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THE LEGAL INSIGHT

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A HISTORIC STEP TOWARDS JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY: LSK'S COUNTRYWIDE DOCUMENTATION MISSION ON THE GEN Z MAANDAMANO

From 7th to 9th May 2025, the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), through its Documentation and Justice Centres Project, undertook a nationwide exercise across all eight LSK branches. Trained Advocates, Rapporteurs, and Paralegals were stationed at various court stations and justice centres to document the experiences of individuals affected by the 2025 Gen Z maandamano protests. Survivors, families of the deceased, and those whose loved ones are still missing came forward to share powerful and painful stories of unlawful arrests, abductions, injuries, and deaths. These violations remain unresolved, with many families still seeking answers and justice.



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This initiative, which took place under challenging and sometimes threatening conditions, was not only timely but deeply necessary. The brave personnel on the ground conducted interviews, gathered testimonies, and created a critical record of human rights violations committed during that turbulent period. The stories we heard were both heart-wrenching and a stark reminder of the urgent need for accountability. The data collected is now undergoing analysis and will form the basis of a detailed record aimed at pushing for justice and institutional accountability.



Advocates at the Mathare Social Justice Centre.



Advocates at the Mukuru Community Justice Centre.



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We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the courageous Advocates, Rapporteurs, and Paralegals who sacrificed their time to undertake this work. We are equally grateful to the LSK Branch Chairs for coordinating the local teams, the court stations and justice centres that provided space for the exercise, and the many individuals who volunteered their halls and time. This exercise would not have been possible without the invaluable support of our development partner, Open Society Foundations (OSF), and the collaboration of the International Jurist Mission (IJM) and the Vance Center.

Above all, we recognize and honour the courage of the Kenyan public who came forward to speak out—despite trauma, fear, and uncertainty. Their voices are now part of a collective record that demands justice. This mission was not just an act of documentation; it was an act of resistance, remembrance, and commitment to the rule of law and human dignity.

#JusticeForGenZ #LSKForHumanRights #DocumentationAndJustice #NeverForget #RuleOfLaw
#HumanRightsKE #AccessToJustice



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12TH - 16TH AUGUST

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Conference Registration Fees Per Delegate	Kshs. 38,000	Kshs. 40,000	Kshs. 45,000

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COUNCIL DECISIONS TAKEN ON 12TH MAY 2025

The Council Decisions on applications taken on 12th May 2025 for admission to the Roll of Advocates, Practicing Certificates, Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths and Admission petitions can be accessed on the link; [Click Here](#)

MEDICAL APPEAL FOR CHERYL OMIRE, ADVOCATE



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Medical Appeal for Cheryl Omire, Advocate

We urgently appeal for your support for **Ms. Cheryl Omire, Advocate** who is battling a recurrence of **cancer affecting her lungs and trachea**. Cheryl is currently receiving specialized treatment at **Apollo Hospital, Hyderabad – India**.

The total cost of treatment is **Kshs. 6.73 million**, with **additional quarterly injections costing \$4,710 each over the next year**.

You may channel your contribution through either of the **payment details**:

- **USD A/C:** 0100010234071 (Stanbic Bank, Kenyatta Avenue)
- **Mpesa:** 0790888418 (Kenneth Omollo)
- **Paybill:** 8062329 (A/C: Your Name)

Your financial support, prayers, and presence at the fundraiser will bring hope and healing to Cheryl and her family.

Thank you!



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CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA JOURNAL 2025

The Law Society of Kenya Journal is a peer-reviewed publication of the Law Society of Kenya prepared by the Editorial Committee. The Committee invites members to submit papers for consideration for publication in the 2025 Edition.

The papers should be in line with either of the below themes;

1. *Digital Rights & Data Protection – Navigating privacy laws, cybersecurity, and the impact of big data.*
2. *Human Rights in a Changing World– Addressing issues such as digital surveillance, migration, and equality.*
3. *International Law & Geopolitical Conflicts – The role of legal frameworks in maintaining global order.*

And only submissions written in accordance with the Law Society of Kenya Journal (LSKJ)- Instructions to Authors will be considered. The Instructions can be accessed via the link, [LSKJ Instructions to Authors 2025](#).

