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AFRICA ELECTORAL JUSTICE NETWORK CONFERENCE

Theme: Reflecting on Past Election Dispute Resolution in Africa:
Charting the Future of Electoral Justice in the Age of AI and ICTs.

9th September to 13th September, 2025
Conference Venue: Avani Victoria Falls Resort,
Livingstone – Zambia



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Arrivals - 9th September

Time	Details
08:00hrs	Arrivals and Registration
16:00hrs	Closed Session of Members of the AEJN (Venue: Avani Victoria Falls Resort)

Day 1 - 10th September

Moderators: *Hon. Lady Justice Maria Mapani-Kawimbe, Judge of the Constitutional Court, Zambia (Chairperson of the Hon. Chief Justice's Advisory Committee on Election Management (Zambia) and Member of the AEJN Working Group.)*
Mrs. Kalumba V.C. Slavin, Deputy Director, Corporate Communications (Judiciary of Zambia)

Time	Details
08:00hrs	Registration continues Entertainment as Delegates get seated
09:00hrs 09:05hrs	National Anthem, followed by prayer Salutations and Introductions
09:10hrs	Remarks by <i>(5 minutes each)</i> : • Mr. Martin Masiga, Secretary General AJJF • Mr. Samson Itodo, Executive Director Yiaga Africa • Dr. G. Moshoeu, Director SAJEI • Hon. Chief Justice Maphalala, Chief Justice of Eswatini and Chairperson SEACJF • Hon. Mr. Justice Boissie Mbha, Chairperson AEJN
09:35hrs	Entertainment
09:45hrs	Welcome Remarks by The Hon. The Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia, Dr. Mumba Malila, SC.
10:10hrs	Address and Official Opening by the Guest of Honour, UNDP Resident Representative Dr. James Wakiaga
10:30hrs	Vote of thanks by Hon. Lady Justice Maria Mapani-Kawimbe, Judge of the Constitutional Court, Zambia, (Chairperson of the Hon. Chief Justice's Advisory Committee on Election Management (Zambia) and Member of the AEJN Working Group.)
10:40hrs	Group photo and health break

Session One - Plenary

Moderator: *Hon. Mr. Justice Arnold Shilimi, Deputy President of the Constitutional Court, Zambia*

11:00hrs	Topic: Exploring AI in Electoral Justice, Limitations, Risks and Safeguards - Panel of Experts on AI and Electoral Justice Judge Panelists: • Hon. Mr. Justice Isaac Lenaola, FCI Arb, CBS, MBS Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya Vice President, Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone President, IARMJ <i>(20 minutes)</i> • Hon. Lady Justice Fiona Mwale, Acting Supreme Court Judge, (Malawi) <i>(20 minutes)</i> Expert: Samson Itodo, the Executive Director of Yiaga Africa and Expert on AI and Elections. <i>(30 minutes)</i>
13:00hrs	Lunch

Session Two - Plenary

Moderator: *Hon. Lady Justice Judy Zulu Mulongoti – Judge of the Constitutional Court, Zambia*

14:00hrs	Topic: Towards a judiciary toolkit on AI and electoral justice. Panel of Judges who developed a Toolkit on AI and Electoral Justice, led by Justice Mbha, and AI and Elections Experts constituted by Yiaga Africa Panel: • Hon. Elizabeth Tanui – Head Automation Services, Judiciary of Kenya (20 minutes) • Samson Itodo – Executive Director, Yiaga Africa (20 minutes) • Bonolo Makgale – Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria (20 minutes)
15:00hrs	Interactive Plenary and Adoption of Judiciary Toolkit on AI and Electoral Justice
15:30hrs	Health and Tea Break

Session Three - Plenary

Moderator: *Hon. Mr. Justice Rizine Mzikamanda, Chief Justice of Malawi and SEACJF member*

15:45hrs	Topic: • Harnessing Technology for Efficient Case Management: The Zambian Experience with Synergy International Systems Panel: • Hon. Lady Justice C. M. Lombe, Judge-in-Charge, Southern Province (Zambia) (30 minutes) • Mr. Ashot Hovanesian, Synergy International Systems (30 minutes)
16:45hrs	Interactive Plenary
17:00hrs	Close of Business
18:30hrs	Welcome Dinner. <i>Theme: Cultural / Traditional Attire</i> <i>Venue: The David Livingstone Safari Lodge and Spa</i>

Day 2 - 11th September

Session Four - Plenary

Moderator: *Hon. Mr. Justice Mathew Chisunka – Judge of the Constitutional Court, Zambia*

Time	Details
09:00hrs	Topic: Dealing with time-bound pre and post-election disputes. General experiences from 2024 Africa Elections Super Year and Specific Experiences from Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Senegal, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Panel: • Hon. Mr. Justice Dumisani Zondi – Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal and Chairperson Electoral Court of South Africa. <i>(30 minutes)</i> • Hon. Mr. Justice Charles Mkandawire, Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal (Malawi) <i>(30 minutes)</i>
10:00hrs	Interactive Plenary
10:30hrs	Health and Tea Break

Session Five - Plenary

Moderator: *Hon. Mr. Justice Charles Zulu – Judge-in-Charge, Lusaka High Court*

11:00hrs	Topic: Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms as a way of achieving consensus building and inclusive outcomes Judicial Presentation: Hon. Mr. Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire, Judge of the Court of Appeal of Uganda <i>(30 minutes)</i> Expert Presentation: • Taona Mwanyisa, Election and Governance Expert <i>(15 minutes)</i> • Bukola Idowu, Kimpact Development Initiative (KDI) (Nigeria) <i>(15 minutes)</i>
12:00hrs	Interactive Plenary
12:30hrs	Lunch Break



Session Six - Plenary

Moderator: Hon. Mr. Justice Kenneth Mulife – Judge of the Constitutional Court, Zambia

