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● ANCL CONFERENCE 2026

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Conference & EBF Moot Final

CONFERENCE THEME

"Reimagining Constitutionalism in Africa: Balancing State Capacity and Non-State Governance"

DATES

June 10 – 13, 2026

VENUE

University of Ilorin, Nigeria

FORMAT

All Sessions are Hybrid

Day 1

WEDNESDAY · JUNE 10, 2026

ANCL CONFERENCE

08:30
09:30

Registration & Arrival

09:30 – 10:25

Breakfast

SESSION 1.1

10:30 – 11:45

ENGLISH PANEL

10:30
11:45

NOA ROOM 1

"State Capacity, Indigenous Authority, and the Constitutional Reordering of Governance in Africa"

Imane El

State Capacity and Indigenous Governance: Constitutionalizing Amazigh Identity in Morocco

Keneilwe Radebe

Sustaining Kingship and Chieftainship: Challenges and Opportunities in South African Governance

Charlie Khamala

Reimagining Constitutionalism in Africa: Balancing State Capacity and Non-State Governance

Mercy Many Kazi-Njila, John Kyohroh Christopher & Caroline L. Anze-Bishop

From State Monopoly to Plural Authority: Reimagining Constitutional Legitimacy through the Recognition of Non-State Governance in Nigeria

Moges Teshome

Constitutional Design and the Judicialisation of Electoral Disputes in Africa: Evidence from Ethiopia, Kenya, and Nigeria

● Chair: **Prof. Azizat Omotoyosi Amoloye-Adebayo**

SESSION 1.2

10:30 – 11:45

FRENCH PANEL

10:30
11:45

FACULTY BOARD ROOM

"Courts, Democracy, and Constitutional Legitimacy in Contemporary Africa"

Moussa Bocoum

Le rôle politique du juge constitutionnel en Afrique noire francophone

Alexandre Decroix

Du suffrage comme mythe au pluralisme comme méthode : repenser l'inclusion des groupes non-étatiques dans la démocratie

Débora Sabanga & Ben MUTOMBO BAMUANGAYI

En République Démocratique du Congo, l'idéal de l'État de droit à l'épreuve des inconstances de la Cour constitutionnelle

Eugène Pascal

L'(in)existant corps électoral de l'élection présidentielle du 12 octobre 2025 au Cameroun et l'(in)compétence du Conseil constitutionnel

● Chair: **Prof. Serges Kamnga** — Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Free State, South Africa

12:00 – 2:00 PM

 Lunch Break

SESSION 1.3

2:00 – 3:30 PM

FRENCH PANEL

2:00
3:30 PM

"Constitutional Justice, Self-Determination, and the Renewal of Legitimacy in Africa"

Faustin Sogadji

La constitutionnalisation de la gouvernance traditionnelle en Afrique : cas du Bénin et du Ghana

Oumar Sow

Les assemblées consultatives, quel apport pour une gouvernance inclusive dans les États d'Afrique noire francophone ?

Mamadou Samb

L'innovation jurisprudentielle des cours constitutionnelles africaines : vers un constitutionnalisme authentiquement endogène ?

● Chair: **Prof. Abdou Khadre Diop** — University Cheikh Hamidou Kane, Senegal

5:00
6:30 PM

 Cocktail & Welcome Reception

Day 2

THURSDAY · JUNE 11, 2026

EBF MOOT FINAL & PLENARY

EBF NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION · GRAND FINAL

Final of the National Moot Court Competition

TEAM X  TEAM Y

Auditorium · 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

PLENARY SESSION

12:15 PM

AUDITORIUM

12:15 PM

OPENING CEREMONY



Welcome Address — Local Organising Committee

Prof. Azubike Onuora-Oguno

Remarks — ANCL Leadership

Prof. Elvis Fokala

Host Institution Address — University of Ilorin

Prof. B.A Omipidan — Dean, Faculty of Law

Prof. Wahab Egbewole SAN

Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Keynote



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Mr. Lateef Olasunkanmi Fagbemi, SAN — Attorney-General of the Federation (Keynote Speaker)

Prof. Charles Fombad

From Constitutional Promise to Social Justice: Socio-Economic Rights, Constitutional Legitimacy and the Prevention of Intra-State Conflicts in Africa

Prof. E.B. Omoregie, SAN

Universities, Constitutionalism, and the Future of Governance in Africa: Reflections from the Ivory Tower

Prof. Sébastien Lafrance

Constitutionalism Through the Lens of Judicial Activism: Comparing the Experience of Nigeria, South Africa and Canada

Professor Iyabode Ogunniran

Conflicting Court Judgments in Electoral Disputes in the Nigerian Fourth Republic: Implications for Democratic Consolidation

Darryl Isabel

Decolonizing Constitutionalism in Kenya: Integrating Customary Land Adjudication into Formal Legal Systems

Prof. Dr. Markus Böckenförde

Constitutional Amendment Provisions in Africa: Between Colonial Legacy and Constitutional Innovation

