

International Family Law Symposium IAFL with EALS and CLA

2 September 2025

Trademark Hotel, Village Market, Nairobi

Time	Event	Participants
9:00-9:15	Introduction and Welcome	<p>Ramadhan Abubakar, President, East Africa Law Society (Kenya)</p> <p>Maria Mbeneka, Treasurer, Commonwealth Lawyers Association (Kenya)</p> <p>Rachael Kelsey, President, International Academy of Family Lawyers (Scotland)</p>
9:15-9:30	Gender Inequality in Family Laws In Africa: An Overview Of Key Trends in 20 African Countries	<p>Moderator: Pat Moodley, IAFL</p> <p>Esther Waweru, Senior Legal Adviser, Equality Now (Kenya)</p>
9:30-10:30	Cross Border AJS and NCDR	<p>Moderator: Patricia Mundia, IAFL</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Family Practitioners from EALS Region and other African jurisdictions</p> <p>Oyinkansola Badejo-Okusanya (Nigeria)</p>
10:30-11:00	Tea and networking	
11:00-1:00	Hague Conventions in Africa: Adoption, Abduction and Child Support Conventions	<p>Moderator: Maria Mbeneka, Commonwealth Lawyers Association</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>The Hon. Judge Constance Baratang Mocumie, Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal (South Africa)</p> <p>Phillipe Lortie, First Secretary, Hague Conference on Private International Law HCCH (Netherlands)</p> <p>Adelaide Benneh Prempeh (Ghana)</p> <p>Leah Kiguatha (Kenya)</p> <p>The Hon. Lady Justice Fiona Mwale (Malawi)</p>
1:00-2:00	Lunch	
2:00-3:00	Birth Registration	<p>Moderator: William Longrigg, IAFL</p> <p>Speakers :</p>

		<p>Samuel Munyuwiny, Co-Founder African Institute for Children Studies (Kenya)</p> <p>Mia Dambach, Executive Director, Child Identity Protection (Switzerland)</p> <p>Diahann Gordon Harrison, Children's Advocate of Jamaica (Jamaica)</p> <p>Rachael Kelsey, IAFL and CLA Family Law Committee Member (Scotland)</p>
3:00-4:00	Surrogacy and Reproductive Rights	<p>Moderator: Patricia Mundia, IAFL</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>The Hon. Millie Grace Akoth Odhiambo Mabona, Member of Parliament (Kenya)</p> <p>Karabo Ozah, Director of the Centre for Child Law (South Africa)</p> <p>Prof Jens Scherpe, Aalborg University (Denmark)</p>
4:00-4:30	CRADLE- A Celebration	Chaired by Ruth Juliet Nyambura Gachanja , Child Justice Adviser to the Chief Justice of Kenya (Kenya)
4:30-5:00	Close	Rachael Kelsey , IAFL (Scotland)
5:00- 6:30	Drinks Reception	

**As at 28 May 2025*