14:00hrs	Topic: Building Public Confidence in Electoral Dispute Resolution - Panel to discuss practical measures taken by different jurisdictions to build/restore public confidence in electoral adjudication. Case Studies: Kenya, Sierra Leone, Zambia and Zimbabwe Expert Presentations: • Dr. McDonald Lewanika, Regional Director - Accountability Lab (20 minutes) • Ms. Julie Matheka, Programme Manager, ICJ Kenya (20 minutes) • Mr. Felix Owuor, Executive Director ELGIA (20 minutes) • Ms. Lucianna Thuo – IDEA Representative (20 minutes)
15:30hrs	Health and Tea Break
16:00hrs	Plenary

Session Seven - Closing Ceremony

Moderator: Mr. Arnold Tsunga - AEJN Secretariat

16:30hrs	Summary of action points: Final Communique
16:45hrs	Closing Remarks
18:30hrs	Gala Dinner <i>Theme: Black Tie / Business Suit / Formal Evening Wear</i> <i>Venue: Avani Victoria Falls Resort</i>

Day 3 - 12th September

08:30hrs - Excursions – to be coordinated by the Judiciary of Zambia

Day 4 - 13th September

Departure – to be handled by the *Zambian Protocol Team*





The Hon. The Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Justice

Dr. Mumba Malila, SC.

Justice Dr. Mumba Malila is the Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia. He was appointed on 22nd December 2021. Prior to his appointment he served as a Supreme Court Judge since 2014. He has extensive national, regional and international legal experience having worked in quasi judicial bodies as Chairperson of the Zambian Human Rights Commission, Vice Chairperson and Commissioner on the African Union Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and as a Member of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. He was once Vice Chairperson of the Zambian Human Rights Association; Council Member of the Law Association of Zambia; Honorary Secretary of the Law Association of Zambia and an Executive Committee Member of the SADC Lawyers' Association. He also served as a Board Member of Women and Law in Southern Africa. In his African regional human rights work, Dr. Malila formerly served as the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights' Special Rapporteur on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa, as a member of the Working Groups on the Death Penalty in Africa and on Indigenous Peoples and Populations in Africa. Justice Dr. Malila twice served as Attorney General of Zambia and ex-officio Member of the Zambian Cabinet under three Presidents.

A portrait of Dr. James Wakiaga, a man with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue suit jacket over a white shirt. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred blue and white pattern, possibly a UNDP logo.

UNDP Resident Representative in Zambia

Dr. James Wakiaga

James Wakiaga is currently the UNDP Resident Representative in Zambia. He previously served in a similar position in Eritrea from 2019- 2023. Prior to that he worked as a Senior Economist at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Ethiopia (2013-2019) and Zimbabwe (2009-2013). He has built a 15-year long career in the United Nations serving in complex contexts and contributed to fostering strategic partnerships to advance sustainable development agenda and to promote multilateralism as an instrument of choice. Leveraging on the leadership role, he provided top notch policy advisory services to the government and partners in very complex programming contexts. Additionally, offered a strong intellectual leadership in strategic and analytic support which has contributed to the enhancement of UNDP and UN visibility and strong positioning at the country level.

He also brings 17 years of public sector and diplomatic experience having worked as Chief Economist/Director in Kenya's Foreign Service, Head of Policy and Research, at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI) and previously served in the rank of Counsellor at the Kenya Embassy, in Washington DC (2003 - 2008). He has contributed to several knowledge products on Poverty, Governance, Millenium Development Goals, Sustainable Development Goals, Human Development and Economic Growth with a focus on Africa. He also served as a Member of External Reviewers Group and Strategic Studies Group for the African Capacity Indicators Report.

He holds an Economics Honours from University of Nairobi, a master's degree in economics from Renmin University of China and a Doctorate degree on Social Transformation from Tangaza University in Kenya. He is married to Dr. Lucy A. Wakiaga and blessed with two children.



The Hon. The Chief Justice of the Kingdom of Eswatini, Mr. Justice

Bheki Maphalala

Hon. Mr. Justice Bheki Maphalala graduated at WITS University in 1990, Johannesburg in South Africa with a B Proc LLB degrees. He practiced law as an Attorney on the side bar from 1992 to 2009 when he was appointed the Judge of the High Court of Eswatini.

In 2011, His Lordship was elevated to the Judge of the Supreme Court. In 2015 he was appointed the Chief Justice of Eswatini, a position he holds to date.



The Hon. The Chief Justice of the Republic of Malawi, Mr. Justice

Rizine Mzikamanda, SC.

Honourable Justice Rizine Mzikamanda, SC was appointed the 10th Chief Justice of the Republic of Malawi on 7th January 2022. As required by the Constitution of the Republic of Malawi, he was subjected to confirmation by the National Assembly where for the first time, a Chief Justice got a unanimous vote of confirmation beyond the minimum requirement of a two-thirds majority vote in the Malawi National Assembly. In addition to his judicial duties, he was nominated as Alternative Judge for the United Nations Special Tribunal to try Charles Taylor, former President of Liberia. He has served as Director-General for the Malawi Anti-Corruption Bureau; Secretary for Commission of Enquiry for Mwanza Accident for Malawi Ministers; Chairperson for Malawi Judiciary Development Programme; Chairperson for Training Committee, Conditions of Service Committee, Budget, Audit, and Finance Committee among many other portfolios. He has served the Judiciary for the past four decades with extraordinary distinction, amazing intellectual curiosity and development consciousness which saw him head the Training Committee and Judiciary Development Program for many years. He is revered as a distinguished administrator with outstanding leadership abilities and vision throughout the judiciary ranks and outside.



