



Dialogue for Constitution Building Practitioners

"Constitution building and the dynamics of economic change"

20-23 March 2011 in Pretoria, South Africa

Day 1: Sunday, 20 March 2011	
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Registration and Welcome Dinner Video Introduction to International IDEA
Day 2: Monday, 21 March 2011	
9:00 am to 10:00 am	<p>Opening Ceremonies</p> <p>Welcome and Introduction: Dr Abdalla Hamdok, Director, Governance and Public Administration United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Mr Mustaq Moorad, Regional Director, Africa Programme, International IDEA</p> <p>Prof Shadrack Gutto: "Economic Policy Choices for the Next Generation of African Constitutions"</p>
10:00 am to 10:30 am	Break and Group Photos
10:30 am to 1:15 pm	<p>Session 1: Where have we come from? Reflecting on practitioner experiences</p> <p>Purpose: To frame an overview of trends of how economic issues were enshrined in constitution building processes in the global south; to offer observations on pressing contingent agendas both within broader cycles of societal change (urging for economic reform) and quickly emerging financial challenges. Reflecting on their individual experiences during and after constitution building process, participants will exchange insights into the purposes and outcomes of enshrining particular economic policies in constitutions.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which economic issues were constitutionalized and why? • What were the politics of the economic issues above?



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has been the lived reality of the constitutional choices on economic issues? • The salience of gender in economic rationales enshrined in the constitution <p>Discussion lead by Panellists: East Timor: Ms Fernanda Borges Nepal: Mr Rameshore Khanal, Secretary of Finance, Ministry of Finance (TBC) Bolivia: Mr Samuel Doria Medina, Chairman, National Unity Front Dr Andrew Ladley, Adjunct Professor, Victoria University of Wellington</p> <p>Moderated by Mr Winluck Wahiu, Project Manager, Constitution Building Programme, International IDEA</p>
1:15 pm to 2:15 pm	Lunch
2:15 pm to 4:00 pm	<p>Session 1: Continued</p> <p>Discussion lead by Panellists: Kenya: Dr Ekuru Aukot, Director, Committee of Experts on the Review of the Constitution The Philippines: Dr Florangel Braid, President Emeritus & Senior Adviser, Asian Institute of Journalism & Communication Ecuador: Mr Carlo Ruiz Giraldo, Component Director, GIZ Egypt: Ms Anissa Hassouna, Secretary General, Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs Thailand: Dr Seree Nonthasoot, Legal Counsel, Ministry of Finance</p> <p>Moderated by Dr Sakuntala Kadirgamar-Rajasingham, Constitutional Adviser, UN Political Office Somalia</p>
4:00 pm to 4:15 pm	Break
4:15 pm to 5:30 pm	Session 1: Continued
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	<p>Dinner Reception at Kream Restaurant</p> <p>Evening address: Mr Lethebe Maine, First Ombudsman of Botswana and Member of the Board of Advisers of International IDEA</p>



Day 3: Tuesday, 22 March 2011

9:00 am to 10:30 am	<p>Session 2: Engaging with the neighbourhood & beyond: South-South exchanges for socio-economic rights and economic governance</p> <p>Purpose: To consider the implications of South-South knowledge exchanges for constitutional development.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did our processes of constitution building learn from other comparative contexts and in turn what do our experiences offer constitution builders in comparative contexts? • What conditions will enrich south-south exchange of constitution building expertise on this matter? <p>Discussion lead by Panellists: Mr Sadikou Ayo Alao, Chairman, Research Group on the Democratic, Economic and Social Development of Africa Dr Abdalla Hamdok, Director of Governance and Public Administration Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Mr Hassen Ebrahim, former CEO of South African Constituent Assembly Dr Mohan Gopal, Director, National Judicial Academy of India</p> <p>Moderated by Prof Christina Murray, Constitutional and Human Rights Law, University of Cape Town</p>
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10:30 am to 10:45 am	Break
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10:45 am to 11:35	Session 2: Continued
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11:35 am to 1:00 pm	<p>Session 3: In-focus perspective: Roles of international actors in constitution building</p> <p>Purpose: To consider the implications of the mandates and interests of IFIs as drivers of change in constitution building processes.</p> <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What principles or normative frameworks inform the roles of external actors such as IFIs in processes of constitution building? • How do external actors view their role with respect to the nexus between economic reform and constitution building? • Is there a knowledge gap to be addressed within IFIs on constitution building? <p>Mr Charles Abugre, Deputy Director for Africa, UN Millennium Account (TBC) Mr Abdoulaye Bio-Tchané, President, West African Development Bank</p>
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1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm to 2:55 pm	Session 3: Continued
2:55 pm to 4:15 pm	<p>Session 4: Actors and stakeholders in constitution building on economic choices</p> <p>Purpose: To consider the dynamic interplay of interests among diverse stakeholders in constitution building, including national and external actors, and how they have shaped economic issues in recent constitutional building processes.</p> <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who were the external actors that were able to exert influence on the agenda, process and/or content of constitution building in particular situations? • Which issues of content or process generated greatest interest or scrutiny from external actors with regard to economic issues? • What are the politics that factor into how external actors access constitution building processes to shape their economic outcomes? <p>Discussion lead by Panellists: Dr Nicholas Amponsah, Commissioner, Constitution Review Commission of Ghana Dr Atta El-Battahani, Senior Adviser, Africa Programme, International IDEA Dr Sumanasiri Liyanage, Professor, University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka Mr Dakarayi Matanga, Executive Director, Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development Dr Maxwell Mkwesalamba, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union (TBC)</p> <p>Moderated by Ms Noria Mashumba, Project Manager, UNDP</p>
4:15 pm to 4:30 pm	Break
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Session 4 Continued



Day 4: Wednesday, 23 March 2011	
9:00 am to 10:30 am	<p>Session 5: Wrap up Purpose: To consolidate policy lessons and insights from the two days of discussion.</p> <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the constitutionalization of economic choices made a difference? • Are there constitutional arrangements that can be seen as integral to economic growth? • Where are the knowledge gaps on how to use the constitution to promote equitable economic growth and development? • How important are regional and south-south partnerships to better understanding of economic choices in constitution building? • Should constitution building be more distinctly embedded in the work of external actors, particularly IFIs? If so, how? <p>Moderated by Dr Chidi Odinkalu and Ms Agnes Ebo’o</p>
10:30 am to 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am to 12:00 pm	<p>Session 6: Reactions to constitution building programming at International IDEA</p> <p>Purpose: IDEA would like to benefit from participants’ input and reactions to its constitution building programming and its next phase of development.</p> <p>Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential partnerships to strengthen links for impact • Priority focal areas • Processes for stakeholder input into programming implementation and impact evaluation <p>Moderated by Mr Andrew Bradley, Director of Global Programmes, International IDEA and Mr Winluck Wahiu, Project Manager, Constitution Building Programme, International IDEA</p>
12:00 pm to 12:15 pm	<p>Closing Mr Andrew Bradley, Director of Global Programmes, International IDEA</p>
12:15 pm to 1:15 pm	Lunch
Afternoon	<p>Guided Tour of South African Constitutional Court Assembly time 1:15 pm Safe Travels for all departing participants</p>