



## Dialogue for Constitution Building Practitioners

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### Participants

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#### **Aalbaek, Makanje Revai - Zimbabwe**

Revai Makanje Aalbaek's specialisation is human rights and women's rights in particular. She has over ten years experience having worked mainly for three organisations which are Hivos-a Dutch development and funding organisation as programme officer for women's rights in Southern Africa: United Nations Development Programme (Zimbabwe) as legal and human rights officer and: Zimbabwe Women Lawyers Association as programme officer and coordinator of women's rights organisations in their participation in the 1999-2000 constitution reform process. Revai has experience in programming and worked in and with various civil society organisations challenging human rights abuses, gender inequalities and injustices in Zimbabwe and the Southern Africa region. Her academic background includes a Masters of law degree in human rights from the University of Pretoria (South Africa) and a Masters degree in Women's Law from the University of Zimbabwe, certificate in human rights advocacy from Columbia University in New York. Revai is a member of the African Feminist Forum and former board member of several women's rights organisations

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#### **Abugre, Charles - Ghana**

Charles Abugre is Ghanaian national, an economist by training and a social activist with over 25 years of international experience in a variety of roles. He is currently the Regional Director (Africa) of the United Nations Millennium Campaign. The purpose of the Millennium Campaign is to inspire citizens and citizen groups to hold their governments to account for the promises to achieve the Millennium Development Goals as a step to eradicating poverty and inequality

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#### **Alao, Ayo Sadikou - Benin**

Sadikou Ayo Alao has been a Barrister and Solicitor since 1974. He is the President of the Research Group on Democratic, Economic and Social Development of Africa (GERDDES- Africa). Mr Alao is also a member of the club of Rome. Formerly, he served as the deputy General Counsel for the African Development Bank. GERDDES-Africa, which he helped found in 1990, has as main mission to promote democracy and good governance. It has observer status before the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as well as the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF). Mr Alao graduated from the Universities of Bordeaux and Nice (France)

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#### **Amolo, Tom - Kenya**

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### **Aphane, Mary Joyce Doo - Swaziland**

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Mary Joyce Doo Aphane is a lawyer by training. She is a human rights and gender specialist, working as Director of her consultancy company, Women for Women Development. She is the founding National Coordinator of Women and Law in Southern Africa Trust (Swaziland chapter). She has conducted action research in different family law areas, leading to several co-authored publications on family law in Southern Africa focusing on Swaziland. Doo has also worked for Women's Legal Rights Initiative as a Regional Coordinator, responsible for six Southern African Countries. Her extensive work has involved advocacy and lobbying for positive women sensitive laws including vibrant participation in a challenging Swazi constitution drafting process. She litigated against the government of her country in 2009 to have her constitutional rights to hold property upheld.

### **Aukot, Ekuru - Kenya**

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Ekuru Aukot was the immediate former Director & ex-officio member of the Committee of Experts on the Review of the Constitution of Kenya. He currently consults for two US-based corporations, the Universal Strategy Group Inc., (USGI) & DAI as a Senior Advisor on Policy & Planning in the Directorate of Policy & Planning at the Ministry of SPLA & Veterans Affairs, Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS), Juba. He is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya, and a Partner in the law firm of EkuruKabageNyamathwe & Co. Advocates; has taught constitutional & Administrative Law at the University of Warwick, UK and at the Kenya School of Law, Nairobi; he has lectured on the Law of Refugees & IDPs at the School & Faculty of Law, University of Nairobi and at the East African School on Refugees & Humanitarian Affairs; he is also an editor of the African Section of the Refugee Law Reader. On part time, he writes his memoirs on the constitution building process in Kenya

