



CALL FOR PAPERS

Annual Conference of the African Bar Association Nairobi, Kenya July 22nd-27th, 2018

Deadline for submissions of abstracts: March 31st, 2018

Submissions from women and young practitioners are strongly encouraged

The African Bar Association, (AFBA) is pleased to announce its 2018 conference with the theme:

“Africa's Socio-Economic and Political Future: African Union's Agenda 2063 in perspective.”

The African Bar Association, AFBA, was established in 1971 as a Professional body uniting individual lawyers and national legal associations in Africa.

The Association seeks amongst other objectives to foster exchange of opinions and experiences among members, formulation of policies that would better reposition the continent's socio-economic and political development and advancement with the law as the bedrock for these developments. AFBA encourages its members to break into new legal frontiers. The Association seeks to bring together lawyers and Bar Associations in and outside Africa.

THEME

The 2018 AFBA conference will review the African Union's Agenda 2063 with a view to assessing how ready the continent is to achieve the set objectives in the light of extant laws and policy and contributing to shaping the Agenda for a true African Economic, Political and Social Prosperity based on Constitutional Democracy and the Rule of Law.

The African Union's Agenda 2063 is premised on certain aspirations and we encourage papers that not only review the Agenda on the basis of these aspirations but also test the integrity of the aspirations themselves and provide solutions and give guidance on their achievement within the context of the Rule of Law.

We encourage papers that address the following areas:

- African Business Roundtable: -The Investment That Africa Needs.

Sub themes-

- The impact of modern slavery on investment in Africa
 - Africans investing in Africa
 - The availability of indigenous finance
- African Integration: -Political Unity And Economic Integration Of Africa: Wishes, Visions & The Reality.

Sub themes-

- How can law facilitate the political unity of Africa
 - Lessons from similar experiments e.g. the EU
- Human Rights: The African Human Rights System As A Tool For Achieving Agenda 2063 Aspirations.

Sub themes

- The role and application of Human political rights
 - The role and application of Human Social and & Economic rights
- Trade: Implications of Mobilizing African Resources for Development Through Trade

Sub theme

- Harmonizing of trade laws to enhance intra African trade: The case for the expansion and review of OHADA within the African Union 2063 Agenda.
- Law Firm Management: Expanding the Fortunes of Lawyers: The Role of Bar Associations; Alternative Topic-The African Law Firm Of 2063.
 - Project Finance/ Infrastructure Development: Developing A Sustainable Framework for Infrastructure Development and Indigenous Finance
 - Women Lawyer Interest Forum: Considerations for Women and Children in Agenda 2063

Sub themes

- What knowledge & skills do they require?
 - What roles can they play?
 - How can they take advantage of the opportunities and surmount the challenge of Agenda 2063?
- Mining & Extractive Industry law: Use Of The Mining And Extractive Industry Resources For Development-Strategy, Know-How, Law And Policy In Africa.

- Environmental Law & Climate change: Is Africa's Legal Regime For Its Environment And Climate Fit For Purpose?
- Sports and Entertainment Law: The Law and Policy of Developing African Talents in Africa

Sub theme

- Proposal to form a working group to explore the possibilities of drafting a framework for model rules to govern sports in Africa. Contracting/negotiations/ franchising etc.
- Customary Law: African Customary Law as A Catalyst for its Development
- Taxation: Financing Agenda 2063-Tax As An Option

Sub themes

- Double taxation treaties by African countries
- Taxation subject to local circumstances
- Stability & Security: Legal Solutions To Threats To Agenda 2063-Terrorism, Corruption, Wars & Money Laundry
- Health law: Developments In Public Health Law In Africa
- Intellectual Property: Protection Of Intellectual Property And Pan-Africanism: Is Africa Ready For A Common IP Framework?
- Maritime Law: Contemporary Issues In Maritime Law In Africa
- Labour Law: Vanquishing Unemployment & Harnessing Human Capital: The Path To Success.
- Media, Privacy and Data Protection: How helpful is Africa's information management strategy?
- Rule of Law: Harmonisation Of African Laws To Achieve Agenda 2063-Issues And Challenges
- Alternative Dispute Resolution: Which Way Forward-Use Of Indigenous Or Foreign Dispute Resolution Authorities For Resolving Commercial Disputes In Africa?
- Good Governance: Legal Framework For Building Strong Democratic Institutions In Africa

The working languages of the Conference are English and French. Submissions are welcome in either language. Only one submission per author will be considered. Submissions from women and young practitioners are strongly encouraged. Kindly send an abstract (300 - 500 words) of your paper including your curriculum vitae as well as contact details and institutional affiliation. These materials should be sent to conferencepapers@afribar.org on or before **31stMarch 2018**.

Successful applicants will be notified by **April 30th, 2018**. The deadline for submission of final papers is **May 31st, 2018**. Speakers will be required to register for the conference. Speakers will be reimbursed for their travel cost to and fro the conference and accommodation. Please note that airfares will be refunded only for economy travel and on the basis of the most direct route to & fro the conference venue.

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