The Hon. The Chief Justice of the Republic of Zanzibar, Mr. Justice

Khamis Ramadhan Abdalla

Khamis Ramadhan Abdalla is the Chief Justice of Zanzibar, a position he has held since 2021. As head of the judiciary, he has been at the forefront of strengthening access to justice, notably championing the Mama Samia Legal Aid Campaign to extend legal services to marginalized groups including women, children, and persons with disabilities. His leadership extends beyond Zanzibar through his active membership in the Southern and Eastern Africa Chief Justices' Forum, and he also represents Zanzibar in regional judicial engagements, such as his official visit to the East African Court of Justice in Arusha.





The Hon. The Chief Justice of the Republic of Botswana, Mr. Justice

Gaolapelwe Gee Ketlogetswe

Hon. Justice Gaolapelwe Gee Ketlogetswe is the Chief Justice of the Republic of Botswana. He was appointed Chief Justice in 2025, after 24 years of dedicated service as a Judicial Officer. He pursued his LLB degree at the University of Botswana in 1995.

He joined the Administration of Justice as a Senior Magistrate in 2001 a position he held until 2005. In 2006 he was appointed Principal Magistrate. He was Assistant Registrar and Master of the High Court, Francistown Division in 2008.

In 2012 he was Deputy Registrar and Master of the High Court, Francistown Division. He rose through the ranks until he was appointed judge of the High Court.

Chief Justice Ketlogetswe was admitted Attorney of the Courts of Botswana in 1995 and as a Conveyancer and Notary Public in 1999.

In 1995-1998 he trained as a Legal Professional Assistant with Moupo, Motswagole and Dingake Attorneys in Selibe Phikwe. He was also a legal Professional Assistant with O.G.B Marata and Partners Attorneys in Selibe Phikwe.

To mention but a few assignments and trainings, Chief Justice Ketlogetswe attended a two-week training/seminar for Magistrates from Southern and Eastern on Drug Control and Prevention in South Africa. In 2003 he trained on Civil Procedure for Magistrates by Justice College in Pretoria, South Africa.

On other assignments Justice Ketlogetswe formed part of the Botswana team which participated in the June 2008 SADC Election Observers Mission for Zimbabwe Presidential run-off elections. He has also participated in the training of newly appointed Magistrates and Judges as a trainer, both in Botswana and the Republic of South Africa.



The Hon. Mr. Justice

Arnold Mweetwa Shilimi

Hon. Mr. Justice Arnold Mweetwa Shilimi is the Deputy President of the Constitutional Court having been appointed on 3rd April, 2023. Justice Shilimi holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Zambia and a Master of Law Degree in International Law from Trinity College of the University of Cambridge, England.

He was in 1986 admitted to practice law as an Advocate of the High Court for Zambia and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales in 1992. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom, and was in 1990 admitted to the status of Fellow of the Cambridge Commonwealth Society.

Prior to his current appointment, Justice Shilimi was a Senior Partner in the Law Firm of Mwansa, Phiri, Shilimi & Theu Legal Practitioners from 2012 to 2023 and before then served in various positions and finally serving as Head of Legal and Corporate Services in Shelter-Afrique Development Bank (ShafDB) based in Nairobi Kenya from 1996 to 2012. He also served as Company Secretary and Legal Counsel with the Industrial Development Corporation (INDECO), the Zambia Industrial and Mining Corporation (ZIMCO) and Cavmont Merchant Bank between 1992 and 1996. He in 1988 also worked on attachment in London with the Chambers of Adrian Hamilton QC, Barristers and Clifford Chance, Solicitors.

Between 2015 and 2023 he served on the Boards of Habitat for Humanity, Zambia, African Life Financial Services and its Investment Committee, and African Life Holdings.





The Hon. Mr. Justice

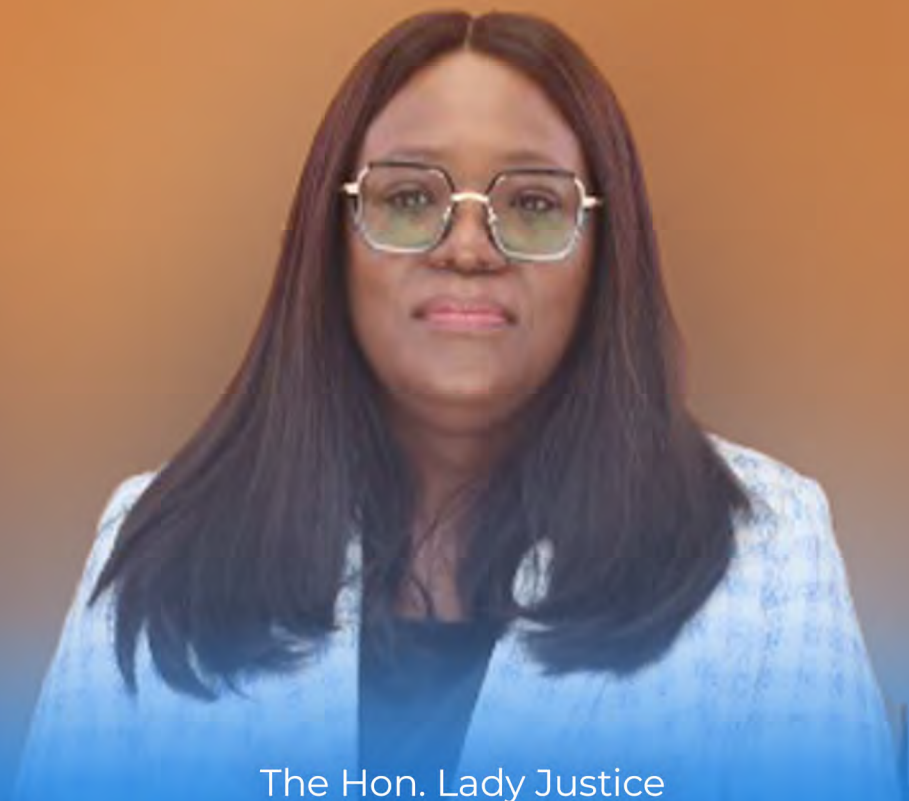
Mathew Chisunka

Hon. Mr. Justice Mathew Kasonde Chisunka is a Judge of the Constitution Court of Zambia. He was appointed to the Constitution Court on 16th April, 2021. Justice Chisunka holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zambia and a Master of Laws degree from the University of Wales in the United Kingdom. He was admitted to the bar in 1983.