### **Avila Ortiz, Raul - Mexico**

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Raul Avila Ortiz is a consultant and a commissioner of the Oaxaca State Institute for Access to Public Information. He has 25 years experience as a law professor in various Mexican universities and has also held diverse public positions in both the Mexican Federal and Local governments. From 1997 to 2004, he was both a Legal Advisor and the International Affairs Coordinator in the Electoral Tribunal of the Judicial Branch of the Federation. He was also the coordinator of the National Autonomous University of Mexico PhD Research Program. He is the founder and current President of the Mexican NGO "Law, Education and Culture", and the "Centre for Constitutional and Multicultural Studies of the State of Oaxaca". He holds an MA in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas, Austin (1998) and PhD in law from the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

### **Blindenbacher, Raoul - Switzerland**

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Dr. Raoul Blindenbacher is an expert on intergovernmental and comparative learning in multilevel governments. He developed a method known as the Governmental Learning Spiral, which is designed to enhance capacity and constitution building in democratic governance. This method has been successfully applied in various training projects, conferences and multimedia learning events worldwide. Currently Raoul Blindenbacher is a Senior Advisor to the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Swiss Federal Department of Justice. Prior to this assignment, he worked at the World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group and the World Bank Institute, in Washington, DC, and was the Vice President of the Forum of Federations, an International Network on Federalism, based in Ottawa, Canada.

### **Borges, Fernanda - East Timor**

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Fernanda Borges is the leader of the National Unity Party of East Timor and Member of Parliament. She is also the Chair to Committee on Constitutional Issues, Justice, Government Legislation, Public Administration and Local Government, as well as the National Parliament's elected Member to the Superior Council of Defence and Security constitutionally established to advise the President of the Republic. Ms Borges also served as the Minister of Finance under the UN Transitional Administration in 2001. Prior to that, she was employed by the United Nations as Economic Adviser, Head of Finance, Budget and Economic Affairs and Special Assistant to the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Economics and an MBA in Business Law and Public Sector Management from the University of Wollongong and the University of New England respectively.

### **Braid, Florangel - The Philippines**

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Florangel Rosario-Braid, Ph.D., was former president and now senior adviser and trustee of the Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication (AIJC). She has worked in the Philippines and other countries as teacher, researcher, administrator, development consultant and journalist during the past fifty years. A graduate of the University of the Philippines and Syracuse University, she was a member of the Commission that drafted the 1987 Philippine Constitution. A multi-awarded development communicator, she is a member of the National Executive Council of the Liberal Party of the Philippines. She writes a regular column for a Manila daily and sits on several international and national councils in communication and development.

### **Busia, Kojo - Ghana**

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Kojo Busia is the Chief of the AU/NEPAD African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Support Unit in the Governance and Public Administration Division (GPAD) of the UN Economic Commission for Africa, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He coordinates all ECA's substantive, technical, and strategic support to the African Peer Review Mechanism. Mr Kojo is also a member of the ECA technical team that conducted the report on measuring and monitoring good governance in Africa culminating in the publication of the African Governance Report I, which is a synthesis study of 27-national perception survey of state of good governance in Africa. He has participated in the APRM Support Missions to Rwanda, Uganda, Nigeria, Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Djibouti, and contributed substantively in the writing of substantial sections of the the Country Review Reports for Rwanda, South Africa, Nigeria and Mali. Prior to joining the UNECA in 2003, Dr. Busia worked for ten-years as a Democracy and Governance Officer with United States Agency for International Development (USAID), having served in USAID postings in Africa and Eastern Europe, including Kenya, Mali, and Romania. He holds an MA in Political Science and a Ph.D. in International Development Policy from Cornell University, U.S.A. He has authored several academic, technical and operational papers in democracy, human rights, good governance, political economy and international development aid.

