

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**PERSONAL:**                      **Nationality:** Kenyan.

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### **PERSONAL PROFILE:**

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A hard working, self-motivated and self-driven human rights and social justice advocate and activist with strong leadership capabilities and a strong sense of responsibility. Successful at research, teaching, program implementation, project coordination, monitoring and evaluation, budgeting and report writing having worked with FIDA-K; UNHCR; Kenya National Commission on Human Rights; UNFPA seconded to the National Commission on Gender and Development (now National Gender and Equality Commission); University of the Gambia; the Dullar Omar Institute of the University of the Western Cape; Riara University School of Law; The University of Nairobi, School of Law; the University College Cork Ireland (seconded to the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (IFRC) in Geneva); and as Executive Director at the Economic and Social Rights Centre – Hakijamii Trust.

Key strengths include:

- Associate Professor of Constitutional and Human Rights Law, and the Founding Dean, Maseno University School of Law – From January 2023, worked to successfully establish a School of Law through the Commission for University Education Accreditation Process and the Council for Legal Education Licensing Process. The School of Law is now operational and took in its first cohort of students in May 2023.
- Executive Director, Economic and Social Rights Centre – Hakijamii Trust, a National Non-Governmental Organisation working in the area of economic and social rights for the marginalised and vulnerable communities in Kenya.
- A Member of the Horn of Africa Climate Justice Network and the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance undertaking research and documentation on the impact of climate change in Africa, analysing climate change as a driver and threat multiplier of conflicts in Africa, and the place of human rights in enhancing accountability for the adverse impacts of climate change, especially in the context of just transition.
- Convener and trainer on two fiscal studies short courses - *tax justice and human rights* as well as *tax and gender* - as a part of the Fiscal and Tax Studies Committee of the University of Nairobi School of Law.
- Research and Teaching Fellowship at the Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law at the University of Stellenbosch working with renowned Socio-Economic Rights Expert Professor Sandra Liebenberg, who was then the Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on Economic and Social Rights. In this responsibility, I engaged substantively in research around the development of the UN CESCR Draft General Comments on Sustainable Development and Economic and Social Rights as well as Land and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which are currently under discussion by the UN Committee on Economic and Social Rights.
- International Research Fellow of the Irish Research Council and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Co-Fund CAROLINE Research Fellowship (June 2018-September 2019) in collaboration with the University College Cork, Ireland and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (IFRC). Research project titled *Integration of Climate*

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*Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development in Legal and Policy Frameworks at the Regional and National Levels in Africa.*

- Research Leadership of the Kenya Research Team in the Multi-Country Study titled “*Political Determinants of Sexual and Reproductive Health in Africa: Criminalisation, Health Impacts and Game Changers*” led by Centre for Law and Social Transformation of the University of Bergen, Norway.
- Post Doctoral Research Fellowship on Food Sustainability and Agro-ecology undertaken under a joint project by the Centre for Development and Environment of the University of Bern, the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and the Centre for Training and Integrated Research in ASAL Development (CETRAD). The research project titled *Food Sustainability and the Right to Food in Kenya*.
- Diploma in Law on the Justiciability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Theory and Practice from the Institute for Human Rights, Abo Akademi University, Turku-Finland, conferred on 24 January 2014.
- Doctorate in Law (LLD) degree from the University of the Western Cape, South Africa, conferred on the 18 of September 2013. LLD thesis titled *Poverty, inequality, and socio-economic rights: A theoretical framework for the realisation of socio-economic rights in the 2010 Kenyan Constitution*. The thesis was supervised by Professor Jacques de Ville, Head of Public Law and Jurisprudence, University of the Western Cape and Professor Frans Viljoen, Director, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. It was examined by the following three renowned constitutional law and human rights scholars: Professor Sandra Liebenberg of the University of Stellenbosch South Africa (Member of the UN Committee on Economic and Social Rights), Professor Yash Pal Ghai of the University of Hong Kong (Founder of Katiba Institute – Kenya) and Professor David Bilchitz of the University of Johannesburg South Africa.
- Masters in Law (LLM) in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (with distinction) from the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria on 10 December 2010 and the winner of the Nelson Mandela Award for the best student in the 2010 academic year. The title of my LLM Thesis was “*Interrogating the competence of the African Court of Justice and human rights to review the African Union Assembly's decisions for compliance with human rights*”.
- An advocate of the High Court of Kenya (admitted to the Bar in December 2009).
- Post Graduate Diploma in Law at the Kenya School of Law, Advocates’ Training Programme (January 2008- June 2009).
- Bachelor’s degree in law (LLB) from the University of Nairobi, Second Class Honours, Upper Division (2004-2007).
- Proven ability to develop strategies for effective multi-sectoral stakeholder coordination; program development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation; and the management of governance, human rights and humanitarian challenges in conflict and post-conflict contexts.
- Excellent leadership qualities and very successful at understanding complex concepts, cross-cultural issues and producing high quality work through teamwork.
- Excellent computer skills including Microsoft office tools