Prior to his current appointment, Justice Chisunka served as a Judge of the High Court, Industrial Relations Division from 2016 to 2021 and as Deputy Chairperson of the Industrial Relations Court from 2014 to 2016. Before joining the Judiciary, Justice Chisunka worked for the Central Bank, Bank of Zambia, from 1986 to 2013 where he served as Legal Advisor and rose to the position of Bank Secretary.

Justice Chisunka Started his professional legal career as an Associate Advocate at MMW & Company, a law firm constituted by Messers Mungomba, Mwanakatwe and Wilombe in January, 1984, before joining the Central Bank in June, 1986.

Justice Chisunka once served as Chairperson of the Legal Committee of Central Governors of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).



The Hon. Lady Justice

Judy Zulu-Mulongoti

Hon. Lady Justice Judy Zulu Mulongoti is a Judge of the Constitutional Court, appointed on 15th April 2021. She holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Zambia and a Master of Laws from the University of Waikato, New Zealand, where her dissertation focused on Women's Rights. She was admitted to the bar in 1995.

She previously served as Judge of the Court of Appeal (2016–2021), Judge of the High Court (2010–2016), and Deputy Chairperson of the Industrial Relations Court (2008). Earlier, she worked in the Attorney General's Chambers: Deputy Chief State Advocate (2006–2008), Principal State Advocate (2003–2005), Principal Legal Aid Counsel (2001–2003), Assistant Senior State Advocate (1997–2000), and State Advocate (1995–1997). She handled civil litigation in land, employment, human rights, constitutional and tort matters, engaged in criminal prosecutions, and represented the Government at local and international meetings. She was Deputy Secretary of the Mung'omba Constitution Review Commission (2003–2006) and a member of the Lands Tribunal (1997–1998).

Justice Mulongoti is a member of the International Association of Women Judges, Zambia Association of Women Judges (executive), Magistrates and Judges Association of Zambia, and an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She earned certificates in Refugee Law (University of Cape Town, 2023) and Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists (Oxford University/UNESCO, 2023). In 2024, she was appointed Chairperson of the Chief Justice Advisory Committee on Court Operations. Since 2022, she has attended the annual African Regional Justices Forum in Johannesburg, addressing issues such as prisoners' health rights, transformative jurisprudence, gender norms, and discrimination based on sex, orientation, poverty, status, and activism.



The Hon. Lady Justice

Maria Kawimbe

Hon. Mrs. Justice Maria Mapani Kawimbe is a Judge of the Constitutional Court since 2023. Justice Kawimbe holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zambia and a Master of Laws degree from the University of Lund in Sweden. She was admitted to the bar in 1995. Justice Kawimbe served as Judge of the High Court previously in 2016 and has served as a Director of Governance in Ministry of justice form 2012 to 2016. Justice Kawimbe has also served in various other positions in the Ministry of Justice, these include: Coordinator of the Governance Secretariat from 2007 to 2012; Deputy Director of the International Law and Agreements Department from 2003 to 2007; Principal State Counsel from 2001 to 2003; Assistant Senior State Advocate from 1997 to 2001; and State Advocate in 1996. The Judge served as Vice Chairperson of the Competition and Consumer Protection Tribunal from 2014 to 2016 and as Secretary of the Legal and Justice Reforms Commission from 2014 to 2016. She is a member of the African Union Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, as well as a member of the Zambia Association of Women Judges.





