards more robust application
4. Prosecuting Corruption in Africa: the scope for citizen action, including private prosecutions or private recovery of stolen assets: Case Studies, Innovative Strategies
5. Vulture Funds in Africa: Case Studies and/ or Litigation Strategies
6. The First Hearing at the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights: An analysis of the Decision in Application No. 001 of 2011 (The *Femi Falana Case*). **NB:** *the Decision is likely to be rendered during the 25th Ordinary Session of the Court (June 2012)*
7. Exploring the possible complementarities between the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and other organs and institutions of the African Union and its Regional Economic Communities
8. Recent Developments in International Criminal Justice in Africa
9. Extension of the jurisdiction of the East African Court of Justice to incorporate trade or commercial disputes, human or peoples' rights, or crimes: analyses, critiques, policy options
10. Financing the African Union and the Regional Economic Communities

Honorarium

An Honorarium will be offered to writers whose papers or articles are published.

How to contact us

Should you wish to submit your abstract and/ or have any further questions, please contact us at secretariat@lawyersofafrica.org. The first Call for Papers will be closed on 30th June 2012.

Yours Sincerely,

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