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**OBJECTIVE:**

To contribute my skills and knowledge in constitutional law, human rights, humanitarian law, environmental law and program management in the teaching and the publication of academic writing in these areas as well as towards the development, coordination and implementation of programs that will promote respect for, and the protection of, the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all people.

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Associate Professor of Constitutional and Human Rights Law, and the Founding Dean –**

**Maseno University School of Law** – From February 2023. I helped establish the School of Law and I am currently charged with the day to day running of the academic, management and student life responsibilities of the School.

**Executive Director, Economic and Social Rights Centre – Hakijamii Trust** from February 2021 to June 2022. Leading and spearheading the activities of Hakijamii Trust in the programming areas of land and housing rights; right to health, right to water and sanitation, right to education, environmental justice, climate change, renewable energy, and sustainable development as well as public interest litigation around health, housing, land, and education rights. In this role, I have undertaken active fundraising for the organising, engaging with several funders and substantively increasing the funding basket of the organisation. I have also engaged in legal activism through litigation and evidence-based policy advocacy as well as spearheading collaborative networking with like-minded organisations to champion the course of human rights and climate justice for vulnerable and marginalised communities. I have also engaged with the UN systems and other international networks to advocate better international and regional legal instruments for the vindication of the rights of indigent, vulnerable and marginalised groups and communities.

**International Research Fellow of the Irish Research Council and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Co-Fund CAROLINE Research Fellowship** in collaboration with the University College Cork (UCC) and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movements (IFRC) – June 2018 – September 2019. The title of the research project is: *Linking hazard/climate vulnerabilities and poor sustainable development outcomes in Africa: a comprehensive analysis of disaster risk management frameworks and practices in Africa and their impact on the realisation of sustainable development*. The objective of the project is to develop an integrated legal and policy framework for coordinated programming and financing of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation for better developmental outcomes in Africa in accordance with UN Agenda 2030 and the African Union Agenda 2063.

**Post-Doctoral Researcher on a Food Sustainability Project being undertaken by the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, the Centre for Development and Environment of the University of Bern and CETRAD – From August 2015 to October 2017.** The responsibilities under this assignment were the development of a research report analysing the constitutional, legislative, policy and programmatic framework that has been adopted in Kenya for the achievement of food sustainability (the achievement of food security and the realisation of the right to food in an ecologically sustainable manner that is supportive of food sovereignty).

**Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University of Nairobi – from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to date** – Teaching International Human Rights Law; Tax and Human Rights; Law and Development; and law, environment and development at the Post-Graduate Level. At the undergraduate level, I teach Human Rights Accountability for Public Service Delivery; Law and the Regulation of the Media; the Law of Torts; and Equity and Trust. I also mentor research students and supervise dissertations/theses at the undergraduate and post-graduate level, including PhD supervision. I also coordinated the Partnership Agreement between the University of Nairobi School of Law and the Centre for Human Rights University of Pretoria in the presentation of the Masters Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa from 2014 to 2016. The coordination work entailed receiving students from the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria who came to the University of Nairobi School of Law for the second semester of their study in the Masters in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa; organising for their accommodation and stay; organising for their human rights-related internships; supervising the students as they undertake their thesis research to completion; marking of masters theses from the Centre for Human Rights, amongst other management responsibilities.

**Adjunct Lecturer – School of Law, Riara University, Kenya – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014 to December 2016** – Teaching international human rights law, Equity and Trust, Constitutional Law, Property Theory, and Legal Research and Writing.

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**Researcher and Teaching Fellow- Dullar Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape – January 2012 to 31 December 2013** – Undertaking research in different aspects of economic, social and cultural rights at the domestic, regional and international level. Lecturing in the University of the Western Cape Graduate Programme. Courses taught were International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law.

**Visiting Lecturer - Faculty of Law, University of the Gambia - January 2011 to December 2011** - Teaching at the University of the Gambia, Faculty of Law as a Visiting Lecturer seconded by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. The subjects I taught are: Public International Law, International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law. I also founded the Moot Court Club and was in charge of preparing the University's first Moot Court Team that participated in the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition in July 2011 at the University of Pretoria, South Africa.

**Gender Based Violence Advisor and Field Coordinator - UNFPA (Seconded to The National Commission on Gender and Development, now National Gender and Equality Commission) - 3rd October, 2008 to 31st August, 2009**

Worked in a Joint National Commission on Gender and Development and UNFPA project as a Gender Based Violence Advisor and Field Coordinator in the Post-Election Violence context in the South Rift Region in Kenya. Priority gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response activities included:

- Establishing and strengthening GBV coordination mechanisms in the region (I formed and headed the secretariat of the South Rift GBV Network, a multi sectoral Network of all partners undertaking interventions on GBV in the region);
- Coordination of GBV prevention and response initiatives in the region;
- Coordination and facilitation of GBV training and capacity building for Network partners;
- Provision of technical guidance in enhancing reporting and referral mechanisms for GBV and developing a GBV data information system (Database);
- Undertaking advocacy, sensitization and awareness raising campaigns on GBV at the community level in different parts of the South Rift Region.
- Served as the UN Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) focal point in the South Rift Region and coordinated the SEA training activities of the various UN Agencies undertaking humanitarian interventions in the Region

**Research Assistant - Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (Research, Policy, and Legislation Department) - 1st July – 30th September 2008**

Duties include undertaking research in human rights issues, analysis of Legislation, Bills and Policies to ensure that they comply with international human rights law norms, standards, and principles

**Protection Assistant - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) - 21st January – 30th June 2008**

This position was responsible for the coordination of the emergency planning and response to the Post-Election Humanitarian Crisis in Kenya in Nyanza and North Rift Valley Regions. The duties undertaken were:

- Undertaking fact-finding, protection and assistance monitoring and needs assessment in areas affected by the post-election violence;
- Served as the “vulnerable women and children” focal point for UNHCR and was the Secretary of the GBV and the Child Protection sub-clusters in Nyanza and Western Regions. Liaised with other UN- Agencies, NGOs, the IDPs and the host communities in the identification and profiling of GBV and Child Abuse cases as well as for the tracing and reunion of unaccompanied minors with their families.
- Coordinating and facilitating training of Government officials and other stakeholders on human

- rights, IDP protection and on the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement;
- Coordinating and undertaking go and see missions, and return assessment and monitoring in return areas in the Rift Valley Province, Kenya.
- Coordinating responses to specific protection concerns and human rights violations and undertaking follow-ups on these concerns/violations with authorities concerned being the Government, Provincial Administration, Kenya Red Cross, UN Agencies and Local NGOs;
- Served as the Reporting Focal Point for the UNHCR Field Office in Kisumu, and later at the UNHCR Sub-Office in Eldoret, and ensured that Situational Reports, Mission Reports and Site Profiling Reports were expeditiously written and dispatched to the relevant officers for further action. Also ensured that the reports were properly filed and maintained.
- Served as the Security Focal Point for Nyanza and Western Provinces and thus monitored the security and safety of UNHCR Staff in the Kisumu Field Office and other persons of concern to UNHCR.