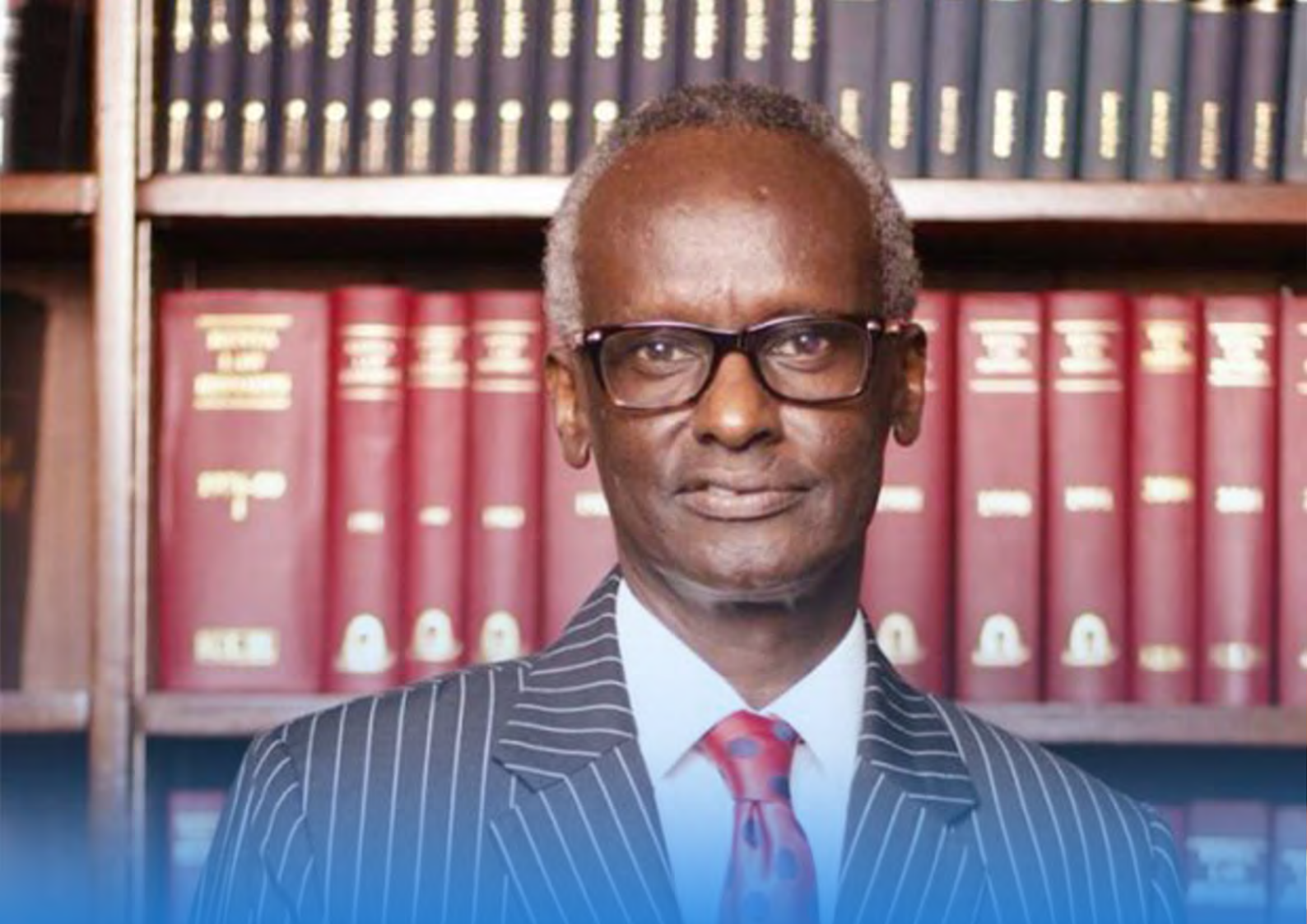
The Hon. Mr. Justice

Kenneth Mulife

Hon. Mr. Justice Kenneth Mulife is a Judge of the Constitutional Court. Prior to his current appointment, Justice Mulife served as a Judge of the High Court. He served in various capacities in the Judiciary, such as the Chief Resident Magistrate at the Lusaka Subordinate Court from 2016 to 2019; Principal Resident Magistrate at Mansa and Lusaka Subordinate Courts from 2012 to 2016; Senior Resident Magistrate at Mansa Subordinate Court in 2012; and Resident Magistrate Kitwe and Lusaka Subordinate Court from 2006 to 2012. Justice Mulife joined the Judiciary from the Department of Immigration in the Ministry of Home Affairs as Immigration Officer from 1999 to 2006 and Assistant Immigration Officer from 1993 to 1999.

During his tenure as Chief Resident Magistrate at the Lusaka Subordinate Court, Justice Mulife served as a member of the Judicial Service Commission and The Advisory Committees on Training and Continuing Education, The Advisory Committee on Court Operations and The Advisory Committee on Court Annexed Mediation and Delay Reduction.

Justice Mulife was engaged by the Ministry of Community Development and Social Welfare and the United Nations International Children's Education Fund (UNICEF) as a Consultant, to generate the National Diversion Legal Framework.



The Hon. Judge of the Supreme Court (Kenya) - President of; SIASIC, & IARMJ,
Hon. Mr. Justice

Isaac Lenaola, CBS

Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola served as a member of the Tribunal Investigating the conduct of Puisne Judges. He joined judicial service in 2003 and worked as Resident Judge in Embu, Meru, Machakos and Kakamega High Courts. As a High Court Judge, Hon. Justice Lenaola also served as a Commissioner at the Judicial Service Commission (JSC). He was previously a Member of the Board, Judicial Training Institute (JTI) (now known as KJA) and Chairman of the Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association (KMJA) and Treasurer of the East African Magistrates and Judges Association (EAMJA). Until his appointment as Judge of the Supreme Court, Judge Lenaola was the Presiding Judge of the Constitutional and Human Rights Division at the High Court in Milimani, Nairobi where he rendered illuminating and ground-breaking decisions on human rights, devolution, separation of powers among other areas of jurisprudence. He is President of the Advisory Council of the Strathmore Institute for Advanced Studies in International Criminal Justice (SIASIC) and President of the International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ). He is also Chairman of the Judicial Action Group (JAG) and a member of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association, (CMJA), the Accountability Panel of the Wildlife Justice Commission (WJC) and also the African Judges and Jurists Forum (AJJF).



The Hon. Mr. Justice

Charles Mkwandawire

The Honourable Justice Mankhambira C.C. Mkwandawire was born on 1st January 1961. He is married and has four children. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree from the University of Malawi (1986). He joined the Judiciary in 1986 as a Resident Magistrate and rose to the ranks of Senior Resident Magistrate, Principal Resident Magistrate and Chief Resident Magistrate. He was later appointed Senior Deputy Registrar of the High Court and Supreme Court of Appeal and then Chairperson of the Industrial Relations Court. He was appointed Judge of the High Court in 2004 and Justice of Appeal on 20th October, 2020



The Hon. Mr. Justice

Dumisani Zondi

Justice Dumisani Zondi is a judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal and chairperson of the Electoral Court. After completing his B.luris law degree at Fort Hare University in 1982, followed by an LLB degree at the then University of Natal in 1984, Zondi started his legal career as a candidate attorney at East Rand law firm Mendelsohn & De Villiers.

After his admission as an attorney in 1986, he became an associate attorney at Hattenbach & Abraham, specialising in labour law.

