

AFRICA LEGAL CONFERENCE 2016

Hosted by: African Development Committee and African Justice Initiative

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Friday, April 15, 2016

8:30 AM – 3:45 PM

4300 Nebraska Avenue, NW – Room NT01 (Ceremonial Classroom)

The conference will foster discussion and a better understanding of Africa and the law by:

- **Comparing and contrasting selected legal systems**
- **Reviewing the legislation, limitations and opportunities of AGOA (the African Growth and Opportunity Act)**
- **Examining the role of human rights**

Registration: 8:30 AM.

Welcoming Remarks: 9:00 AM – Claudio Grossman, Dean American University Washington College of Law

Panel I – African Legal Systems (9:15 AM - 10:45 AM)

- ***Leslye Obiora***, SJD, University of Arizona Professor, Former Nigeria Minister of Mines and Steel Development
- ***Honorable Esther Kisaakye***, SJD, Justice of the Supreme Court of Uganda, AUWCL Alumna
- ***David Finnegan***, Ph.D, Professor Western Michigan University, Specialist in Law and Policy Reform in Africa
- ***Dennis Davis***, Judge appointed by Nelson Mandela and former Technical Advisor on Electoral Law and Constitutional Assembly in South Africa. Moderator.

Panel II – African Growth and Opportunity Act (11:00 AM – 12:30 PM)

- ***Peter Hansen***, Principal Counsel, Law Offices of Peter C. Hansen, LLC, African Investment Law Specialist
- ***Emily Shaffer***, AGOA Trade Advisor, Senior Trade and Investment Office at US Department of State
- ***Ana Beatriz Costa***, Diplomat and Commercial Representative of Embassy of Republic of Angola
- ***Eric Biel***, Associate Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs, Leader on AGOA, US Department of Labor. Moderator.

DIPLOMATIC LUNCH - Keynote Address – (12:30 PM – 1:45 PM)

- ***Honorable Esther Kisaakye***, SJD, Justice of the Supreme Court of Uganda, AUWCL Alumna
- ***Claudio Grossman***, Dean, AUWCL. Moderator.

Panel III – Human Rights (2:00 PM – 3:30 PM)

- ***Thoko Kaime***, Ph.D, University of London Professor, International Energy Law and Human Rights in Africa
- ***Marufu Mandeverere***, 2015 Zimbabwe Human Rights Lawyer, AUWCL Humphrey Fellow
- ***Robert Dinerstein***, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Experiential Education at AUWCL
- ***Lia Epperson***, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs at AUWCL. Moderator.

Closing: 3:45 PM

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