**Legal and Research Assistant - Federation of Women Lawyers Kenya (FIDA-K) 1st June 2007 – January, 2008**

- The tasks included: undertaking research work on women’s and children’s rights, interviewing clients, drafting legal documents, drafting proposals and concept papers, undertaking legal aid clinics, family/couple mediation, civic education and election observation.
- Attending Court to watch briefs.
- Served as the Assistant Editor of the FIDA-Kenya Annual Report.

**Other Assignments Undertaken:**

June 2005 – to January 2007 - A volunteer Intern at the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC).

29th January – 30th April 2007 - Worked with Kenya Aids NGOs Consortium (KANCO) as a Volunteer Intern and a Researcher on issues of HIV/AIDS and Human Rights.

**RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS:**

**Book Chapters**

1. Orago N ‘A gender perspective of socio-economic rights under the 2010 Kenyan Constitution: A mirage or a path towards gender equality and women empowerment in Kenya’ in Biegon J & Musila G (eds.) (2011), *Judicial enforcement of economic, social and cultural rights: Challenges and opportunities for Kenya* 275, Nairobi: ICJ-Kenya.
2. Orago N ‘Socio-economic rights and the potential for structural reforms: A comparative perspective on the interpretation of the socio-economic rights in the Constitution of Kenya 2010’ in Mbondenyi M, Asaala E, Kabau T & Warris A (eds.) (2015) *Human Rights and Democratic Governance in Kenya: A Post-2007 Appraisal* 39-81, PULP.
3. Orago N ‘The global economic crisis and its impact on the realisation of socio-economic rights in Sub-Saharan Africa’ in European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights (EIUC) Global Campus Research Programme (2015), *The impact of economic crises and foreign debt on human rights*, Chapter III, available at [http://eiuc.org/tl\\_files/EIUC%20MEDIA/Global%20Campus%20of%20Regional%20Masters/research/2014-15/4.pdf](http://eiuc.org/tl_files/EIUC%20MEDIA/Global%20Campus%20of%20Regional%20Masters/research/2014-15/4.pdf).
4. Orago N ‘The place of public participation in the implementation of socio-economic rights in South Africa’ in Commission for the Implementation of the Constitution (ed.) (December 2015) *Effective citizens’ participation: Broadening citizens’ opportunities under the Constitution of Kenya 2010* 279-300, Nairobi-Kenya Literature Bureau.
5. Orago N and Musangi P ‘Titanium mining benefit sharing in Kwale County: A comprehensive analysis of the law and practice’ in Ambani J (ed.) (2018) *Drilling past the resource curse? Essays on the*

*governance of extractives in Kenya* 11-74, Nairobi: Strathmore University Press - ISBN 978-9966-054-20-3

6. Orago N and Nassali M 'The African human rights system: Challenges and potential in addressing violence against women in Africa' in Manjoo R and Jones J (eds.) (2018) *The normative gap in the protection of women from violence: Pushing the frontiers of international law* Chapter four, New York: Routledge, ISBN 978-1-138-73796-9 (hbk).
7. Orago N 'Socio-economic rights in the Kenyan Constitution 2010: A brief assessment of governmental action towards their realisation' in Ghai YP and Ghai JC (eds.) *Ten Years On: Assessing the achievements of the Constitution of Kenya 2010* (2022) 177-192.