He served a brief stint as a legal advisor at LegalWise before starting his own legal practice, Zondi Attorneys Inc, where he would stay for the next 18 years. From 2004, Zondi served intermittently as an acting judge in the Western Cape High Court until his permanent appointment in May 2007. From 2009, he started acting as a judge of the Competition Appeal Court, and later acting in the Labour Appeal Court from 2010.

Zondi started acting judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal in 2013 and was appointed permanently the following year.

In May 2024 Justice Zondo was interviewed by the JSC for the position of Deputy President of the Supreme Court of Appeal.



The Hon. Mr. Justice

Geoffrey Kiryabwire

Ugandan judge and a justice of the Court of Appeal of Uganda, since May 2013. Prior to that, he served as a judge of the Commercial Division of the High Court of Uganda, serving as the head of the division, since 2003. From 1991 until 1992, he served as a legal assistant to the Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Uganda. From 1992 until 1994, he served as a senior state attorney for civil litigation in the Office of the Solicitor General of Uganda. From 1993 until 1999, he served as the company secretary and legal counsel at Pan World Insurance Company Limited (PWICO). Between 1999 and 2003, he was the acting general manager and chief executive officer at PWICO. He was appointed as a judge in the Commercial Division of the High Court of Uganda in 2003, a position he still occupies.



The Hon. Mr. Justice

Charles Zulu

Hon. Mr. Justice Charles Zulu is the Judge-in-Charge of the Lusaka High Court – General list. He was appointed to the High Court on 11th May 2016. Justice Zulu holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zambia. He was admitted to the bar in 2004.

Prior to his current appointment, Justice Zulu served as Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court and Special Assistant (Legal) to the Chief Justice from 2014 to 2016. Justice Zulu has served in various positions in the Judiciary since he joined as a Magistrate Class II in 2003. He served as a Magistrate Class II from 2003 to 2004, Resident Magistrate at the Lusaka Subordinate Court from 2004 to 2006, Senior Resident Magistrate at Chingola Subordinate Court from 2006 to 2007, Principal Resident Magistrate at Kitwe Subordinate Court from 2007 to 2008, Chief Resident Magistrate at Kitwe Subordinate Court from 2008 to 2009 and Deputy Registrar at Kitwe High Court from 2009 to 2014.

Justice Zulu also served as the Special Assistant (Legal) to the Chief Justice, Secretary to the Council of Law Reporting Editorial Board, Deputy Director Judicial Centre of Excellence and Coordinator for Southern African Chief Justices Forum (SACJF), a Forum of Chief Justices from 16 Countries drawn from the Southern and Eastern Regions of Africa.





The Hon. Lady Justice

Catherine M. Lombe

Hon. Lady Justice Catherine Mulenga Lombe is the Judge-in-Charge of the Livingstone High Court. She was appointed Judge of the High Court on 13th November, 2017 and served on the General List at Lusaka until April 2023. Justice Lombe holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Zambia. She also holds a Master of Laws Degree in International Law from the University of Lusaka and a Postgraduate Diploma in Legislative Drafting from the Zambia Institute of Legal Education. She was admitted to the bar in 2005.

Prior to her appointment as Judge of the High Court, Justice Lombe served as Deputy Chief State Advocate in charge of Taxation and Financial Crimes at the National Prosecutions Authority from 2014 to 2017. Justice Lombe also served in other positions at the National Prosecution Authority these include Senior State Advocate from 2011 to 2014, Assistant Senior State Advocate from 2009 to 2011 and State Advocate from 2005 to 2009.

Justice Lombe previously served as Chairperson of the Witness Management Fund Committee. She also served as a member of the National Task Force for Anti Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) and the National Anti-Corruption Policy Legal Level Committee. She was also a member of the Council of the Law Association of Zambia from 2014- 2016.

Justice Lombe currently serves on the Chief Justice's Advisory Committee on Information and Communication Technologies. She is also a member of the South African Branch of International Law Association, the Zambia Association of Women Judges, International Association of Women Judges and a Fellow of the Draper Hills Summer Fellowship at Stanford University in the United States of America.



The Hon. Lady Justice

Fiona Mwale

Fiona is a High Court Judge in Malawi. She previously worked as a legal researcher with the Southern African Development (SADC) Tribunal and as Deputy Chief Law Reform officer with the Malawi Law Commission. She has served as President of the Women Lawyers Association of Malawi. Fiona is an accredited trainer on Gender-based Violence and the law on behalf of several United Nations Agencies. She currently serves on the editorial team of the Malawi Law Journal as Associate editor.



The Chief Executive Officer - South African Judicial Education Institute

Dr. Gomolemo Moshoeu

Dr. Gomolemo Moshoeu is the Chief Executive Officer of the South African Judicial Education Institute (SAJEI). Dr Moshoeu was tasked with starting the operations of SAJEI in 2011; to date, SAJEI has African and International footprint in judicial training. Prior to joining SAJEI, she was a lecturer at the University of Fort Hare, Managing Director of the black economic empowerment company which was a partner in the consortium managing one of the first private correctional facility in South Africa. She led the development of inmate development training programs. Dr. Moshoeu also served as a Project Director of a USAID funded Criminal Justice Strengthening Program (CJSP) that provided support to members of the South African criminal justice system including the judiciary. She has participated in several international events on judicial training. Amongst others, she was part of the resource persons discussing the future of judicial academies in Pakistan as well as on judicial training and empowerment of women in Brasilia.



Political Scientist

Dr. McDonald Lewanika

Dr. McDonald Lewanika is a political scientist with over 20 years of experience working on governance and development issues in Zimbabwe. He is the Regional Director for Southern Africa at Accountability Lab and researches African politics, election campaigns, governance, and accountability issues.



Executive Director - ELGIA

Felix Odhiambo Owuor

Mr. Felix Odhiambo Owuor is the Executive Director of the Electoral Law and Governance Institute for Africa (ELGIA), a continental body promoting electoral democracy, governance, human rights and constitutionalism. He previously served as Country Director for the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA-Kenya) and Deputy Country Director for the National Democratic Institute (NDI-Kenya).

