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THE LEGAL INSIGHT

The Official LSK Weekly Newsletter

THE IN-HOUSE COUNSEL: MENTORSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCHED



The Two-Day In-House Counsel Caucus wrapped up on a high note with the official launch of the LSK In-House Counsel Mentorship Program—a landmark initiative aimed at nurturing the growth of in-house legal practitioners across Kenya.

Spearheaded by Mr. Vincent Githaiga (Council Member and Co-convenor of the In-House Counsel Committee), alongside Council Member Elizabeth Wanjeri, Committee Member Wangari Kagai, and Convener Ndinda Kinyili, the launch represented a significant step in strengthening the in-house legal community.

The program received overwhelming support, with 27 seasoned legal professionals signing up as mentors and 54 in-house counsels joining as mentees. The initiative sets the stage for meaningful professional relationships, practical knowledge exchange, and long-term career development.

This milestone reflects the dedication of the Law Society of Kenya and the In-House Counsel Committee in championing capacity-building and mentorship within the legal profession.

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ADVOCATES IN COAST AND SOUTH EASTERN SENSITIZED ON COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY

Advocates of the High Court of Kenya from Coast and South Eastern Branch attended Sensitization forums on, The Advocates Sensitization on Competition Law & Policy, in Malindi (Diamonds Dream of Africa Hotel) and Machakos (SEO Hotel).

The forums that kicked off on Monday in Kwale and Kitui are Continuing Professional Development (CPD) partnerships between the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) and the Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK).

The topics to be covered by experts from the Competition Authority of Kenya include Goals of Competition Law/Policy, Merger Review Process & Threshold, Investigating Anti-Competitive Practices and Understanding the Scope of Market Inquiries.

The week-long forums will close on Friday, 23rd May 2025 at Sapphire Hotel (Mombasa County) and Enchula Resort (Kajiado County).

The Facilitators from the CAK_Kenya included Maurice Nzuki, Advocate Mugambi Mutegi and Chris Muteti (Malindi, Kwale & Mombasa) Ninette Mwarania, James Mutisya, Gloria Rono Advocate, Emily Makena, Samuel Roba and Brenda Maina.

The forums which are free, attract 1 CPD Unit per participant.





LSK STATEMENT ON DETENTION AND DENIAL OF ENTRY INTO TANZANIA OF TWO KENYAN ADVOCATES

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PRESS STATEMENT

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Date: 18th May, 2025

STATEMENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA ON THE DETENTION AND DENIAL OF ENTRY INTO TANZANIA OF TWO ADVOCATES OF THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA

The Law Society of Kenya is exasperated by the inexcusable, illegal and arbitrary denial of entry into Tanzania of two of our members, Ms. Martha Karua, SC and Ms. Gloria Kimani, Council Member of the Law Society of Kenya alongside Ms. Lynn Ngugi who were detained at the Julius Nyerere International Airport on 18th May 2025. The authorities at the airport have not only failed to provide reasons for this abhorrent act of impunity, but have equally threatened the three with deportation at their own cost. We condemn this incongruous contempt for the rule of law, human rights, and the fundamental principles that hold the East African Community together.

Article 104 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community contemplates a region where citizens move across member states freely, and without undue restraints such as we have witnessed today. That free movement is guaranteed and given effect by Article 7 of the Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Community Common Market, by which all member states of the Community guarantee free movement of citizens within their territories. The denial of entry of the 2 Kenyan Advocates is therefore not only irrational and discriminatory, it is equally an affront to the international relationship among East African states. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania is in breach of its obligations, and must act accordingly to rectify this animosity against citizens of Kenya.

We note that the denial of entry of the 2 Advocates of the High Court of Kenya comes against the backdrop of and is related to the recent heinous violation of rights against Hon. Tundu Antipas Lissu, an Advocate and former President of the Tanganyika Law Society. Hon. Lissu who has long been a victim of systemic injustices perpetrated by the ruling regimes in Tanzania continues to face persecution for exercising his democratic rights and freedoms as a citizen of Tanzania.

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This continued persecution of Mr. Lissu, coupled with compounded human rights violations and breach of state obligations with the intention of denying him legal representation and access to justice paint a concerning picture for the state of constitutionalism, rule of law and democracy in Tanzania. For the avoidance of doubt, as a member state to the East African Community, Tanzania is bound to adhere to the principles of the rule of law by dint of Articles 3, 6 and 7 of the EAC Treaty. It is abominable that a Government with both domestic and international obligations to uphold the rule of law would act with such contempt against the principles of the rule of law.