### Journal Articles

1. Orago N 'Book review: Sandra Liebenberg (2010) Socio-economic rights adjudication under a transformative constitution (Juta & Co. Ltd.), 541 pages, ISBN 9780702184802' (2013) 24(1) *Stellenbosch Law Review* 229-232.
2. Orago N 'The 2010 Kenyan Constitution and the hierarchical place of international law in the Kenyan domestic legal system: A comparative perspective' (2013) 13 *African Human Rights Law Journal* 414-440.
3. Orago N 'An analysis of the limitation of rights in the 2010 Kenyan Constitution in the context of socio-economic rights adjudication' (2013) 16(5) *Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal* 169-219.
4. Orago N 'Political and socio-economic transformation in a new constitutional dispensation: An analysis of the 2010 Kenyan Constitution as a transformative Constitution' (2014) 2(1) *African Nazarene University Law Journal* 30-67.
5. Orago N and Viljoen F 'An argument for South Africa's accession to the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in light of its importance and implications' (2014) 17(6) *Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal* 2555-2599.
6. Orago N 'The place of the minimum core approach in the realisation of the entrenched socio-economic rights in the 2010 Kenyan Constitution' (October 2015) 59 *Journal of African Law* 237-270.
7. Orago N 'The global economic crisis and its impact on the realisation of socio-economic rights in Sub-Saharan Africa: An analysis based on the Millenium Development Goals and Processes' (2017) 1(1) *Global Campus Human Rights Journal* 17-46.
8. Orago N 'Socio-economic development and resource redistribution as tools for conflict prevention and post-conflict peace building in fragile societies: A comparative analysis of Burundi and Rwanda' (2017) 1(2) *Global Campus Human Rights Journal* 226-258.
9. Orago N 'Food security and access to food: The viability of a rights-based approach to food sovereignty in Kenya' (2017) *East African Law Journal* <https://heinonline.org/HOL/Page?handle=hein.journals/easfrilaj2017&id=1&size=2&collection=journals&index=journals/easfrilaj>.
10. Orago N "Sustainability of food systems: The role of legal and policy frameworks" (2018) 2(1) *Global Campus Human Rights Journal* 16-40, <https://doi.org/20.500.11825/691>.
11. Orago N 'Disaster Law Practice in Africa and Middle East and North Africa Regions in 2018' (2019) 1<sup>st</sup> *Yearbook of International Disaster Law* 326-335. DOI <https://doi.org/10.1163/26662531-01001018>.
12. Orago N "Commonification of food as an approach for the achievement of food security and the realisation of the right to food for all' (May 2020) 4(1) *Strathmore Law Journal* 1-40.
13. Orago N 'Disaster Law Practice in Africa and Middle East and North Africa Regions in 2019' (2020) *Yearbook of International Disaster Law* 401-412. doi:10.1163/26662531\_00201\_019.
14. Orago N "Disaster Law Practice in Africa and Middle East and North Africa Regions in 2020' (2021) *Yearbook of International Disaster Law* 442-452. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/26662531-00301000>.