### **Crooks, Geoffrey - The UK**

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After completing his undergraduate and graduate studies at Oxford (funded by DFID), Geoff spent a year as a researcher at the Agrarian Research and Training Institute in Colombo, Sri Lanka followed by five years as the DFID Planning Officer at Lumle and Pakhribas Agricultural Centres in Nepal. He then spent 14 years with the consulting firms of Coopers and Lybrand (latterly PWC) and Ernst and Young, culminating in his positions as Managing Director, Europe for Ernst and Young International and Knowledge Director for the UK consulting firm. During this time he worked on public sector and policy reform, knowledge management, privatization policy and enterprise restructuring issues in over 25 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union for both multilateral and bilateral donors. He was then engaged by the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) as Chief Information Officer, followed by positions of Director, Consulting and

Technology at Williams Lea and Director of Consulting at Crown Agents from where he left to focus more on his consulting company. His consulting experience includes being Joint Team Leader for the centre of government reform project in Iraq, which helped establish the prerequisites for a cabinet system of government; privatization policy and strategy formulation in Madagascar, Hungary and Sri Lanka. He has also focused on the effects of the political economy on both development issues and good governance. After almost a year consulting for the Independent Evaluation Department at ADB he joined the department in 2007 having carried out evaluations on projects in the governance, transport, agriculture, and public policy sectors as well as taking part in an evaluation of ADB's last Long Term Strategic Framework. He has recently been appointed as the Associate Secretary to the Office of the Compliance Review Panel.

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### **Doria Medina, Samuel - Bolivia**

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Samuel Doria Medina is politician, economist and businessman. A former Minister of Planning and Coordination (Economy) in the Bolivian government, he was one of the leading advocates for the continuation of neoliberal economic policies, characterized in this period by the beginning of the extensive privatization of public enterprises was in Bolivia in the early 1990s. He left the cabinet in 1993 and was elected governor of the Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. He served also as a consultant to other agencies such as UNICEF. In 2004, he formed his own party, the National Unity Front of which he is also the Chairman. He was elected to the Constituent Assembly that was established to write a new constitution for Bolivia in 2006. Mr Medina studied economics in Bolivia, the United States, and Public Finance in the London School of Economics.

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### **Ebo'o Agnes - Cameroon**

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Agnes Ebo'o is founder and currently Coordinator of the Citizens' Governance Initiatives (CGI) in Cameroon, a nonprofit association that promotes constitutionalism and constitutional rights as the foundation for enhanced citizens' participation in governance. A lawyer from Cameroon, Ms Ebo'o is involved in several initiatives that promote citizens participation and the rule of law in Africa, including the Academy for Constitutional law and Justice in Africa, a yearly summer programme for the training of future constitutional law experts and the Gulf of Guinea Citizens' Network (GGCN), a network of advocates for accountable management of the natural resources wealth of the right countries of the Gulf of Guinea Commission. Ms. Ebo'o has worked previously as coordinator of the West Africa programme of International Alert in London. Among her other affiliations, Ms Ebo'o is also currently a member of the Management Committee of the Coalition for an Affective African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in Arusha, Tanzania and of the Steering Committee of the Africa Freedom of Information Centre (AFIC) in Kampala, Uganda. Ms Ebo'o, who holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Poitiers, France, and an LLM degree from the University of Wales Cardiff, UK, is currently a doctoral candidate in the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in Malta, where her research focuses on the problem of maritime piracy off African coasts.

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### **Ebrahim, Hassen - South Africa**

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Hassen Ebrahim has extensive experience in constitution building and is the author of 'Soul of the Nation- Constitution Making in South Africa', published in 1998. As the National Administrator of the ANC's National Negotiations Commission, he was responsible for the organisation and facilitation of the ANC's effort and involvement in the negotiations process. In 1994, he joined the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) in managing the transition between the apartheid order and the new democratic dispensation. He later became the CEO of the Constitutional Assembly with primary responsibility for the establishment of the constitution making body. Hassen became the UN's Senior Technical Advisor to the Somali Constitution Drafting Process in 2010. In the same year, he was also appointed by the UNDP and AWEPA to participate as a senior technical advisor in a series of four international workshops working with Somali leaders involved in the negotiation of a new constitution. Hassan has also participated in an international panel of experts monitoring the referendum in Zimbabwe and

assessing the effectiveness of the Zimbabwean Constitutional Commission and its outreach programme. In 2011, he was asked to support the leadership of the Blue Nile State and Southern Kordifan in their review of the 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Sudan.