● Chair: **Prof. Yusuf Ali, SAN**

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Lunch Break



SESSION 2.1

3:00 – 4:30 PM

ENGLISH PANEL

3:00

4:30 PM



"Plural Constitutionalism, Rights Protection, and Governance Challenges in Contemporary Africa"

Ifeoma Lynda Agbo

Advancing a Pluralist Constitutional Framework in the Face of Insecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa

Ijeoma Ezeude

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities within Constitutional Frameworks: A Comparative Approach Between Nigeria, South Africa and Kenya

Daudu Benny

Harnessing Non-State Actors for Gender-Responsive Constitutionalism in Nigeria: Challenges and Opportunities

Oluwatuminu Omotoye & Muiyiwa Adigun

Insolvency and Human Rights Provisions under the Nigerian Constitution

● Chair: **Dr. Oluwabunmi Niyi-Gafar** — HOD Jurisprudence & International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin

SESSION 2.2

3:00 – 4:30 PM

FRENCH PANEL

3:00
4:30 PM



"Endogenous Values, Identity Transformation, and the Politics of Constitutional Renewal in Africa"

Oula Paul

La constitutionnalisation de certaines valeurs endogènes africaines comme stratégie d'affranchissement du mimétisme constitutionnel postcolonial : L'exemple de la Constitution du 22 juillet 2023 du Mali

Mamadou Salif Sane

L'élection nationale en Afrique : entre lois démocratocides et passivisme du juge ? Quelles solutions pour des élections libres, transparentes et apaisées ?

Jonathan Mpiga

La féminisation des constitutions au Maghreb : Cosmétique juridique ou véritable levier d'effectivité ?

Maxime Kitengie

Ambivalence et incertitude autour des interventions des confessions religieuses dans la gestion des crises politiques en République Démocratique du Congo

● Chair: **Gerald Ogwuike** — French Department, Faculty of Arts, University of Ilorin

6:00 –
8:00 PM

Gala Dinner & Award Night — Goodwill Remarks

Prof. Solomon Tamarabakemi Ebobrah — Vice Chancellor, University of Africa, Toru-Orua

Prof. Fransica Oladipo — Vice Chancellor, Thomas Adewmi University & Secretary KUB+

Prof. Wahab Egbewole SAN — Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin

Dr. Olugbemisola Titilayo Odusote — DG, Nigerian Law School

Prof. Ibrahim Abikan — DG, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Day 3

FRIDAY · JUNE 12, 2026

CLOSING DAY

SESSION 3.1

9:00 – 10:45 AM

ENGLISH PANEL

9:00
10:45 AM



"Reimagining Constitutional Legitimacy in Africa: Self-Determination, Reparatory Justice, and Transformative Legal Reform"

Asabu Sewenet Alamineh

Why Has a Persistent Clamor for Self-determination in Federalized Ethiopia? A Comparative Study on Sidama and Wolayta Ethnicities

Angela Ngozi Chioke

Beyond Symbolic Measures: Constitutional Pathways to Substantive Reparatory Justice in Nigeria

Harrison Otieno

Rethinking Legal Education to Rebuild Constitutional Legitimacy in Africa

● Chair: **Prof. Oyelowo Oyewo, SAN**

SESSION 3.2

9:00 – 10:45 AM

ENGLISH PANEL

9:00
10:45 AM

"Judicial Integrity, Decentralization and the Constitutional Management of State Power in Africa"

Dr Adejumo Okunlade Isaac

Security Challenges, Institutional Failure in Protecting Life and Property
Senior Lecturer, Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan

Dr Ilias B. Lawal

Appointment and Removal of Judicial Officers in Nigeria: A Threat to Judicial Independence?
Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan

Moges Teshome

Decentralization or Fragmentation? Unpacking the Drivers Behind and Consequences of Proliferation of Region in Ethiopia and Ghana

Chair: **Professor Ayinla** — University of Ilorin

10:45
11:30 AM

Closing & Next Steps

11:30
1:00 PM

 Lunch

1:00
3:00 PM

 Jummat Service

4:00 PM

 Excursion — Unilorin Botanical Garden

Day 4

SATURDAY · JUNE 13, 2026

DEPARTURE



Safe Travels

Delegates depart. Thank you for participating in ANCL Conference 2026.

Presenters

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

SPEAKERS

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Dr Ambogou Paul OULA is a lecturer at the University of Legal and Political Sciences of Bamako, Mali (USJP). He holds a doctorate in Law from the Institut de Pédagogie Universitaire de Bamako, a Master's in Environmental Law, and a University Diploma in Ethics: Law, Equity and Economics from the Universities of Limoges and Toulouse 1 Capitole. His research spans conflicts in Africa, climate change, peace and security in the Sahel, and endogenous governance in pre-colonial Africa. He is the author of several scientific articles and serves as an expert-consultant for various international and national institutions.