## Research consultancies

1. Undertook research in collaboration with the New York University Centre for Global Justice and Human Rights (Prof Phillip Alston, Ms. Rebecca Riddell and Bassam Khawaja) on privatisation of healthcare and its impact on the right to health in Kenya, which produced a research report titled '*Wrong prescription: The impact of privatisation of healthcare in Kenya*' (November 2021) 1-49, available at <https://chrgj.org/kenya-health>.
2. Undertook research titled - *African heterodox perspectives on critical paradigms for the realisation of sustainable development in sub-Saharan Africa* on behalf of the Vienna Institute for International Dialogue and Cooperation (VIDC) from August to December 2020. The research produced a research paper titled '*Transboundaries: African heterodox ideologies for the realisation of sustainable development in the continent*' (July 2021) 1-28, available at [https://www.vidc.org/fileadmin/martina/studien/transboundaries\\_nicholas\\_orago\\_july2021\\_final.pdf](https://www.vidc.org/fileadmin/martina/studien/transboundaries_nicholas_orago_july2021_final.pdf).
3. Undertook research titled - *Exploring resource allocation principles and practices in County Governments in Kenya: An analysis of Kwale County in comparative perspective* on behalf of the Economic and Social Rights Centre (Hakijamii) in November 2020.
4. Undertook research and legal analysis on behalf of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) titled: *Report of the National Legal Consultant on Legislation Relevant to Antimicrobial Use and Resistance in Kenya* from June 2018 to February 2019.
5. Undertook research on the impact of titanium mining by Base Titanium on the mining host communities in Nguluku and Bwiti in Kwale County on behalf of the Economic and Social Rights Centre (Hakijamii). The research resulted in two reports: "*Titanium mining benefit sharing in Kwale County: A comprehensive analysis of the law and practice in the context of Nguluku and Bwiti*" (July 2017), available at <http://www.hakijamii.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Titanium-mining-benefit-sharing1-2.pdf>; and, "*Budgeting in Kwale County and its impact on the realisation of socio-economic rights for the mining host communities in Nguluku and Bwiti*" (July 2017), available at <http://www.hakijamii.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Kwale-budget-analysis-FINAL1.pdf>.
6. Undertook a comparative research on the interlinks between the right to the city and socio-economic rights on behalf of the Socio-Economic Rights Department of the Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape, South Africa. The research resulted in a report titled "*The impact of urbanisation/safer cities to the enjoyment of socio-economic rights in South Africa and India*" (December 2015).
7. Worked as the Lead Researcher (Kenya) for Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) Headquarters in New York in four-country baseline survey on Integrating Overlooked Refugee Populations into SGBV Prevention and Response Mechanisms from **March to August 2014**. The Study was conducted in Kenya, South Africa, Chad and Uganda and the joint report from the study was used to develop a training manual to be used internationally in training SGBV prevention and response actors on how to programme their SGBV prevention and response services so as to provide inclusive services to overlooked refugee populations such as the elderly, persons with disability, sexual minorities (LGBTI), men and boys.
8. Compiled and analysed the decided cases on the constitutionally entrenched economic, social and cultural rights in Kenya and produced a compendium of the cases on behalf of the East African Centre for Human Rights (EACHRights) and the United Nations Millennium Campaign. The Compendium is available at <http://www.eachrights.or.ke/pdf/2014/A-Compendium-On-Economic-And-Social-Rights-Cases-Under-The-Constitution-Of-Kenya-2010.pdf>.
9. Worked as a Research Assistant to the Lead Consultant Mrs. Ruth Aura Odhiambo in drafting the **Kenya National Policy on Accelerating the Abandonment / Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting** on behalf of the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development. April – June 2009.
10. Did a Consultancy Paper as a Research Assistant to Gilbert Onyango – Deputy Director of The CRADLE on **The Review of the Kenyan Laws and Legislation on Violence Against**