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**Edge, Shaun - Embassy of Japan, South Africa**

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Shaun Edge recently completed his Masters in Security Studies (with Distinction) and has been employed as a political and security analyst at the Embassy of Japan since 2009.

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**Gopal, Mohan - India**

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As part of Constitution building in India, Mohan Gopalan Gopal has, since 2006, pioneered an important movement to "Constitutionalize" judicial theory as well as the vision, role, judicial method and institutional structure of Indian courts (especially some 16,000 subordinate courts). This movement seeks to rupture the century's old colonial and traditional heritages of Indian courts and to fundamentally restructure the relationship between courts and the poor from "rulers to guardians of Constitutional rights". Dr. Gopal has been head of India's National Judicial Academy since July, 2006 and has, in that capacity, conducted nearly 400 judicial conferences involving some 14,000 judges. Dr. Gopal served as Vice Chancellor of the National Law School of India, Bangalore (2000-2003). He taught law at Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC, as an adjunct professor (1991-2000) and at the National University of Singapore as a lecturer in law (1980-1983). He has served in the Legal Department of the World Bank in Washington, DC (between 1986 and 2004); where he was eventually Chief Counsel, and also as Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel of the Asian Development Bank (1983-86). Dr. Gopal has worked on legal and judicial reform projects in several Asian countries, and was responsible in the World Bank for the development of a global strategy on legal and judicial reform in 2003-2004. Dr. Gopal holds Doctoral and Masters Degrees in Law from Harvard University.

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**Gutto, Shadrack - South Africa/Kenya**

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Shadrack Gutto is currently the Director of the Africa Renaissance Institute of the University of South Africa. He was previously the Deputy Director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits. He graduated with a Bachelor of Law (Hons) from the University of Nairobi, Kenya in 1975 and was awarded his PhD in the Sociology of Law by Lund University, Sweden. Prof Gutto lectured for a number of years at Lund University, and before that at the Universities of Zimbabwe and Nairobi. He currently teaches, writes and researches in the areas of jurisprudence, constitutional property and human rights law.

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**Hassouna, Anissa - Egypt**

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Anissa Hassouna is the Executive Director of Sir Magdi Yacoub Foundation. She holds a bachelor's degree in Economics & Political Science from Cairo University. She started her career as a diplomat with the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs followed by the Council of Arab Economic Unity and the League of Arab States. She joined Egypt Iran Development Bank where her last post was Assistant General Manager. She later moved to the position of Director General of Egypt's International Economic Forum. Anissa is a Board Member & Secretary General of the "Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs", Advisor to Chairman, Egyptian Cabinet's "Information & Decision Support Center", Member of the national "Transparency and Integrity Committee". She is also a member of the MENA- OECD Business Council and sits on the Consultative Body of the "Arab Thought Organization" in addition to being a Board Member & Treasurer of the "Egyptian Pugwash Society for Science and International Affairs". She is a member of the "Egyptian Women's International Peace Movement", member

of the Arab and Egyptian Organizations for Human Rights, the “Arab International Women's Forum” in London, UK, besides being a lecturer at both the Diplomatic Institute and the Banking Institute

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### **Hussain, Sarwat - South Africa**

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Sarwat Hussain is Senior Communications Officer and Hub Leader, Africa Region Strategic Communications (AFRSC), The World Bank and is based in Pretoria, South Africa ([www.worldbank.org/africa](http://www.worldbank.org/africa)). Since joining the Bank in 1993, he has held a variety of communication, editorial and management positions in the Africa Region; Sustainable Development Network, and at global programs such as the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) and Global Environment Facility (GEF). Sarwat specializes in project communications covering a broad range of sectors – agriculture, energy, environment, transport, urban development, water and sanitation among others – including reaching out to communities and civil society groups, and helping to advance the Bank’s knowledge-sharing agenda. He has keen and abiding interest in the development of Africa’s media sector, and is an active participant in the African Media Leaders Forum ([www.amlf.org](http://www.amlf.org)), African Media Initiative, and has helped launch journalism capacity-building programs on the global environment and African infrastructure in collaboration with other multilateral institutions and media houses.