We note that over and above being citizens of a member state of the East African Community, the 2 Advocates of the High Court of Kenya who have been detained are members of the East African Law Society. As such, they are at liberty to, without limitation, engage with the EALS and participate in its activities including providing legal support in advocacy efforts. The government of Tanzania's interference with that status is an illegality and a violation of the rights of the 2 Advocates. Further, the lack of justifiable reasons for their detention other than they represent a victim of government oppression is tantamount to discrimination contrary to both the EAC Treaty and the Banjul Charter.

In the circumstances, we call on the Attorney-General of Tanzania to take immediate intervening measures to rectify and reverse this outright affront to justice and human rights. It is in the interests of our shared mutual relationship, not only as nations but more so as professionals, that the treatment of people reflects common values and respect. Further, we call on the State Department for Foreign Affairs to engage the Government of Tanzania with a view of resolving this matter and ensuring such retrogression to the progress we have made as a community does not persist.

We have been in constant engagement with the leadership of the Tanganyika Law Society and the East Africa Law Society to resolve the prevailing impasses, and we are hopeful our common efforts will lead to conducive resolution of the matter.

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STRENGTHENING LEGAL PRACTICE: LSK AND IMLU COLLABORATE ON SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR ADVOCATES

On May 15th and 16th, 2025, the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), in collaboration with the Independent Medico-Legal Unit (IMLU), convened a specialized training program for advocates. The program was designed to augment professional competence in the effective documentation of torture and the presentation of forensic evidence in judicial proceedings.

This initiative was coordinated under the auspices of the LSK Lawyer Police Liaison Committee, convened by Ms. Gloria Kimani.

The curriculum provided a comprehensive examination of international best practices, including the principles outlined in the Istanbul Protocol. Distinguished facilitators guided the sessions:

Dr. Johansen Oduor, the Chief Government Pathologist, delivered instruction on forensic medico-legal documentation within the Kenyan jurisdiction.

Dr. Ling Kituyi elaborated on the critical interface between medical expert evidence and legal practice in cases of alleged torture, including the interpretation of medical symptoms and forensic findings.

Ms. Veronica Hinestroza presented advanced litigation strategies pertinent to the abduction of torture evidence in both civil and criminal courts.



Dr. William Omondi, Technical Lead for Psychosocial Rehabilitation at IMLU, provided guidance on the effective presentation of psychosocial evidence and the articulation of trauma within legal frameworks. This training initiative is indicative of the LSK's commitment, in concert with IMLU

and other relevant stakeholders, to systematically address human rights violations through rigorous forensic methodologies, with a particular focus on enhancing police accountability.

The Law Society of Kenya extends its sincere appreciation to the Independent Medico-Legal Unit for their substantive partnership in this undertaking.

Gratitude is also expressed to all participating advocates for their commitment to advancing their expertise in this critical area of legal practice.



LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025



LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

12TH - 16TH AUGUST

Diamonds Leisure Beach & Golf Resort, Kwale County.

CONFERENCE RATE	0-3 YEARS (2023, 2024, 2025)	4-6 YEARS (2020, 2021, 2022)	7 YEARS AND ABOVE (2019 AND BELOW)
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



LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA



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)