## TRAININGS CONDUCTED AND PAPERS PRESENTED

1. 10-12 July 2012: Facilitated a training for Kenyan judges on the interpretation and enforcement of the socio-economic rights entrenched in the new Kenyan Constitution, a training organised by the African Center for International Legal and Policy Research (CILPRA) and International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL), held in Nairobi, Kenya. A total of 15 judges, including the Chief Justice, one judge of the Supreme Court, two judges of the Court of Appeal, and the Heads of Departments of all the divisions of the High Court were trained.
2. 18-22 November 2013: Presented a paper on the adjudication of socio-economic rights in the 2010 Kenyan Constitution, with a specific focus on the case of *Satrose Ayuma & 11 Others v The Registered Trustees of the Kenya Railways Staff Retirement Benefits Scheme & 2 Others*, High Court of Kenya, Petition No. 65 of 2010, (Decision of 30 August 2013). This was part of the Advanced Course on the Justiciability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights presented by the Institute for Human Rights, Abo Akademi University, Turku-Finland.
3. 9-10 December 2013: Facilitated a training seminar for legal practitioners on Public Interest Litigation in relation to the 2010 Kenyan Constitution held in Kisumu Kenya. The topic of my paper was: *Notable issues in litigating socio-economic rights: Lessons from Kenya and South Africa*.
4. 26-27 February 2014: Facilitated a training seminar for members of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ-Kenya) on Public Interest Litigation on the Right to Housing held at Serena-Amboseli, Amboseli National Park. The topic of my paper was: *Housing rights in comparative perspective: Kenya and South Africa*.
5. 4-6 August 2014: Facilitated a training seminar for legal practitioners on Public Interest Litigation in relation to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 held in Nanyuki Kenya. The topic of my paper was: *The content and implementation of socio-economic rights under the Constitution of Kenya 2010*.
6. 25-27 February 2015: Facilitated a training seminar for legal practitioners on Public Interest Litigation in relation to the Constitution of Kenya 2010 held in Mombasa Kenya. The topic of my paper was: *The content and implementation of socio-economic rights under the Constitution of Kenya 2010*.
7. 11-15 May 2015: Presented a paper titled '*The global economic crisis and its impact on the realisation of socio-economic rights in Sub-Saharan Africa*' in the Global Classroom Conference organised by the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation in Venice, Italy.
8. 15-16 July 2015: Facilitated a training seminar on safeguarding constitutional gains through public interest litigation organised by Kenya for Peace with Truth and Justice (KPTJ), Katiba Institute and the International Commission of Jurist-Kenya held in Naivasha Kenya. The topic of my paper was: *Contemporary public interest litigation issues and jurisprudence – economic and social rights*.
9. 2-8 August 2015: Made a presentation at the Annual Judges Colloquium held in Mombasa Kenya. The topic of my paper was: *The judiciary's record in constitutional implementation: Social and economic rights jurisprudence*.
10. 1-2 October 2015: Presented a paper titled '*A rights-based approach to food security in Kenya*' in an International Conference themed – *Food Security under Siege? Feeding a Planet Hungry for Food and Energy*, hosted by the Milan Bar Association and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, University of Milan at the Court of Appeal buildings in Milan.
11. 9-13 May 2016: Presented a paper titled '*Socio-economic development and resource redistribution as tools for conflict prevention and post-conflict peace building in fragile societies: A comparative analysis of Burundi and Rwanda*' in the Global Classroom Conference organised by the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation in Venice, Italy.
12. 16-20 May 2016: Facilitated a training seminar on the justiciability of socio-economic rights in Africa as part of the Advanced Course on Socio-Economic Rights, hosted by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria at the Graduate Centre, University of Pretoria.
13. 22-26 August 2016: Presented a paper titled '*Politicisation of homosexuality and its impact on the right of*