With 20 years' experience in governance, democracy and human rights, he specializes in electoral processes, election management, constitutional and electoral law, civil society, conflict management, judiciary strengthening, political parties and parliamentary development. He has advised on election management, dispute resolution, conflict mitigation, and electoral law for the AU, African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Pan African Parliament, EAC and SADC.

He has also provided technical assistance to International Election Observation Missions in Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Namibia, South Africa, Lesotho, Angola, Rwanda and others.

Mr. Owuor holds an LLM from the University of Nairobi, an MA in International Conflict Management from the same university, a Post Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law, and an LLB from the University of London. He is a member of the Law Society of Kenya, an Advocate of the High Court, and a Fellow of Griffith University's Institute of Ethics, Governance and Law. His LLM research focused on reforming election management in Kenya, with a case study on the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).



The Executive Director - Yiaga Africa

Mr. Samson Itodo

Mr. Samson Itodo is an experience community organizer and development practitioner with over a decade's experience in constitution building, governance reform, electoral governance, civic engagement, and political organising. He serves as the Executive Director of Yiaga Africa and Convener of the Not Too Young To Run Movement. With a background in law and postgraduate degrees in Law and Public policy, he provides strategic policy advice to parliamentary committees, electoral commissions, political parties, civil society organisations, and academic institutions. He is a recipient of numerous prestigious fellowships such as the International Visitors Leadership Program of the US Department of State, the Swedish Visitors Leadership Program, European Union Visitors Program (EUVP) and the UK International Leaders Program. Samson is also a member of the Board of Advisors of International IDEA, and he previously served as lead consultant for International IDEA on the development of a strategy for mitigating electoral and political violence in Africa. He also served as Research Facilitator for United States Institute for Peace (USIP) and the National Assembly's institutional reforms committee. He is currently engaged in the preparation of Nigeria's Medium Term Development Plan (2021 – 2025) and Nigeria's Agenda 2050.



Advocate of the High Court (Kenya)

Ms. Lucianna Thuo

Lucianna Thuo is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, a law lecturer and the Associate Dean at Kabarak University, School of Law, in Nakuru, Kenya. She holds a Master of Laws Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa from the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa and a Diploma in Realising Human Rights through Criminal Law from Åbo Akademi University in Turku, Finland. She has served as Research Coordinator for the Judiciary Committee on Elections in Kenya and the Political Parties Disputes Tribunal (PPDT). Her research interests include election law, disability rights, public international law, international humanitarian law and international human rights law.



Programme Manager (ICJ Kenya)

Ms. Julie Matheka

Ms. Julie Matheka Wayua is a Programme Manager at the Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ Kenya). She has extensive knowledge and expertise in International Human Rights Law, Constitutionalism, Judicial Strengthening, Security Sector Strengthening, Democratic Governance and the Rule of Law. She is a member of the National Council on Administration of Justice Criminal Justice Reform Committee (NCCJR) and the National Steering Committee on Alternative Justice Systems in Kenya (Nasci-AJS). She has vast programming experience working with the National Council for Administration of Justice (NCAJ) as a Program Officer- Business Court User Committee (BCUC), Commercial and Tax Division of Kenya's High Court and as a Program Officer with the Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association. She is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya.



Programme Manager - The Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit of the
Centre for Human rights, University of Pretoria

Ms. Bonolo Makgale

Bonolo Makgale is a democracy practitioner and strategic facilitator specializing in democratic elections, good governance, and civic engagement. Through research, advocacy and capacity building, she bridges democratic gaps between civil society and the African Union, strengthening civil society engagement with AU human rights and governance institutions.

Makgale currently serves as an expert panel member and advisor to the Democracy Works Foundation on their project addressing polarisation in Southern Africa, bringing her extensive experience in managing political and social divisions and fostering constructive dialogue across ideological divides. Her expertise spans coalition politics, democratic elections, and the evolving role of civil society within Africa's peace and security architecture. She is a Programme Manager of the Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit of the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria.

She is a prolific facilitator and moderator of high-level dialogues on democracy, governance, politics and human rights, adeptly convening diverse stakeholders—including policymakers, political actors, civil society representatives and multilateral institutions—to foster inclusive, participatory and sustainable solutions. Her facilitation work spans sensitive political conversations, multi-party dialogues, and complex governance discussions that require nuanced understanding of political dynamics and stakeholder management.

Makgale's research, advocacy, and capacity building have helped shape Africa's democratic trajectory, reinforcing institutional accountability and positioning civil society as an indispensable force in advancing democracy, continental integration and transformative governance.



Human Rights Defender

Mr. Arnold Tsunga

A highly skilled, competent and committed lawyer and human rights defender, Arnold Tsunga has professional experience that spans private and public practice in law, politics and public administration, international NGO leadership and management, and sports administration and management. Currently the Principal Managing Partner at Tsunga Bamu Law International (TLI), a law firm with a strong international human rights law portfolio and Convenor at Civic Space Network in Africa, the Elections and Rule of Law Expert for the Africa Judges and Jurists Forum (AJJF), he is the immediate past Resident Senior Director at the National Democratic Institute (NDI) in Zimbabwe, the immediate past Africa Director at the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), founding Executive Director at Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) and founding Chairperson of Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders network (SAHRDN). He has competence and expertise in governance, human rights and the rule of law; impact/strategic/public interest litigation; elections, politics, public administration and policy; leadership and management; strategic planning, organisational development and institution building; project management; mentoring and performance evaluation, movement and network building, donor relations and resource mobilisation. Arnold has received international recognition for his human rights activism including the Martin Ennals Award for human rights defenders.