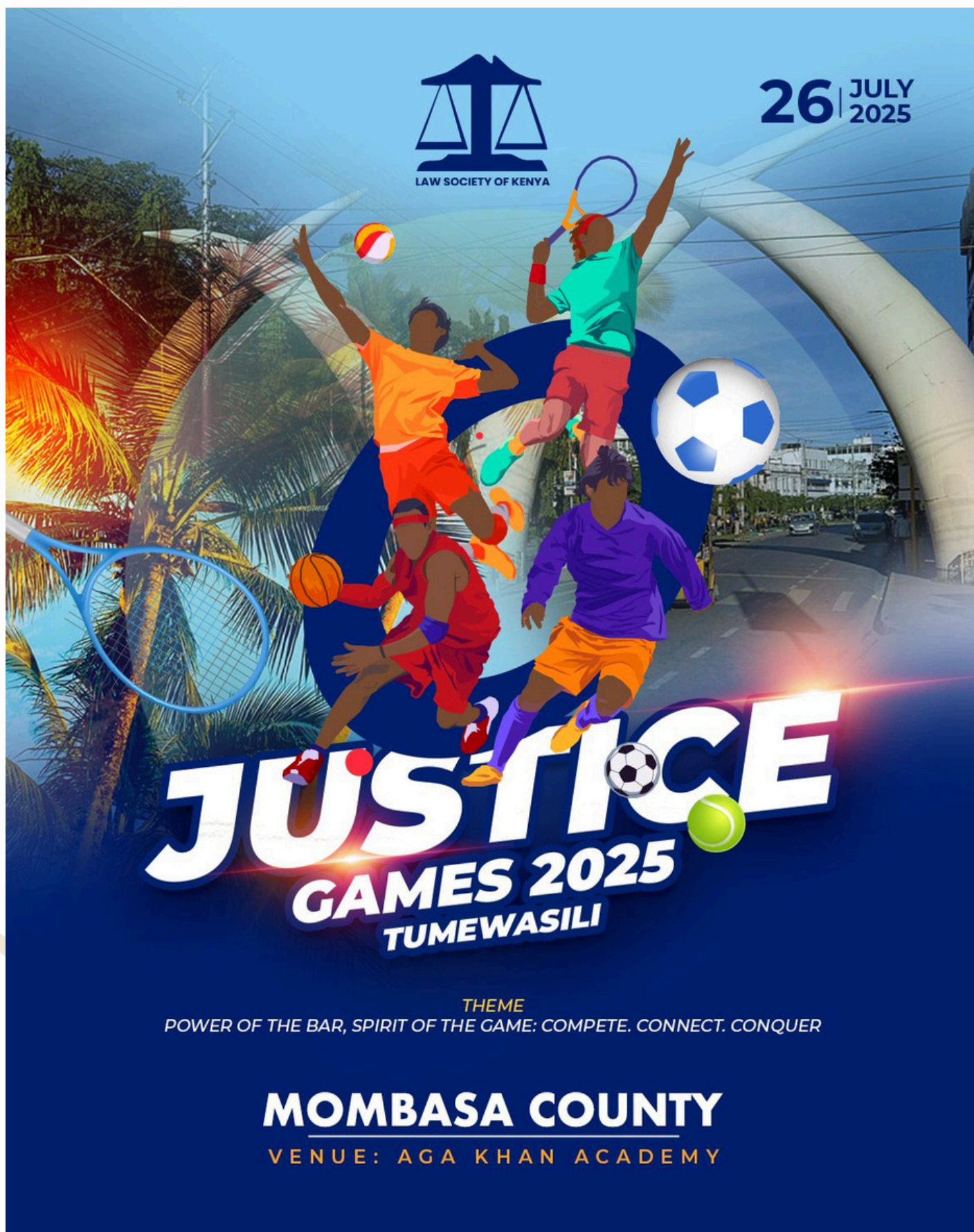
Your financial support, prayers, and presence at the fundraiser will bring hope and healing to Cheryl and her family.

Thank you!



NEWS SEGMENT

LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA JUSTICE GAMES 2025





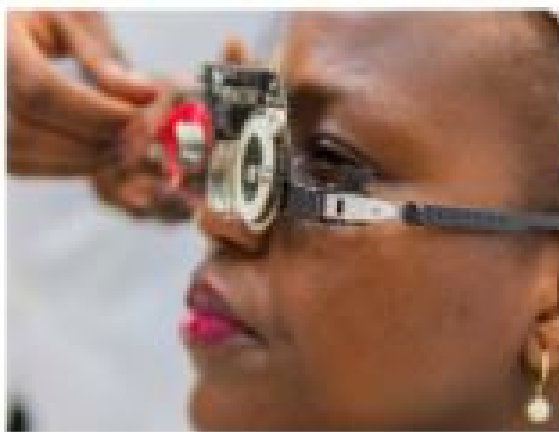
ADVOCATES BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (ABA)

ABA Medical Camp at the LSK Coast Branch Annual General Meeting

The Board of the Advocates' Benevolent Association organised a Medical Camp in collaboration with Megahealth Insurance Brokers during the Law Society of Kenya Coast Branch Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 16th May 2025, at Jacaranda Indian Ocean Beach Resort.

The Camp was conducted by The Aga Khan University Hospital and provided a range of medical services to members in attendance.

The Board extends its appreciation to the LSK Coast Branch for the opportunity to conduct the Medical Camp and acknowledges the support of all participating partners





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LEGAL ASSOCIATE'S POSITION

Muthoga Gaturu & Company Advocates, a medium sized Law Firm wishes to recruit an Advocate for its Litigation Department at its Head Office in Nairobi. The successful candidate should have the following minimum attributes:-

- Advocate of the High Court with the current year's practising certificate;
- Practical experience in a busy litigation practice environment of between one(1) to three (3) years post-admission;
- Specialized training, qualifications or demonstrable skillset in the relevant field will be considered an added advantage.

