



**African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights**

## **Library Newsletter**

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**"Protecting Human Rights in Africa"**



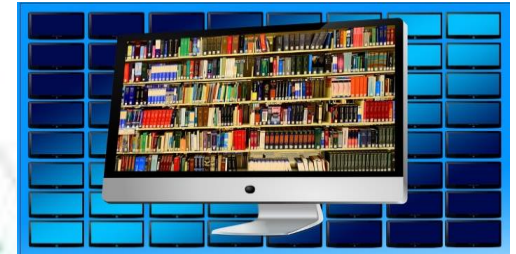
### **African Court to develop an E-Library**

With assistance from the European Union under the African Governance Architecture Support Project (AGA-SP), the Library is undertaking a project to develop an African Court E-Library. It will be part of a larger Knowledge Management System of the Court that will also comprise of a Documentation System and a Research Hub.



The purpose of this system is to ensure comprehensive electronic storage, further expansion and access to the different knowledge resources available, for the benefit of the judges and staff of the African Court and also the Court's stake-holders. The platform will enable remote access for its current and future users. It will also expand its current resource and client base and simplify access. It is envisioned that the system will be fully

functional in the year 2022. It will also help the Library with economies of space.



### **Library receives EU and Namibian ambassadors**

On 19 May 2021, the Library received ambassadors from the EU countries of Belgium, Netherlands, and Denmark. They were at the Court for a meeting with the President, Hon. Sylvain Ore. The EU is partnering with the Court in the African Governance Architecture Support Project (AGA-SP), part of which is the development of the Court's E-Library platform.



*Librarian receives the EU ambassadors*

This was followed by another visit by the High Commissioner of the Republic of Namibia on 8 June 2021. The ambassadors were impressed by the status of the Library and asked that it be open to the public. The Librarian explained that the library already admits the public to use its resources.



*Librarian receives the High Commissioner of Namibia to Tanzania (3<sup>rd</sup> left)*

**Meeting with Chairman of R10 Experts on AU New Recruitment System/MBRS**

The Court had a virtual meeting with the chairman of R10 Experts on AU New Recruitment System/MBRS, Dr Mohamed Ghalal. Dr Ghalal updated the Court staff on the on-going reforms on the AU New Recruitment System and how internal candidates can apply for vacancies within the AU Organs.



*The R10 Experts on AU New Recruitment System*

The nature of migration of data to the new system was also explained. Dr Ghalal responded to various questions asked by staff members.

**Validation workshop and launch of the strategic plan of the court**

A virtual validation workshop of the Draft Strategic Plan of the Court 2021-2025 was held on 23 March 2021. The purpose of the workshop was to further enrich the plan, solicit buy-in and inform and remind stakeholders of their role in realizing the mission and vision of the Court as outlined in the new Strategic Plan. It was graced by the Honorable president of the Court, Hon Sylvain Ore.

The strategic plan was then launched on 1 June 2021 during the 61<sup>st</sup> Ordinary session of the Court and was graced in-person by 8

judges and led by the newly elected president of the Court, Hon Justice Imani About.



*Launching of the African Court strategic plan 2021-2025*

**Induction of newly elected judges**

The Library, under the Legal Division took part in the induction of two newly elected judges of the Court. The judges are Justice Sacko Modibo from the Republic of Mali and Justice Dumisa Ntsebeza from the Republic of South Africa. This took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2021.



*Hon Justice Dumisa Ntsebeza*

The purpose of the exercise was to acquaint with the purpose and role of

the legal division and the Library as appertains to their work. After Ms Kakai, head of Legal Division inducted them about the Legal Unit, the Librarian took them through the functions, services and rules of the library among other procedures.



Hon Justice Sacko Modibo

### Recent donations to the Library

In April, the Library received a donation of two copies of a thesis by Ms Sirine Ghorbal. The thesis, part of the requirements for a Master's degree in international law and Maghreb-Europe relations, is entitled *La Cour africaine de justice et des droits de l'homme et la consecrations de la justice penal regionale*.

Ms Ghorbal had previously done her internship at the Court. The Library is very grateful for the donation. Other donations were received from Prof Serges M.

Dzesseu of the Kofi Annan International Association. These were on regional integration in Africa. The library is grateful for these kind gestures

### Staff Association elections

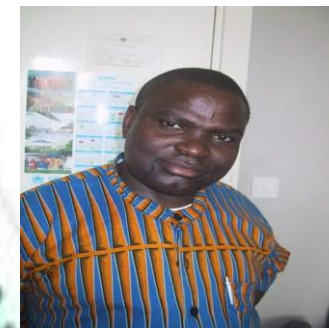
The African court staff elections were held on 19 March 2021. Organised by the Bureau of the Staff Association, the purpose of the elections was to elect new officials to head the Staff Association, after the tenure of the outgoing bureau expired. The elections were held virtually on 19 March 2021, at which Mr Augustino Haule, a library staff member, was elected as a polling officer. Congratulations to Mr Haule.

### Transition

The Library pays tribute to Mr Optatus Nchimbi, Data Entry Assistant, who passed on in the early hours of 3 June 2021 following short illness. He was laid to rest on 8 June 2021 in his home village in Tukuyu, Mbeya Region, southern Tanzania.

A contingent of staff members attended the interment to console the family. He has been a staff member of the Court, and a

consistent user of the library since his initial recruitment in 2017.



Late Mr Nchimbi

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

### LOCATION AND CONTACTS

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