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### **Kadirgamar-Rajasingham, Sakuntala - Sri Lanka**

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Sakuntala Kadirgamar-Rajasingham is a constitutional lawyer and has worked on supporting constitution reform and constitution building processes in many countries under-going post conflict & democratic transitions. This has included Indonesia, Nepal and Somalia. She has convened democratic dialogues to ensure that women, ethnic and religious minorities and other marginalized communities are part of the platform shaping peace building initiatives, reform agenda and in stakeholder driven democracy assessments. She has particular expertise on gender issues and on the representation of marginalized communities. She was previously the Head of International IDEA's Asia program and later Senior Advisor to IDEAs Constitution Building project. She has consulted to the World Bank, worked with UNDP in Nepal and Somalia and is currently the Constitutional Advisor to the UN Political Office for Somalia

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### **Karuru, Njeri - Kenya**

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Njeri Karuru currently works with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) on Governance, Security and Justice issues. Her focus over the past five years was on democratic governance, political economy of conflict, security and transitional justice. Her main focus has been strengthening research capacities in the Africa region in the above thematic areas with the aim of using research findings to influence policy and make strategic interventions for development. Before joining IDRC, Karuru worked for the United States Agency for International Development as an analyst and advisor on conflict prevention, conflict impact assessment, and early warning and response mechanisms. She also has carried out training and research in conflict management for several United Nations agencies, bilateral organizations, and non-governmental organizations. She worked with the Institute of African Studies at the University of Nairobi as publication editor. She has worked with Women and Law in East Africa and with the Center for Conflict Research in Nairobi. She is the author of several publications, including one on human security in the Horn of Africa and electoral violence in Africa. Karuru holds a master’s in anthropology from the University of Nairobi. She also has postgraduate diplomas in journalism (University of Nairobi) and women’s law (University of Zimbabwe).

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### **Ladley, Andrew - New Zealand**

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Andrew Ladley has worked in a wide range of international 'transitions' on electoral and constitutional issues, including with the UN, the Commonwealth and with international organisations and NGOs. The areas include

Cambodia, South Africa, East Timor, Kosovo, Cyprus, the Philippines, Kenya, Somalia and many Pacific Island states. In 2008-9 he was a Senior Expert Mediator for the United Nations on Constitutional Issues. He taught law and conflict resolution at Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand for 22 years, and is a lawyer with the degrees of LLM and PhD from the London School of Economics. Currently, he writes and consults in electoral and constitutional issues, including regularly in difficult areas. Most recently, he has been in Papua New Guinea, Somalia and Zimbabwe.

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### **Liyanage, Sumanasiri - Sri Lanka**

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Sumanasiri Liyanage teaches political economy at the University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka. His research interests include political economy of conflicts, constitutional reforms, fiscal devolution, and critical theory. He is the author of *Interventions in the Devolution Debate; One Step at a Time: Reflections on the Peace Process in Sri Lanka*. He is a co-editor of *A Glimmer of Hope: Constitutional Discourse in Sri Lanka and Intra-state Conflicts and Inter-state Relations*. He was a research fellow at the Solomon Asch Center for the Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, UPenn, USA. He writes a regular column, PERADENIYA NOTES to the Island, a daily English newspaper in Sri Lanka.

