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**Constitutionalisation of Political Parties and
Constitutionalism in Sub-Saharan Africa**

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Final Programme

Day 1: 25 April 2024		
08.30-09.00	Registration	
Opening Session		Moderator: Charles Fombad
09.00-09.30	Welcome Remarks	Prof. Charles Maimela, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria
	Introductory Remarks	Dr. Holger Dix, Head of the Regional Programme Political Dialogue Sub- Saharan Africa, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Johannesburg
Session 1	Keynote Address	
09.30-10.15		Judge Dhaya Pillay, Judge of the High Court in Pietermaritzburg and Durban and Commissioner at the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa
10.15-10.45	Group Photo and Refreshments	
Session 2	Introduction	Moderator: Lukman Abdulrauf
10.45-12.45	1) An Overview of Political Party Constitutionalisation under Contemporary African Constitutions	Presentation: Charles Fombad, University of Pretoria Discussant: Mai Cheng, East China University of Political Science and Law

	2) International Standards on the Regulation of Political Parties and the Experience of Continental Europe	Johannes Socher, University of Pretoria
	3) Constitutional Protection of Political Parties in Francophone African Countries: A Case Study of Senegal	Abdou-Khadre Diop, Université Numérique Cheikh Hamidou Kane of Senegal
12.45-13.45	Lunch	
Session 3	PPC in Democratic States	Moderation: Charles Fombad
13.45-15.45	4) Why Fix It If It Isn't Broken? The Implications of Constitutional Reforms on Botswana's Party System	Batlang Seabo, University of Botswana
	5) Safeguarding Multi-Party Democracy through Constitutional Entrenchment: The Liberian Experience	Gerald Yeakula, Center for Transparency and Accountability in Liberia
	6) Searching for Democracy Beyond Majoritarian Political Parties in South Africa	Felix Dube, University of Pretoria
15.45-16.15	Refreshments	
Session 4	PPC in Multiethnic Societies	Moderation: Marija Peran
16.15-18.15	7) Party Constitutionalisation and Constitutionalism in Nigeria's Patrimonial Political System	Lukman Abdulrauf, University of Ilorin, Nigeria
	8) Intra-Party Democracy and the Chasm Between Political Parties and Democratization in Kenya	Buluma Bwire, International Development Law Organisation
	9) Political Party Constitutionalisation in Mauritius	Neel Purmah, Middlesex University Mauritius
18.15-21.00	Group Dinner	

Day 2: 26 April 2024		
Session 5	PPC in Authoritarian States	Moderation: Johannes Socher
09.00-11.00	10) Swimming Against the Tides: Militancy and Diplomacy as Survival Coping Mechanisms of Opposition Political Parties to Uganda's Militarised Politics	James Nkuubi, Makerere University, Uganda
	11) Party Constitutionalisation and Democracy in Securocratic States: Lessons from Rwanda	Bekezela Gumbo, Zimbabwe Democracy Institute
	12) Cameroon and the Transition from a Monolithic to a Multiparty Autocracy	Ajereboh Jespa, University of Bamenda, Cameroon
11.00-11.30	Refreshments	
Session 6	PPC in Dominant Party Systems	Moderation: Holger Dix
11.30-13.15	13) The Tortuous Party Institutionalization in Mozambique	Adriano Nuvunga, Center for Democracy and Human Rights Mozambique
	14) Exploring Opposition Party Internal Contradictions of the CCC in Zimbabwe and Its Impact on Democracy	Edson Ziso, University of Adelaide
	15) Party Constitutionalisation and the Sustenance of Internal Party Democracy in Tanzania	Edwin Babeiya, University of Dar es Salaam
13.15-13.30	The Way Forward Word of Thanks	Charles Fombad
13.30-14.30	Lunch	

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