



21ST ANNUAL SADC LA ACGM



Birchwood Hotel
and OR Tambo
Conference Center
Boksburg, South Africa

24 to 25 March 2022

Virtual and Physical

Equipping the Legal Profession for Post Covid 19
Human Rights Restoration and Economic Recovery –
Adapting Beyond the Pandemic

PROGRAMME

DAY ONE

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH 2022

08H00 – 16H00 ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

END OF DAY ONE

DAY TWO

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2022

08H00 Registration

09H00 – 10H30 Opening Ceremony Venue:
Birchwood Hotel & Conference Centre, Auditorium 1 (Main Plenary room)
Arrival and sitting of His Excellency, President of the Republic of South Africa,
Cyril Ramaphosa

National Anthem

09H00 – 10H00 Welcome Address and Opening Remarks

10H00 – 10H30 LIVE PERFORMANCE

10H30 – 11H30 Official Opening Address: H.E Cyril Ramaphosa, President of The Republic of South Africa

11H30 – 11H45 Refreshment break and group photo

11H45 – 13H00 Key note Address

13H00 – 14H00 LUNCH IS SERVED

14H00 – 16H00 Plenary
Auditorium 1 (Main Plenary Room)
STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, RULE OF LAW, DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE SESSION
State of the Rule of Law, Democracy and Governance in the SADC Region.

18H00 – 20H00 Welcome Cocktail: Sponsored by AFSA
– Venue: Grindrod Towers Sandton rooftop
– Guest of Honor: CHIEF JUSTICE OF SOUTH AFRICA

END OF DAY TWO

DAY THREE

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH 2022

08H30 – 09H00 Recap of Day Two

09H00 – 09H30 DAY TWO KEYNOTE SPEAKER

09H30 – 10H00 PLENARY RESPONSE

[Regional integration as a tool for guaranteeing Regional stability - Advancing the legal framework and role of the legal profession in facilitating liberalization of cross border trade and services in SADC.](#)

10H00 – 11H30 BREAK AWAY SESSIONS

Stream 1: Auditorium 1
HUMAN RIGHTS & RULE OF LAW
[State of Independence of the Judiciary and Legal Profession in the SADC Region \(Sponsored by OSISA and American Bar Association\)](#)

Stream 2: Auditorium 2
CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL LAW (Sponsored by European Lawyers Foundation – ELF)
[Raising capital in international markets – the role of the local legal advisor](#)



11H30 – 11H45 TEA BREAK

11H45 – 13H15 BREAK AWAY SESSIONS

Stream 1: Auditorium 1
HUMAN RIGHTS & RULE OF LAW
[Progress in the Domestication and Implementation of the AU Standards on Decriminalization of Petty Offences in SADC – Towards opening up democratic and civic space \(Sponsored by OSISA\)](#)

Stream 2: Auditorium 2
CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL LAW
[Working with international law firms and international business clients - top tips for business development](#)

Stream 3: Auditorium 3
PRACTICE MANAGEMENT AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES
[Building resilient business models for legal practice in the post covid 19 era](#)

13H15 – 14H00 LUNCH

14H00 – 15H30 Stream 1: Auditorium 1
HUMAN RIGHTS & RULE OF LAW
[Assessing the Role of Parliaments in Consolidating Democracy and Good Governance in the Post Covid 19 era \(Sponsored by UN International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance\)](#)

Stream 2: Auditorium 2
CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL LAW
[Creation of joint ventures: different forms of international alliances and their benefits](#)

14H30 – 16H00 Stream 3: Auditorium 3
REGIONAL ROUND TABLE
[Focus on GBV, Sexual & Reproductive Health Rights – SADC-LA Policy Discussion Paper \(Sponsored by UNAIDS\)](#)
PLENARY

16H00 – 17H30 Wellness Clinic
Come and interact with your legal life-coach, hear more on how to manage your mental health, organize your personal and professional life to positively turn around the anatomy of stress in your lifestyle.

14H00 – 16H00 AGM

19H00 – 22H00 Closing Gala Dinner
Director of Ceremonies: Felix Hlope – *South African Celebrity*
Venue: BIRCHWOOD HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE
Dress: Formal
Lifetime Contribution to the Development of the SADC Region - conferred by President of SADCLA
Recognition of sponsors
Announcing the SADC Women in Law Award Winner 2021

20H00 Dinner is served

ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2022

SIGHT SEEING & DEPARTURE OF DELEGATES