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### **Maina, Wachira - Kenya**

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Mr. Wachira Maina is a Kenyan constitutional lawyer, currently working as Senior Advisor, Coach and Head of the Governance and Legal Cluster of the Strategy and Policy Unit, SPU, in the Office of the President in Rwanda. Previously, Mr. Maina worked both as an independent consultant and a senior staff of donor agencies on Peace-Building and Reconstruction and Governance and Legal issues in many parts of Africa including Southern Sudan, South Africa, Tanzania, Rwanda, Kenya, Ethiopia and Mozambique. The agencies he has consulted for include the World Bank; the United Nations Development Programme; the Government of Tanzania, the Government of Rwanda, the New Partnership for African Development, NEPAD, numerous human rights NGOs and the State University of New York, SUNY. Among the positions he has previously held is that of Senior Programme Specialist on Peace Building and Reconstruction, PBR, for the International Development Research Centre, IDRC with overall responsibility for the Sub-Saharan Portfolio; Governance and Gender Advisor for the United States Agency for International Development, USAID, Mission to Kenya and founding Chief Executive of the Institute of Economic Affairs, IEA, one of Kenya's leading NGOs. Mr Maina also served on the adjunct faculty of the Widener University Comparative Law Programme where he taught comparative constitutionalism and covered constitutional transitions in Africa and Eastern Europe. Mr. Maina has also published books chapters and articles on law, politics and governance.

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### **Maine, Lethebe - Botswana**

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Mr Lethebe Maine is an Attorney and Conveyancer by profession having practiced as such for more than 35years. He has been an acting Judge as well as the first Obudsman of the Republic of Botswana. He was also elected the President of the Africa Ombudsman Association and also served as the Vice President of the International Ombudsman Institute

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### **Majuru, Michael – South Africa/Zimbabwe**

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Michael Majuru is one of the many Zimbabwean exiled judges who fled persecution from his country of origin and sought refuge in South Africa where he lives as a convention refugee. His life and that of his family were targeted for persecution after he had ruled against the then Zimbabwean government's decision to close the operations of the then only privately owned and operated newspaper. In South Africa, he fulfilled a long held and cherished passion of attaining masters in human rights and constitutional practice at the University of Pretoria which he complemented with various short courses on gender equality in Africa, socio-economic

rights, international law from the same University. He has been a long standing board member of the Zimbabwe Exiles Forum and regularly writes opinion papers for mainly Zimbabwean based NGOs and civil society organisations on constitutional and human rights issues. He retains a keen interest in constitutional and general public law and human rights issues.

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**Mashumba, Noria - Zimbabwe**

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Noria Mashumba is a lawyer by profession with over seventeen years experience in various capacities in government, civil society and inter-governmental organization and currently the Project Manager for Support to Participatory Constitution Making in Zimbabwe. A graduate of the Universities of Zimbabwe and Lund, Sweden, her areas of expertise include - constitution making processes; criminal justice; human rights and conflict management, anti-corruption, conflict transformation, post-conflict reconstruction and peacebuilding; democratic dialogue and conflict management; gender and peacebuilding; HIV/AIDS in Integrated Peace Support Operations; research and policy development; A seasoned facilitator and researcher, Ms Mashumba has developed training manuals and has travelled and worked extensively on the African continent building capacities, and enhancing knowledge and expertise among policy makers in inter-governmental organizations including SADC, ECOWAS, ECCAS and IGAD and civil society organization in the areas highlighted. Following a seven year stint as state prosecutor in the High Court of Zimbabwe, Ms Mashumba was engaged in various capacities in regional and international civil society organizations in Africa including the Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR) in Cape Town, South Africa, the Institute for Security Studies in Pretoria, South Africa, the Human Rights Trust of Southern Africa in Zimbabwe and Oxfam GB in Zimbabwe.