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Information Note

4th Africa Electoral Justice Network (AEJN) Annual Conference



9th – 13th September 2025

📍 Avani Victoria Falls Resort, Livingstone,
Zambia

General Information

01. Conference Venue

The 2025 AEJN Annual Conference will be held at the Avani Victoria Falls Resort in Livingstone, Zambia. The venue is situated within close proximity to the Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, offering delegates a unique setting for this important engagement.



02. Accommodation

For ease of access to the conference venue, delegates are strongly encouraged to stay at the Avani Victoria Falls Resort, where a preferential rate has been negotiated.

Additional recommended accommodation options include:

- Radisson Blu Resort Livingstone
- The David Livingstone Safari Lodge and Spa

Typically, demand for accommodation in Livingstone increases during conference periods. Therefore, delegates are advised to secure their accommodation by making reservations as early as possible.



03. Transport and Transfers

Arrival and Departure of Chief Justices and Other Delegates: All Chief Justices and-or their representatives will be received and seen off by a Liaison Officer and designated Protocol Officer through the VIP lounge at the Harry Mwaanga Nkumbula International Airport in Livingstone.

All other delegates will be received through the Arrivals Hall by dedicated Protocol/Liaison Officers to facilitate clearance at the airport. Kindly look out for an AEJN poster.

Shuttle Services: The Judiciary of Zambia will provide transportation:

- from the airport to the designated hotels upon arrival
- between official hotels and the conference venue during the conference
- for all official activities and site visits
- back to the airport for departure



04. Visa and Travel Documents

• All delegates are required to travel with valid passports with a minimum validity of six months from the date of entry into Zambia.

• Visa requirements vary by country. Delegates are advised to confirm if they require a visa and obtain one in advance, where necessary. Zambia also offers e-visas through the Department of Immigration's online portal

<https://eservices-mof.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/#/home>.

• Yellow fever vaccination certificates may be required, particularly for delegates travelling from or transiting through countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission. Kindly carry the relevant health documents.



05. Dress Code

- **Working Sessions:** Formal business attire is required.
- **Recreational Activities** (e.g., site visits): Casual clothing with comfortable shoes is recommended.
- **Welcome Dinner:** Cultural or African traditional attire.
- **Gala Dinner:** Black tie/formal evening wear.



06. Weather Information

In September, Livingstone enjoys warm and pleasant weather:

- Daytime temperatures range between 28°C and 32°C
- Night-time temperatures may drop to between 12°C and 16°C

It is advisable to carry clothing for both warm and chilly conditions



07. Currency and Transactions

- The local currency is the Zambian Kwacha (ZMW).
- Major international credit and debit cards (Visa, MasterCard) are widely accepted at hotels, restaurants, and major retail outlets.
- ATMs are available, and currency exchange services are accessible at the airport and major hotels.



08. Dietary Requirements

To ensure proper catering, delegates with specific dietary requirements or allergies are requested to notify a member of the organising team in advance.



09. Official Social Events

- **Welcome Dinner**
 - Date: 10th September, 2025
 - Dress Code: Cultural or African traditional attire
- **Gala Dinner**
 - Date: 11th September, 2025
 - Dress Code: Black tie/formal evening wear



10. Official Language:

The official language of Zambia is English



11. Liaison Officers for Hon. Chief Justices

The following liaison officers have been assigned to provide assistance to the Hon. Chief Justices and/or their representatives:

Country	Delegate	Liaison Officer	Contact Details
Botswana	Hon. Chief Justice Gaolapelwe Ketlogetswe	Ms. Patricia Sipatisiwe Tembo	+260 978 095 374
Eswatini	Hon. Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala	Mr. Musakanya Nkole	+260 978 868 725
Kenya	Mr. Justice Isaac Lenaola, Supreme Court Judge	Ms. Agatha Chipende	+260 977 282 033
	Hon. Justice Daniel K. Musinga, President of the Court of Appeal		
Malawi	Hon. Chief Justice Rizine Mzikamanda	Ms. Musonda Nkole	+260 776 611 961
Namibia	Hon. Mr. Justice Shafimana Ueitele, Deputy Judge-President of the High Court of Namibia	Ms. Mushiba Nzowwa Nalumino	+260 979 271 481
Zanzibar	Hon. Chief Justice Khamis R. Abdalla	Ms. Masuzyo Chilambwe	+260 978 815 119
Zimbabwe	Hon. Deputy Chief Justice Elizabeth Gwaunza	Ms. Chanda Mulenga	+260 979 246 396
South Africa	Hon. Mr. Justice Dumisani Zondi, Deputy President of the Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa	Ms. Leya Mwanza	+260 977 671 123

12. Liaison Officers for the Courts

The following liaison officers have been assigned to provide assistance to the Hon. Judges of the various superior courts

Court	Liaison Officer	Contact Details
Supreme Court	• Mr. Charles Chibuye Makowa	+260 978 686 243
Constitutional Court	• Ms. Misozi Banda • Ms. Chilufya Mumba	+260 956 935 936 +260 978 712 520
Court of Appeal	• Ms. Chali Kabosha • Ms. Lontia Phiri	+260 977 641 649 +260 976 088 906
High Court	• Ms. Rita Maxwell • Ms. Chatherine Wachila	+260 977 700 075 +260 979 464 106

13. Liaison Officers (Hotel Accommodation and Flights)

The following liaison officers have been assigned to provide assistance to all delegates regarding hotel accommodation and flights.

Item	Liaison Officer	Contact Details
Flights	• Ms. Elita Funkuta	+260 975 421 433
Flights	• Mr. Chibwe Tembo	+260 977 708 218
Hotel Accommodation	• Ms. Gillian Chanda	+260 977 561 386
Hotel Accommodation	• Ms. Perpetual Mumba	+260 971 889 962

14. Contact Information

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We look forward to welcoming you to Livingstone, Zambia, for a productive and memorable AEJN conference.



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