Building Africa’s Legal Infrastructure to Enhance Economic Development

Established 1997 | Kampala, Uganda | Maseru, Lesotho
Africa is consistently ranked among the FASTEST GROWING regions in the world.
The Context

The development of an economy and a society as a whole is contingent on a **robust legal framework** that facilitates regional and international investment and trade and ensures that a country’s resources are distributed efficiently and equitably.
Our Mission

Empowering emerging African nations as lions in the global economy.
Who we are

An affiliate of the International Law Institute

- ILI-ACLE is an affiliate of the International Law Institute (ILI).
- ILI was founded in 1955 at Georgetown University Law Center.
- Institut fur Auslandisches und Internationales Wirtschaftsrecht, a sister institute to the ILI, was founded at the same time in 1955 in Frankfurt, Germany.
- Beginning in early 1970’s, the ILI transitioned to providing professional training in the legal, economic and financial problems of developing countries.
Who we are

• ILI-ACLE was established in Kampala, Uganda as an 18-month World Bank-funded project of the ILI in 1997 aimed to provide continuing legal education to Ugandan lawyers. The mandate was expanded to provide capacity building to related professionals across Africa.

• Recognizing the need for an institute of ILI’s caliber in Africa serving Africa, ILI-ACLE was established as a permanent African institution registered in Uganda serving a cross-section of development professionals across sub-Saharan Africa.
Areas of work

- Commercial Law Reform
- Judicial Reform & Restructuring
- Human Rights & Access to Justice
- Good Governance and Anti-Corruption
- Public Procurement and Public Private Partnerships
- Resource Contracting and Management
Our Approach

Law and justice institutions across the continent are outdated, severely under-resourced and lack the capacity to compete in sophisticated international economic transactions. ILI-ACLE bridges this gap by providing African institutions with post-professional training and technical assistance to enable them to compete in the global economy, offering the unique approach set forth below.

Deep understanding of the social, economic and political climate in Africa

Extensive expertise in regional and international best practices
Board of Directors

The ILI-ACLE Board of seven members is composed of internationally recognized experts with decades of experience in international economic law.

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  - (USA)
  - US Delegate to UNCITRAL
  - Member, Secretary of State’s Advisory Committee on Private International Law
  - Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Professor, Georgetown Law Center
  - Chairman, International Law Institute

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  - International Arbitrator in ICC and ICSID investment disputes

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- Former General Counsel, African Development Bank
- Former Justice of the Uganda Court of Appeal and Former Judge of the Uganda High Court

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- Former Special Envoy for Africa of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria
- Former Permanent Representative of Austria to the OECD, Paris (Austria)

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- Partner, Kramer Levin
- Panel of Arbitrators of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution
Board of directors

- President, International Law Institute
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- Board of Visitors, Duke University

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Key Management Staff

- Former Deputy Chief of Party, Lesotho Civil Legal Reform Technical Assistance Project
- Former Programme Coordinator and Head of Office, African Rights (Kigali, Rwanda)

Elizabeth Onyango, Ag. Chief Operations Officer

- Acumen East Africa Fellow, 2014
- Member, Board of Directors, Yako Microfinance
- Former Associate, Duane Morris LLP (Philadelphia, USA)

Neha Pandya, Senior Director- International Initiatives
More than 20,000 alumni from 52 countries worldwide

Asia, Middle East and Pacific
- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Indonesia
- Lebanon
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Palestine
- Papua New Guinea

South and Central America
- Bolivia
- Costa Rica
- Guatemala
- Nicaragua

Europe
- Greece

A site visit to the Kampala Capital City Authority during a seminar on Public Sector Leadership co-funded by the Danida Fellowship Centre, 2015
ILI-ACLE alumni worldwide

Creating a Forum for South-South Dialogue in Global Economic Development
ILI-ACLE alumni in Africa

