



SOUTHERN & EASTERN AFRICA CHIEF JUSTICES' FORUM - 2024

CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PROGRAMME

Theme: Enhanced Access to Justice:
Underscoring Reforms in African Judiciaries

30th Sept - 5th Oct, 2024

Venue: Speke Resort Munyonyo
Kampala, Uganda



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DAY 1: MONDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

Arrival and Check-in of Guests

DAY 2: TUESDAY 1st OCTOBER 2024

Time	Activity	Responsible Person	Venue
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Arrival, Registration & Tea	Secretariat & Protocol Teams	Flag Mast Gardens
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Seating of Invited Guests		
9:30 am - 9:45 am	Arrival and Seating of Chief Justices		
10:00 am	Arrival of His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda		

SESSION ONE - OPENING CEREMONY

10:05 am	Anthems	Chief Registrar	
10:10 am - 10:15 am	Prayer		
10:15 am - 10:30 am	Welcome Remarks by Hon. Justice Mike Chibita, Justice of The Supreme Court of The Republic of Uganda and Chairperson Local Organizing Committee		
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Welcome Remarks by The Hon. Justice Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny - Dollo, Chief Justice of The Republic of Uganda		
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Remarks by The Hon. Justice Bheki Maphalala, Chief Justice of The Kingdom of Eswatini and Chairperson of the Southern and Eastern Africa Chief Justices Forum		
11:30 am - 12:15 pm	Address by His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, The President of The Republic of Uganda		

PHOTO SESSION

Lunch (Sunset Restaurant)

SESSION TWO – KEYNOTE ADDRESS

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Enhanced Access to Justice: Underscoring Reforms in African Judiciaries Speaker: Tim Bisong – Country Director (The Gambia) – Justice Defenders	Session Chair: Hon. Justice Richard Buteera , Deputy Chief Justice of the Republic of Uganda	
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Plenary	All Participants	

SESSION THREE

3:20 pm - 4:00 pm	Guardians of Justice: Independence of the Judiciary in Authoritarian Regimes - ICJ, KENYA Speaker: Mr. Evans Ogada , ICJ Kenya Member and Chairperson of the East Africa Law Society Rule of Law Committee.	Session Chair: Hon. Justice Ronny Govinden , Chief Justice of the Republic of Seychelles	
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Time	Activity	Responsible Person	Venue
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Plenary	All Participants	
Tea & Departure			
END OF DAY TWO			

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2024

Time	Activity	Responsible Person	Venue
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Arrival and Registration	Secretariat & Protocol Teams	Victoria Hall
8:30 am - 8:50 am	Arrival and Seating of Invited Guests		
8:40 am - 9:00 am	Arrival and Seating of Chief Justices		

SESSION FOUR

9:00 am - 10:30 am	Panel Discussion Reform in Southern and Eastern African Judiciaries: The Case for Specialised Courts (Speakers (15 Minutes Each) - The Land Court, High Court of Lesotho - Overview by Hon. Lady Justice Polo Banyane - The Commercial Division, Malawi - Overview by Hon. Lady Justice Charlotte Wezi Malonda - The Juvenile Court in Mozambique: Its Organization and Functioning - Hon. Mr. Esmeraldo Matavele - Economic and Financial Crimes Division of Zambia - Hon. Mr. Justice Evaristo Pengele - The Environment and Land Court of Kenya – Hon. Mr. Justice Maxwell Gicheru - Gains of the International Crimes Division in Uganda - Hon. Lady Justice Susan Okalany, Deputy Head of Division	Session Chair: Hon. Justice Prof. Ibrahim Hamis Juma , Chief Justice of the United Republic of Tanzania	Victoria Hall
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Plenary		

Health Break (Sunset Restaurant)

SESSION FIVE

11:30 am - 12:15 pm	Towards Reform in Selection and Appointment of Judicial Officers in Southern and Eastern Africa. Speaker: Hon. Mr. Justice Healey Potani SC, Judge of the Supreme Court of Malawi Discussant: Mr. Barney Afako (Institute for Integrated Transitions (IFIT))	Session Chair: Hon. Justice Peter Shivute , Chief Justice of the Republic of Namibia	Victoria Hall
12:15 pm - 12:45 pm	Plenary		

Lunch (Sunset Restaurant)

SESSION SIX

2:00 pm - 2:50 pm	Emerging Issues from the Conference & Resolutions Speaker: Mr. Sangwani Nyimbiri - Coordinator (SEACJF) Speakers: - Professor Elisante Gabriel Laizer (Chairperson, SEAJAA) - Mr. Sangwani Nyimbiri(Coordinator, SEACJF)	Session Chair: Hon. Justice Rizine R. Mzikamanda, SC , Chief Justice of the Republic of Malawi	Victoria Hall
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Time	Activity	Responsible Person	Venue
SESSION SEVEN – CLOSING CEREMONY			
2:55 pm	Arrival of the Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament	Chief Registrar	Victoria Hall
2:55 pm - 3:00 pm	Anthems		
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Remarks by Hon. Lady Justice Martha Koome, Chief Justice of The Republic of Kenya and Vice Chairperson of the Southern and Eastern Africa Chief Justices Forum		
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Remarks by Hon. Justice Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny - Dollo, Chief Justice of The Republic of Uganda		
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Closing Remarks by Rt. Hon. Anita Annet Among, Speaker of Parliament of The Republic of Uganda		
	Anthems		
	Group Photo		
Tea & Departure			
END OF CONFERENCE PROGRAMME			

7:00 pm	Gala Dinner (<i>Dress Code: Cultural/Traditional Wear</i>)		Pool Side
END OF DAY THREE			

DAY 4: THURSDAY 3 rd OCTOBER 2024			
Time	Activity	Responsible Person	Venue
9:30 am	Departure from Speke Resort Munyonyo	Protocol, Security, Transport & Entertainment Teams	Uganda Wildlife Education Centre
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	“Behind The Scenes Excursion” (Dress Code: Casual & Comfortable)		
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Lunch		Lake Side
3:30 pm	Departure for Speke Resort Munyonyo		
6:30 pm	Departure of Hon. Chief Justices from Hotel		Speke Resort Munyonyo
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Chief Justices’ Dinner (Dress Code: Smart Casual)		Official Residence of The Hon. Chief Justice of the Republic of Uganda
END OF DAY FOUR			

DAY 5: FRIDAY 4 th OCTOBER 2024			
Time	Activity	Responsible Person	Venue
10:00 am	Southern and Eastern Africa Chief Justices’ Forum Annual General Meeting	SEACJF Secretariat & Protocol Officers	Kidepo Hall
1:00 pm	Lunch		Sunset Restaurant
END OF DAY FIVE & END OF PROGRAMME			

DAY 6: SATURDAY 5 th OCTOBER 2024			
DEPARTURES			