- access to health in Kenya* in the 2016 Bergen Exchanges hosted by the Law Centre on Law and Social Transformation of the University of Bergen which was held in Bergen, Norway.
14. 15-19 May 2017: Facilitated a training seminar on the justiciability of socio-economic rights in Africa as part of the Advanced Course on Socio-Economic Rights, hosted by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria at the Graduate Centre, University of Pretoria.
  15. 20-23 June 2017: Presented a paper titled '*Decriminalisation litigation and its impact on access to healthcare in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Kenyan perspective*' at the Law and Society Association's International Conference held in Mexico City, Mexico.
  16. 21-25 August 2017: Presented a paper titled '*Trans-struggles in Kenya*' as part of an interdisciplinary panel titled *Transcontinental Perspectives on Trans-Struggles* at the 2017 Bergen Exchanges hosted by the Centre on Law and Social Transformation of the University of Bergen, which was held in Bergen, Norway.
  17. 5-8 September 2017: Presented a paper titled '*Food sustainability in Kenya: Legal and Institutional Frameworks*' at the International Conference on Research and Development held in Bern, Switzerland.
  18. 27-29 November 2017: Presented a paper titled '*Food systems sustainability in Kenya: The role of law and policy*' at a Workshop on Strengthening Food Security through Integrated Earth Observations & Ecological Assessments of Ecosystem Services in Kenya organised by the British Council and the Centre for Landscape and Climate Research of the University of Leicester held in Nairobi, Kenya.
  19. 14-18 May 2018: Facilitated a training seminar on the justiciability of socio-economic rights in Africa as part of the Advanced Course on Socio-Economic Rights, hosted by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria at the Graduate Centre, University of Pretoria.
  20. 7-10 June 2018: Presented a paper titled '*Politicisation of sexuality and its impact on access to healthcare for sexual minorities: A Kenyan perspective*' at the Law and Society Association's International Conference held in Toronto, Canada.
  21. 20-24 August 2018: Presented a paper titled '*Defeating Goliath at source: A comprehensive approach to child migration*' at the 2018 Bergen Exchanges hosted by the Centre on Law and Social Transformation of the University of Bergen, which was held in Bergen, Norway.
  22. 9-13 October 2018: Presented a paper titled '*Law and Disaster Risk Reduction*' at the Joint Arab-Africa DRR Platform organised by the UNISDR, Organisation of Arab States and the African Union in Tunis, Tunisia.
  23. 24-26 October 2018: Presented a paper titled '*The role of law in tackling Africa's developmental challenges: the need for an integrated approach to natural hazard resilience, climate change adaptation and sustainable development*' at an international interdisciplinary conference at the University of Nairobi themed "Africa in the Emerging World Order".
  24. 28 November - 01 December 2018: Presented a paper titled '*Criminalisation and politicisation of abortion and its effect on the right to health in Kenya*' at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, the United States of America.
  25. 23 February 2019: Attended and participated in an International Consultation conference on the Development of a General Comment on Sustainable Development and ESCR, held in Geneva Switzerland and made a presentation titled '*climate/hazard related disasters affecting the enjoyment of ESC-rights which is also a major factor limiting the potential of societies to achieve sustainable development*'.
  26. 13-17 May 2019: Attended and participated in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction held in Geneva Switzerland.
  27. 30 May – 2 June 2019: Attended the Law and Society Association Annual Conference in Washington DC, USA and delivered three papers: '*Changing hearts and minds? Kenyan courts, public opinion and LGBTI rights*'; '*Politicization and criminalization of sexuality in Africa: Impact on the right to dignity and access to healthcare in Kenya in a comparative perspective*'; and '*The role of law in tackling Africa's development challenges: The need for an integrated approach to natural hazard resilience, climate change adaptation and sustainable*

- development’.
28. 23 August 2019: Delivered the 2019 Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law Guest Seminar at the University of Stellenbosch South Africa and the topic of the Guest Lecture was ‘Accountability for the reduction of hazards and climate risks for sustainable development in Africa: the role of the African human rights system’.
  29. 30 September – 4 October 2019 and 28 October – 1 November 2019: Taught two weeks of short courses for external participants organized by the Fiscal Studies Committee of the School of Law, University of Nairobi on *Tax and Gender* and *Taxpayers Rights*.
  30. 12-13 February 2020: Attended and participated in the Horn of Africa Climate Security Working Group Workshop held in Addis Ababa and was part of a panel on “*Looking at the Climatisation of the Peace Processes in the Horn of Africa, their Dynamics and the Climate Change Nexus?*”.
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  32. 4-5<sup>th</sup> September 2020: Facilitated two-day training of judges on the land, environmental and climate-related rights of marginalised indigenous communities in Kenya and the role of the judiciary in the protection of these rights – a training organised by the Kenya Human Rights Commission (KHRC), Minority Groups International (MGI) and the Kenya Judges and Magistrates Association (KMJA).

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