The Firm desires to employ persons of integrity, initiative and attention to detail. In addition, the candidates should be team players and should be capable of delivering results under pressure.

Interested and qualified candidates are asked to forward their application letters, testimonials and updated CVs to info@mgmail.co.ke not later than **Friday, 30th May, 2025**.

Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

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STATISTICAL QUESTIONNAIRE: ASSESSING MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORISM FINANCING RISK - LEGAL PROFESSIONALS



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ASSESSING MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORISM FINANCING RISKS FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

The Society is conducting a sectoral risk assessment to gather information to enable it analyze the structure, inherent risks and controls present within law firms which is vital for assessing money laundering and terrorism financing risks within the legal sector.

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Kenya Branch

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Dates: Oral Assessment 8th July

Exam: 10th July

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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 fueled 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](#).



TRAINING NOTICE



THE KENYA SCHOOL OF LAW

COURSE: ESG REGULATION AND PRACTICE

(3 LSK CPD POINTS)

DATE: 16th – 20th June, 2025

VENUE: Kenya School of Law- Nairobi

COURSE OVERVIEW

This introductory course is designed for legal professionals in Kenya seeking to understand the rapidly growing field of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) and its implications for legal practice. As businesses and investors increasingly prioritize sustainability and ethical considerations, a strong grasp of ESG principles, frameworks, reporting obligations, due diligence, and risk assessment is becoming indispensable for lawyers advising clients across all sectors.

This course will provide a comprehensive overview of the ESG landscape in Kenya, equipping participants with the foundational knowledge and practical insights needed to navigate this evolving area of law. You will gain an understanding of the key local and international drivers shaping ESG, the relevant legal and regulatory frameworks in Kenya, and the lawyer's crucial role in guiding organizations towards sustainable and responsible practices.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

- In-house Counsel
- Private Practice Lawyers
- Compliance Professionals
- Legal Consultants
- Other legal practitioners interested in ESG

INTENDED OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand core ESG concepts and its relevance in Kenya;
- Navigate ESG Frameworks and Reporting Obligations in Kenya;



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- Understand ESG Due Diligence Processes;
- Conduct Effective ESG Risk Assessments;
- Appreciate the Lawyer's Role in Advancing ESG.

CERTIFICATES: A certificate of attendance and participation will be issued to each participant who attends the entire course.

YOUR INVESTMENT: Kshs. 58,500 inclusive of VAT and registration fee (*covers tuition fees, course materials, stationery, lunch and refreshments*).

CPD POINTS: Members of the Law Society of Kenya who attend and complete the training will be entitled, on payment of extra 1,000.00 to be awarded 3 CPD points. Payment of this sum shall be effected during the training, as will be directed by the organizers of the training.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application should be made **ONLINE** through the platform. Please log at: <https://services.ksl.ac.ke/web/> login sign up and register for the course. Fees should be deposited in the School's account: **Account No. 202 2029 110 Absa Bank PLC, Absa Plaza Branch, Nairobi, Kenya** and the bank slip or evidence of electronic funds transfer presented to the Finance Office, Karen. Please note that your registration and proof of payment should be complete by **11th June 2024**, to enable us to adequately prepare for the course.

Contacts:

For any query, contact the Course Coordinator, Ms. Sandra Soi on ssoi@ksl.ac.ke, or Jacqueline jacqueline@ksl.ac.ke and Christine cmwanza@ksl.ac.ke.

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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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Dear Members of the PALU Council

Greetings from the Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU), the premier continental membership forum of and for lawyers and lawyers' associations in Africa.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (IBA) 2025



IBA 2025 TORONTO
2-7 NOVEMBER
ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION



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11 - 13 October 2025 | Hanoi, Vietnam



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Telephone System Downtime



LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA

The Law Society of Kenya has been experiencing technical challenges with its main telephone system affecting incoming and outgoing calls.

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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CPD- 0110 677 188 / 0799 595 834

Compliance & Ethics- 0110 459 555 / 0799 595 819

Practice Standards - 0705- 110253

Finance- 0110 380 838 / 0799 595 797

Member Services- 0111 671 458 / 0799 595 810

PIL & Parliamentary- 0111 231 010

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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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