



**22ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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YOUNG LAWYERS' CONFERENCE

**WEDNESDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 2017
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NOTE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEE

Dear Colleagues

WELCOME TO THE 2ND EALS YOUNG LAWYERS CONFERENCE.

Young lawyers constitute a crucial and growing demographic within the Bar Associations of East Africa. With the young lawyers at the vanguard of adopting innovative ways of doing business such as new media and citizen journalism, questions of identity, voice, participation and effective outreach by the Bar Associations are increasingly coming to the fore. EALS considers young lawyers as the next leaders in fronting rule of law and good governance within EAC as well as realizing the agenda of future-proofing the legal profession to be globally competitive and responsive to the developmental needs of the EAC region.

Young lawyers we aim at training will be instrumental in leading civil societies, public organizations as well as corporate bodies all with a view to influencing policy-making towards good governance. The cohort emerging from this year's conference will join a group of lawyers already providing public interest advocacy and policy influence in these sectors.

Building on the momentum set in 2016 when we hosted our first group of young lawyers for a similar event in Tanzania, we have now redesigned the conference to focus primarily on the rule of law, human rights, corruption prevention, gender affairs as well as the role in pro bono advocacy by lawyers to realize good governance. The platform has also been redesigned to include an interactive session between young lawyers and selected leaders.

The specific focus of the conference is:

- Good Governance in an integrated East Africa Community - Young lawyers are instrumental in shaping the gender question, rule of law and good governance for sustainable development of the region.
- Leadership and Policy-making - Young lawyers are increasingly getting involved in political as well as corporate leadership. EALS now hopes to identify the skills gaps in these young leaders and provide

guidance and mentorship.

- Professional Development – We have lined up leaders in legal practice to discuss trends relevant to young lawyers. These range from professional ethics to opportunities available in the legal profession for young practitioners.

We aspire to:

- build the next generation of lawyers who will take up leadership roles in governance and policy-making in civil societies, public service and corporate sector.
- progressively influence policies by using the conference alumni to advocate for good governance, rule of law, gender equity and other ideals in their various roles.
- provide young lawyers with an opportunity to network, develop linkages and diverse relationships which may be exploited for their advancement and for good of the society.

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Chairperson, EALS Young Lawyers Committee



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PROGRAM

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| TIME | AGENDA | RESOURCE |
|------------------------|--|--|
| 8.00am – 9.00am | Registration | EALS Secretariat & Brands and Events |
| 9.00am – 9.30am | Opening Ceremony | Hanningtone Amol |
| | Welcoming & Introductions | Harriette Chiggai , Chairperson EALS Young Lawyers Committee |
| | Opening Remarks | Francis Gimara , President Uganda Law Society |
| 9.30am – 10.00am | Keynote Address <i>East African Community as a Facet for Regional Development: Role of Young Lawyers</i> | Hon. Justice Egonda Ntende , Judge of the Court of Appeal in Uganda |
| 10:00am – 10:15am | <i>The Role of Young Professionals in Advancing Good Governance in an Integrated East Africa Community</i> | Maurice Makoloo , Regional Director FORD Foundation |
| 10:15am-10:30am | <i>Defending Human Rights and the Rule of Law: Challenges and Opportunities for Young Lawyers</i> | Donald Deya , Chief Executive Officer Pan-Africa Lawyers Union (PALU) |
| 10:30am-10:45am | <i>Gender Inclusivity in Leadership: The Role of Young East African Lawyers</i> | Irene Ovonji Odida , Executive Director FIDA-Uganda |
| 10.45am-11.15am | Coffee Break | |
| 11:15am-11:30am | <i>Leveraging on Legal Aid and Strategic Litigation as Instruments for Advancement of Public Good in East Africa</i> | Andrews Kananga , Executive Director, The Legal Aid Forum, Rwanda |
| 11:30am-11:45am | <i>Emerging Challenges to Rule of Law and Good Governance: Focus on Tanzania</i> | Godwin Ngwilimi , Vice President Tanganyika Law Society |
| 11:45am – 12:30pm | Interactive Dialogue <i>Human Rights, Rule of Law and Good Governance</i> | Moderator: Benard Mugisha |
| | | Panelists |
| | | Donald Deya |
| | | Maurice Makoloo |
| | | Irene Ovonji Odida |
| | Andrews Kananga | |
| | Godwin Ngwilimi | |
| 12.30pm-1.00pm | <i>Packaging Yourself for Professional Opportunities: A Conversation with Young Lawyers</i> | Sarah Richson , Founder Richmele International |

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| | Q & A | Session Coordinator: David Njoroge, Council Member EALS |
| 1.00pm-2.00pm | LUNCH | |
| 2.00pm-2.30pm | <i>Professional Ethics: The Dilemma of Young Lawyers</i> | Anthony Njogu , Bowmans |
| | Q & A | Session Coordinator: Irene Namuli |
| 2.30pm-3.30pm | BREAK-OUT SESSIONS | |
| | PANEL 1 | PANEL 2 |
| | <i>Innovation and ICT: the Future of Business in the Legal Profession</i> | <i>Complex Transactions and other Emerging Areas of Legal Practice: Do Young Lawyers Have a Chance?</i> |
| | Panelists | Panelists |
| | Chacha Odera | Mohammed Nyaoga |
| | Kenneth Muhangi | Brian Kaggwa |
| | Sarah Mhamilawa, | Andrew Oluka |
| | Moderator: Emmanuel Meta Aloro | Moderator: Alexia Waweru |
| 3.30pm-4.30pm | Mentoring Session One-on-One Conversation with Selected Leaders | Session Chair: Harriette Chiggai Facilitator: Anne Mentors - Caren Wakoli, Maurice Makoloo, Sarah Richson, Chacha Odera, Sarah Mhamilawa, Donald Deya, Diane Kagwiza, Mohammed Nyaoga, Kenneth Muhangi, Godwin Ngwilimi, Irene Ovonji Odida, Brian Kaggwa, Sandra Rwamushaija, Andrews Kananga, Anthony Njogu, Dieudonne Bashirahishize |
| 6:00pm-9:00pm | YLC Dinner (O's Lounge) Entertainment & Meals Welcoming Address Young Lawyers' Committee Chair Sponsors' Brief Address President's Address Chief Guest (Mohammed Nyaoga , Chairman Central Bank of Kenya) Launch of the New-look EALS Magazine Awards Dance | Master of Ceremony: Alex Muhangi |