Darryl Isabel

Darryl Isabel is a Research Assistant and Student Intern at the Strathmore Dispute Resolution Centre. She has a strong interest in environmental law, climate change governance, sustainable development, and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). She is a published author whose work engages with climate-related dispute resolution and contemporary challenges in environmental governance. Her academic interests lie at the intersection of law, technology, and sustainability, with particular emphasis on climate justice, regulatory responses to

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Prof. Markus Böckenförde

Prof. Markus Böckenförde is Associate Professor of Global Comparative Constitutional Studies (GCCS) at CEU's Department of Legal Studies and Chair of the GCCS program. Before joining CEU, he served as Program Officer and Acting Program Manager for the Constitution Building Project at International IDEA, Stockholm. From 2001–2008 he was Head of Africa Projects and Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL) in Heidelberg. In 2006–2007, he was seconded by the German Foreign Office to the Assessment and Evaluation Commission (AEC) in Sudan as its legal expert.

Prof. Azizat Omotoyosi Amoloye-Adebayo

Professor Azizat Omotoyosi Amoloye-Adebayo is a distinguished Nigerian academic and the first female Professor of Islamic Law at the University of Ilorin (UNILORIN). Currently serving as the Head of the Department of Islamic Law at UNILORIN, she is an expert in the intersection of Shari'ah and International Human Rights.

Dr. Chioke, Angela Ngozi

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Mercy Many Kazi-Njila

Mercy Many Kazi-Njila is a Lecturer at Taraba State University Jalingo, Nigeria, and a human rights advocate specialising in constitutional law, human rights, and gender justice. She serves as Legal Advisor to the Christian Association of Nigeria, Plateau State Chapter, and is a member of the NBA Data Protection Committee. Mercy holds an LL.M from the University of Jos and is currently a PhD candidate at the same institution. She has presented and published widely on socio-economic rights at national and international conferences.

Débora Sabanga

Débora Sabanga holds a master's degree (Bac+5) in public law from the University of Kinshasa. She represented her university in two international competitions: the Charles Rousseau Competition, where she was named the sixth-best advocate, and the ICC Moot Court Competition, where she was named best speaker in the finals. She is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Kinshasa, a legal assistant at Shematsi and Associates Law Firm SCP, and has served as a research fellow at the Congolese Institute for Research on Politics, Governance, and Violence (Ebuteli).

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Ben MUTOMBO BAMUANGAYI is a doctoral candidate in DES/DEA at the Faculty of Law, University of Kinshasa, where he is also a candidate teaching assistant. He currently works as a legal assistant at Mbuyu & Associés Law Firm. He participated in the 2024 Charles Rousseau Moot Court Competition. Passionate about research, his main interests lie in constitutional law and international law. He is a member of the French Association of Constitutional Law. He is actively involved in academic activities aimed at promoting the rule of law in the DRC, including the conference organized by Nouveaux Horizons University to mark the 20th anniversary of the DRC Constitution.

Alexandre Decroix

Alexandre Decroix is a doctoral researcher in international law, conducting a *cotutelle* thesis between Paris-Saclay University and Dakar Cheikh Anta Diop University. His research, titled "The Regime of Infra-State Peoples in the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights", examines how African human rights law conceptualises and protects sub-state peoples.

Jonathan M'PIGA

Jonathan M'PIGA is a Temporary Teaching and Research Assistant (ATER) and a PhD student in public law at the University of Bordeaux, affiliated with the Centre for European and International Research and Documentation (CRDEI). He holds a Master's degree in Fundamental Public Law from Omar Bongo University in Libreville (Gabon), and his thesis focuses on the relationship between regional and national legal

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Prince Lateef Olasunkanmi Fagbemi, SAN, is Nigeria's Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, appointed in August 2023 by President Bola Tinubu. He earned his LL.B. from the University of Jos in 1984, was called to the Bar in 1985, and obtained his LL.M. from Obafemi Awolowo University in 1987. Elevated to Senior Advocate of Nigeria in 1998, he has led landmark cases in election law, arbitration, and constitutional matters, and founded Lateef Fagbemi & Co. He has championed major legal reforms, including the Arbitration and Mediation Act 2023.

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Prof. Joshua Kayode Olatoke, SAN, is a distinguished Nigerian lawyer, academic, and Senior Advocate of Nigeria. A Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law at the University of Ilorin, he has published extensively in International Economic Law, Private International Law, Environmental Law, and Electoral Jurisprudence. He served as Special Assistant on Litigation to two Attorneys General of Nigeria and is a member of the NBA, Law Teachers Association, American Bar Association, and International Bar Association.

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Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, is a Nigerian lawyer, academic, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, appointed in October 2022. Called to the Bar in 1985 and joining the University of Ilorin in 1997, he became Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law in 2012. He has served as Dean of Law, Director of General Studies, and member of the Governing Council. Widely published in constitutional law, judicial studies, and international law, he is also a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

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