Please ensure that submissions are sent to journal@lsk.or.ke. All submissions should include reliable telephone numbers and email addresses for ease of communication with the Editorial Committee. The papers should be received on or before 30th June 2025.

Plagiarism is unacceptable and will lead to automatic rejection of the submitted paper.

Dated 15th April 2025

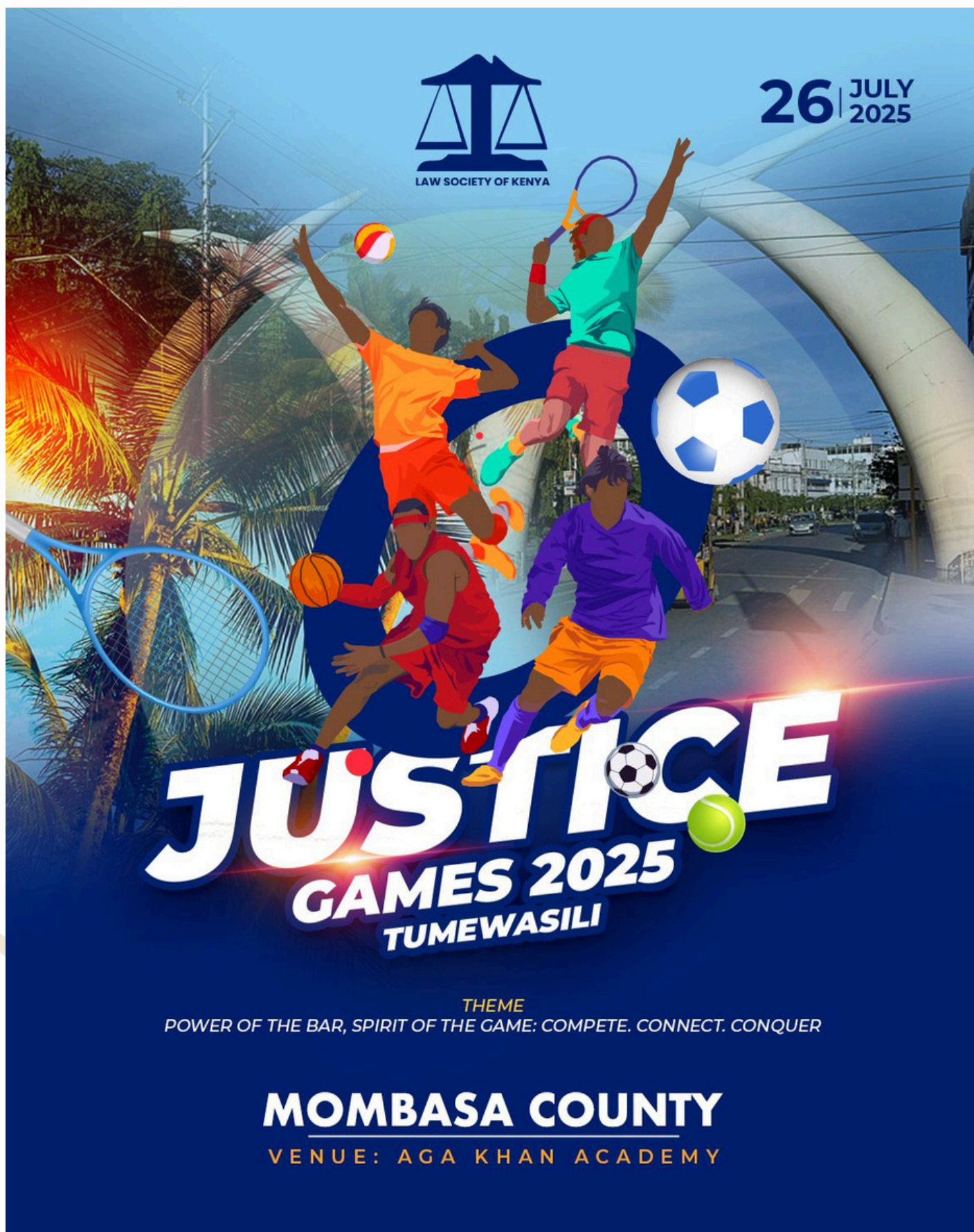
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NEWS SEGMENT

LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA JUSTICE GAMES 2025





ADVOCATES BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (ABA)

Execution of Memorandum of Understanding between ABA and Baus Optical Company Limited



The Board of Management of the Advocates' Benevolent Association wishes to notify members that the Association has executed a Memorandum of Understanding with Baus Optical Company Limited, a nationally recognised provider of optical products and services.

Pursuant to the said Memorandum, members of the Association and their dependants shall be eligible to access preferential services at all Baus Optical outlets, including:

1. A ten percent (10%) discount on all optical products;
2. Complimentary eye check-up services;

3. Complimentary spectacle cleaning services;

4. Provision of free reading glasses to members aged forty-five (45) years and above during CSR activities coordinated by the Association; and

5. Periodic updates on matters concerning optical health that may be of relevance to the membership.

Members shall be required to present a valid Law Society of Kenya membership card together with their national identification card when seeking to access services under this arrangement.

This partnership underscores the Association's continued commitment to advancing the welfare of its members. Members are encouraged to avail themselves of the benefits provided for under this Memorandum.



CONSTITUTIONAL PETITION NO. 194 OF 2022 LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE T/A KITUO CHA SHERIA & 2 OTHERS V THE CS MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, SECURITY AND COORDINATION OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT & OTHERS IIKM-IMANDOCS.FID522947I

The Judgment was delivered and we are pleased to inform members that the Petition was allowed with the Court making the following orders:-

1. A declaration is issued that the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance is fusion of the principles of international law which states customarily recognise and are non-derogable, and states are under a duty to enact legislation to fulfil their obligations thereunder.
2. Investigation of incidents of death and injuries caused by police in the execution of their mandate is the exclusive mandate of IPOA and not IAU or other institutions;
3. An order is issued to the 3rd and 4th Respondents to furnish the Petitioners with information relating to enforced disappearances and extra judicial killings as well as the number of prosecutions which have been undertaken relating thereto from 2010 to date within 90 days of this judgment;
4. An order is issued to the 5th Respondent to furnish the 3rd Petitioner with a status report on the investigation of a complaint lodged by the 3rd Petitioner at Nyalı Police Station relating to an enforced disappearance.
5. The 3rd Respondent is directed to open a register of all cases of enforced disappearances and extra judicial killings.
6. Each party to bear its own costs.

The Judgement can be accessed on this link, https://lskkenya-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/a_rodilsk_or_ke/EWntJXW9kjRGqgd6bXVHyEYBY9WnZq712h7rsVghLKslZQ?e=PMIAxO

The Society appreciates Hiram Nyaburi Advocate for his representation in this matter.



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MEET THE TEAM

Registration link:
<http://tiny.cc/sdregistration>

Charge:
Ksh. 30,900/= Or USD233

Date:
29th July- 1st August 2025

Venue: **Virtual**
2 hours session per day

Time:
11:00 AM (EAT)

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A LOOK AT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AS KENYA PUSHES FOR REFORMS

By Sophie Kaibiria, Director Practice Standards- LSK

In the past week, Kenya hosted a historic first-time visit of the Finnish President. President Alexander Stubb is an international political steward who offered President Ruto assistance in pushing for the reforms of the UN Security Council. President Stubb noted this during his public Lecture at the University of Nairobi. He stated that South Africa, Nigeria, and Kenya were prime candidates to push for the change in the world order in the international political space. This geopolitical interest by Kenya, therefore, forms a new governance interest where we, as [#Wakilis](#), need to dive into the structure and mechanics of the UN Security Council.

