



Pan African Lawyers Union

Union Panafricaine des Avocats

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MEMBERS' COMMITTEES

Simple List of Sections, Committees, Fora and Task Forces



1.) SECTION ON BUSINESS LAW (SBL)

1. Banking and Finance Law
2. Commercial Law



2.) SECTION ON LEGAL PRACTICE (SLP)

3. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
4. Big Law Firms Group
5. Business and Human Rights Committee
6. Constitutional and Human Rights Law
7. Conveyancing and Land Law
8. Criminal Law
 - a. Criminal Law Reform Sub-Committee
 - b. Sexual and Gender-based Violence Sub-Committee
9. Editorial and Publications
10. Energy and Natural Resources
11. Environmental Law
12. Family Law
13. In-House Lawyers' Group
14. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Law
15. Intellectual Property (IP) Law
16. International Law
 - a. International Criminal Law Sub-Committee
 - b. International Human Rights Law Sub-Committee
 - c. Law of International Organizations Sub-Committee
17. Law Practice Management
18. Litigation
 - a. Litigation in African International Courts and Tribunals Sub-Committee
19. Maritime
20. Medico-Legal
21. Regional Integration Law Committee
22. Sole Practitioners' Group



3.) SECTION ON PUBLIC INTEREST AND DEVELOPMENT LAW (SPIDEL)

23. Access to Justice, Legal Aid and Pro Bono
24. African Lawyers Defence Committee
25. Awards
26. Deontology, Ethics and Standards
27. Democracy, Elections and Governance
28. Economic Governance
29. African Media Lawyers Network



4.) TASK FORCES

30. Anti-Corruption
31. Illicit Financial Flows
32. Future of the Legal Profession (Agenda 2063)
33. Law, Peace and Security



5.) FORA/ GROUPS

34. Academics' Forum
35. Bar Executives' Forum
36. Judicial Officers' Forum
37. Lawyer Diplomats' Forum
38. Lawyer Legislators' Forum
39. Government Lawyers' Forum
40. Women Lawyers' Forum
41. Young Lawyers' Forum
42. Climate Change Working Group
43. Sovereign Debt Working Group



6.) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

44. Membership Services
45. Resource Mobilization

Dear Members and Friends of PALU,

The PALU [Executive Committee](#) (Board) and I, and also our Secretariat, have decided towards adding more value to our members, stakeholders, and the legal fraternity both in Africa and the wider diaspora to invite interested individual lawyers as well as law firms to take up PALU membership and join the different Members' Committees (sometimes also called Practice Committees).

The Committees, which were first established in 2014, are designed to enable us as PALU to engage our members on a much more frequent and in-depth basis. We at PALU are committed to providing African lawyers and law firms the ideal platform to coalesce with others from across the continent and the diaspora who practice in the same specialised areas of law: to enhance interactions amongst them; to network both within the continent and with counterparts globally; to share news, developments and trends; to ensure continuous legal education (CLE); and also work together to further develop these legal practice areas. These are forums that cater for well-established, as well as emerging areas of legal practice. In working together, the Committees would be able to identify current thought and industry leadership as well as develop and nurture new talent. Depending on

the diligence and proactivity of each Committee, we would facilitate for it an electronic group Mailing List, WhatsApp Groups, Communities on our membership engagement platform (GlueUP) and ultimately contribute to PALU's Blog or newsletters, with an audience of almost 6,000.

We envisage that the Committees would interact electronically throughout the year, and would begin to organize specialist conferences, with the assistance and facilitation of our Secretariat, and under the overall supervision and guidance of the Executive Committee (Board). The Committees would also host Panel Discussions, Seminars and even Side Events during PALU Annual Conferences, where the majority of the legal profession in Africa (and our friends) will be gathering.

In the premises, and based on our discussions with you our members and stakeholders the PALU Executive Committee (Board) is reenergising our three (3) Sections and up to forty (40) Committees within them. **Click on the button below to view them.** We invite current and prospective members of PALU to write back to us, at secretariat@lawyersofafrica.org, and express interest in joining any of these Sections or Committees. If you would also like to play a role in a Section or Committee (either as Chair or Co-Chair, Secretary or Joint Secretary, Communications Officer, etc) kindly also let us know, and include your Resume/ Curriculum Vitae. If your law firm, law firm alliance or Law Society/ Bar Association would like to host, sponsor or otherwise assist any of the Committees, kindly also let us know, and include your corporate profile.

You are also welcome to suggest additional Committees, Task Forces, Fora or Working Groups and to mobilize for them amongst the membership.

Please be informed that priority to participate in leadership (Chair or Co-Chair, Secretary or Joint Secretary) will be given to members who have made a lifetime commitment to PALU. For information on how to become a member of PALU click on the button below.

PALU will hold interactive dialogues and formally relaunch the Committees at PALU's Annual Conference 2023 taking place 5 - 8 July 2023 in Livingstone Zambia at the Avani Victoria Falls Resort. To participate and reserve space to convene committee dialogues at the Annual Conference visit [Pan African Lawyers Union \(PALU\) – 2023 Annual Conference | Livingstone, Zambia \(lawyersofafrica.org\)](#) or write to us at secretariat@lawyersofafrica.org

This is a new and revolutionary step in the growth and development of the African legal profession, and we welcome you to join us at this time, as we move forward.

We encourage you to share this email with other colleagues or stakeholders who may not currently be on our Mailing Lists.

Yours Sincerely,

Kari Abdoul BAGUI
President Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU)

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