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**Matanga, Dakarayi - Zimbabwe**

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Dakarayi Matanga is the Executive Director of the Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development (ZIMCODD). In this capacity he also serves as the head of secretariat for the Zimbabwe Social Forum (ZSF). He also currently serves on the board of the Congolese Women in Action (CWA). Prior to his current roles, he served Econet Wireless Zimbabwe (EWZ), the African Forum and the African Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD), Transparency International Zimbabwe (TI-Z) and Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI) in policy advocacy and communications capacities. He holds a Masters in International Relations and an Honours Degree in Politics and Administration from the University of Zimbabwe (UZ), as well as professional qualifications in PR

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**Murray, Christina - South Africa**

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Christina Murray is Professor of Human Rights and Constitutional Law at the University of Cape Town. Between 1994 and 1996 she served on a panel of seven experts advising the South African Constitutional Assembly and between 2008 and 2010 she was a member of the Committee of Experts that prepared the 2010 Constitution of Kenya. Her other work has focused on constitution making, constitutional design and the implementation of constitutions in South Africa and elsewhere including Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Sudan, Nepal and Bolivia.

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**Nonthasoot, Seree - Thailand**

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Seree Nonthasoot has been actively engaged in area of public economic law and policy reform. As legal counsel of the State Enterprise Policy Office (Ministry of Finance), Dr. Nonthasoot is responsible for a variety of economic policy programmes aiming at restructuring public sector governance. From 2003 to 2005, he was a lead counsel in the government privatization and corporatization projects. In 2007, in the drafting process of the Constitution, his advice was sought for the amendment of the provisions on fundamental directives of the State in relation to the role of the State vis-à-vis State enterprises. His two most recent legislative tasks include the framing and drafting of the State Enterprise Policy Supervision and Reform bill and the new Public Private Partnerships bill, both of which are currently subjected to public hearings before their final submission. In



addition, he is appointed a government negotiator in the chapters pertaining to competition policy and public procurement in a number of bilateral Free Trade Agreements, including the Thailand-USA FTA and the Thailand-EFTA FTA. In terms of regulatory and legislative reform, he was from 2006 to 2008 a member of the cabinet-appointed Law Reform Committee overseeing the comprehensive government legal reform programme. In his previous work as legal advisor of the Council of State, Dr. Nonthasoot served as an undersecretary to the Law Drafting Committees; he had a key role in the revision of bills to implement the 1997 Constitution including the setting up of the National Human Rights Commission and a bill on blind trust mechanisms for ministers. He holds the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy in law from the University of Oxford, LL.M. in international trade law from Columbia University School of Law and LL.B. from Thammasat University.

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### **Olukoshi, Adebayo - Nigeria**

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Adebayo OLUKOSHI is Research Professor of International Economic Relations and currently the Director of the UN African Institute for Economic Development and Planning. He has previously served as Executive Secretary of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa. He has published widely on the politics of development in Africa, including the processes of democratization.

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### **Randal, Geoffrey - New Zealand**

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Geoffrey Randal is New Zealand High Commissioner to South Africa and other countries of the region. He co-authored drafts of the New Zealand Government's White Paper on relations with Asia 2006-2007. Prior to his appointment as head of the New Zealand mission to South Africa in 2009, he served as High Commissioner to Malaysia and Brunei (2003-2006); Director of Disarmament (2000-2003), and, Deputy High Commissioner in Canberra (1996-2000). He has a doctorate degree in diplomatic studies obtained in 2009.

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### **Ruiz Giraldo, Carlo - Ecuador**

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Carlo Ruiz Giraldo is a lawyer from Ecuador. He holds a Master in Public Administration from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and a candidate for a Master in Socio-environmental Studies at the Latin American Faculty for Social Sciences FLACSO. He worked in Ecuador as an advisor to the Academic Commission in charge of drafting a proposal for a new constitution in Ecuador, and subsequently acted as an advisor to the Constitutional Assembly which produced Ecuador's Constitution in 2008. He is a consultant for various public entities on topics related to legal development, institutional reform, policy making and analysis. Currently, he works as a component manager at the GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit's Reform of the State Program PROMODE in Ecuador, where he advises and manages a program dealing with institutional reform and decentralization processes.