The Security Council, the United Nations' principal crisis-management body, is empowered to impose binding obligations on the 193 UN member states to maintain peace. The Security Council currently has five permanent and ten elected members that meet regularly to assess threats to international security, including civil wars, natural disasters, arms proliferation, and terrorism. The Security Council takes the lead in determining the existence of a threat to the peace or an act of aggression. The Security Council has a Presidency, which rotates and changes every month, ensuring some agenda-setting influence for its ten non-permanent members, which are elected by a two-thirds vote of the UN General Assembly. According to the UN General Assembly Resources, the main criterion for eligibility is contribution "to the maintenance of international peace and security," often defined by financial or troop contributions to peacekeeping operations or leadership on matters of regional security likely to appear before the Security Council. A secondary consideration is related to the "equitable geographical distribution." The African Group has three seats; the Asia-Pacific Group, two; the Eastern European Group, one; the Latin American and Caribbean Group, two; and the Western European and Others Groups (WEOG), two. Each has its own electoral norms.

Additionally, according to the Security Council reports, the African group is the only regional group that has codified rules for the nomination process. According to "the Rules of Procedure of the AU Ministerial Committee of Candidatures within the International System," the African group is allocated three seats into five subregions (the Northern Africa, the Central Africa, the Western Africa, the Eastern Africa, and the Southern Africa) so that the Northern Africa and the Central Africa share one seat, the Western Africa holds one seat, and the Eastern Africa and the Southern Africa share one seat. The latter being where Kenya is placed.



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Structurally, the Security Council remains largely unchanged since its founding in 1946, stirring debate among members about the need for reforms. The basic structure of the Security Council was proposed at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference held in August 1944. The United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and China agreed that the Council would be an executive organ given the specialized functions of maintaining international peace and security, and that the four countries, plus France, would have permanent membership with veto power.

The four powers also agreed that the Council should consist of a small number of countries based on the experience of the League of Nations. Therefore, the initial purpose of distributing the seats by region was not to guarantee geographical representation (like the electoral systems of most democratic countries) but to give smaller states a chance of gaining seats. However, during the 1950s, newly interdependent states started to use this criterion to ameliorate the underrepresentation of African and Asian states and to enlarge the Council to obtain equitable geographical distribution.

In December 1963, at the initiative of African and Asian states, the General Assembly decided to enlarge the Council membership from 11 to 15, beginning in 1966. In recent years, members' competing interests have often stymied the Security Council's ability to respond to major global conflicts and crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's annexation of Crimea and subsequent invasion of Ukraine, and the war between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas. This discontent has led to simmering interest by States to expand the UN Security Council to be more inclusive. The momentum being built is also fuelled by the shift of the global interest to the South and the thirst to control the geopolitics in the region. Kenya's interest is therefore keenly portrayed through the diplomatic interests visiting the country. It is important to follow this initiative, especially for the possible agreements and negotiated interests that will stem from the process for [#goodgovernance](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

INVITATION TO THE PAN AFRICAN LAWYERS UNION'S 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRIENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM 25 TO 27 JUNE 2025, IN ABIDJAN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

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We are pleased to invite you to the PALU Annual Conference and Triennial General Assembly, which will be held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 25 - 27 June 2025, under the theme "Justice through Reparations".

As we have done in the past, we encourage the leadership and Secretariat of national lawyers' associations to organize group travel for their members. This can be done through your usual Travel Agent, or, even better, you can do a small tender amongst a few Travel Agents so that they can compete to give you the best deal for your members.

We also encourage you to consider the importance of the CLE points for your participating members.

For More Information regarding the conference and the registration rates, please visit our event portal at: <https://events.lawyersofafrica.org/>.

We acknowledge receipt once again of your Bar Association membership payment of the Year 2025 and we thank you.

We look forward to welcoming you and your members to Abidjan for what promises to be an engaging and impactful gathering.



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Our teams are working on restoring the telephone services to ease communication. In the meantime, we encourage members to use the departmental contact details as shown below;

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We apologize for any inconveniences caused as we work towards restoring the services to improve on responsiveness and efficiency.

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