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### **Tchouassi, Gérard - Cameroon**

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TCHOUASSI Gérard is researcher and Senior lecturer at the University of Yaounde II-Soa, Cameroon. He completed his PhD in economics in 1996 and a PhD in State in Economic Sciences in 2006 at the University of Yaounde II-Soa. He has been a member of the CODESRIA's Executive Committee since December 2008. Dr Tchouassi is a resource person and consultant to several national and international organisations including the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). His research and expertise include, inter alia: Regional Integration, Cross-border trade, gender analysis, New Economics of Migration and Development, Development Grants, formal and informal Financial Systems, pro-poor analysis, Economic Governance, Corruption, socio-economic solidarity.

## **Warren, Christie - USA**

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Christie S. Warren is Professor of the Practice of International and Comparative Law and Director of the Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding Program at William and Mary Law School. Her courses include Comparative Law, Comparative Constitutional Systems, Post-Conflict Justice and the Rule of Law, International Human Rights Law, Litigation in Civil Code Systems, Islamic Law, and Introduction to Common Law Methodologies. Her publications are in the field of Islamic Law and international legal development. Professor Warren has designed, implemented, monitored and assessed constitutional, judicial and legal development and training projects in more than 40 countries throughout Africa, Central and East Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Russia and the Newly Independent States, the Balkans and East Timor. She served as the 1998 – 1999 Supreme Court Fellow at the Supreme Court of the United States and the 2010 Senior Expert in Constitutional Issues for the Mediation Support Unit of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs. She has advised on constitutional issues and processes in Kosovo, Somalia, Haiti, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova and Sudan and for the Darfur Peace Talks and serves as the Curriculum Advisor for IDEA's Constitution Building Processes Programme.

## **White, Seodi - Malawi**

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Seodi White is the National Coordinator of Women and Law in Southern Africa Research and Educational Trust Malawi (WLSA-Malawi). She is a multi-disciplinary trained lawyer, with experience in legal anthropology. Her main research interests are in Constitutionalism and women's rights, legal pluralism, access to justice, HIV/AIDS, gender, culture and socialization, property rights and sexual and reproductive health rights of women. She received her law degree from the University of Botswana and her Masters Degree in Gender and Development from the University of Sussex, Institute of Development Studies (IDS). She received the Malawi Human Rights Commission award in 2004 for her contribution to the advancement of women and children's rights. She served as a Commissioner on the Special Malawi Law Commission on Gender Related Laws and served as a regional legal and gender expert for the upgrading of the Southern Africa Development Community Declaration on Gender and Development to Protocol status. She has been influential in achieving ground-breaking law through the conception and subsequent the enactment of the Prevention of Domestic Violence legislation in Malawi in 2006. In both 2006 and 2010, she led the NGO Delegation that presented Malawi civil society's Shadow Reports to the United Nations CEDAW Committee. She was also the 2007's Dame Nita Barrow Distinguished Visitor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Centre for Women's Studies in Education, University of Toronto where she taught a course on Women's Rights and HIV/AIDS in Malawi and Southern Africa: Realities, Successes, and Challenges. She sits on the global advisory panel of because I am a Girl: The State of the World's Girls Report organized by Plan International, she is also member of the African Women Leaders Network to Promote Sexual and Reproductive Health and is a development advisor to the Malawi Head of State.

## **Allen, Melanie - USA**

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Melanie Allen is an Assistant Programme Officer in the Constitution Building Processes Programme of International IDEA. Her work focuses on policy development for international partnerships on constitution building and the development of a Constitution Building Training Programme. Prior to joining the CBP programme, she worked in the Political Parties programme on issues related to the internal functioning of political parties and on the South Asia region component. She later joined the Electoral Processes Programme. Ms. Allen holds an A.B. in Government from Smith College and has completed coursework at the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

### **Böckenförde, Markus - Germany**

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