- Angola
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Botswana
- Cameroon
- Comoros
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Mali
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Niger
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Somalia
- Somaliland
- South Africa
- South Sudan
- Sudan
- Swaziland
- Tanzania (including Tanganyika and Zanzibar)
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe
ILI-ACLE alumni in Africa
Select Achievements: 1997 - 2004

1997
Set up in Uganda as a project of ILI Washington

1998
Establishment as a permanent African institution

1998
Technical Assistance to the Uganda Commercial Court

2001-02
SPEED Project on Alternative Dispute Resolution

2001-03
Applying Human Rights to Governance and Development Project

2002-04
COMESA Public Procurement Reform Project

2004-05
Rwanda National and District Training in Public Procurement

2004-08
Global Competitiveness Hub Project
Select Achievements: 2005 - 2009

2005-06
- Diploma in Legislative Drafting for Government of Rwanda Legal Officers District Training-of-Trainers Seminars on Rights-Based Approaches to Development in Uganda

2006-07
- Rwanda Commercial Law Reform Project
- 2007 Diploma in Legislative Processes and Parliamentary Systems for Sudan’s 3 Areas

2007-11
- COMESA Enhancing Procurement Reform and Capacity Project
- 2007-08 COMESA Consolidation of Legal and Regulatory Reforms in Rwanda and Zambia

2008-10
- Annual African Leadership Summer Schools, Faculty Roundtables and University Outreach in International Criminal Law

2009
- Building Capacity in Human Rights-Based and Conflict Sensitive Approaches under Northern Uganda Rehabilitation Programme
- 2008-09 Study Tour for the Nigerian Judiciary in Singapore and Malaysia
- 2009-11 Pro-Poor Integrity Programme on Strengthening Access to Justice in Uganda
Select Achievements: 2010 - 2014

- **2010**
  - Training of Judicial Officers to Strengthen Rule of Law and Transparency in Liberia
  
- **2010-12**
  - Lesotho Civil Legal Reform Project
    - **2010-11** East African Regional Study to Harmonise Legal Education, Training and Cross-Border Legal Practice
  
- **2011-12**
  - Development of a Legal Framework for Government of Rwanda Public Enterprises
    - **2011-13** Capacity Building for the Judiciary of Lesotho
    - **2011** Zambia Access to Justice Project
  
- **2013-15**
  - Strengthening the Capacity of Local Council Courts in Uganda, Phase I (DGF)
    - **2013-14** Pacific McGeorge JD Student Summer Study and Field Placement Programme
  
- **2014**
  - Contract Drafting and Negotiations in Natural Resource Contracting for Public Sector Mining Professionals across AfDB
    - **2014** In-Service Training in International Commercial Law for the Rwandan Judiciary
Select Achievements: 2014 - 2018

**2014-17**
- Alternative Dispute Resolution for the Botswana Attorney General’s Chambers in Lesotho and Botswana

**2014**
- Comparative Appellate Systems: US Study Tour for the Uganda Supreme Court and Court of Appeal

**2015**
- Negotiation Support to the Somali Federal Government on Oil and Natural Gas Contracts

**2015-16**
- Strengthening the Capacity of Local Council Courts in Uganda, Phase 1 Extension
- Mid-Term Review of the Judiciary of Uganda’s Third Strategic Investment Plan and Drafting of a Transformation Plan

**2016-17**
- Strengthening the Capacity of Local Council Courts in Uganda, Phase 1.5
- Public Private Partnerships Training for Kenyan Institutions under Kenya National Treasury’s PPP Unit

**2017-18**
- Signed MOU with MELS College South Sudan
- Launch of Georgetown University Law Center Executive Education for Africa
Development partners and contributors

- Academy for Educational Development
- African American Institute
- African Capacity Building Foundation
- African Development Bank
- Austrian Development Cooperation
- British Council
- Canadian International Development Agency
- Case Western Reserve University
- Central Bank of Lesotho
- China National Offshore Oil Corporation
- Commercial Law Development Program, US Department of State
- Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
- Commonwealth Secretariat
- Danida Fellowship Centre
- Danish International Development Agency
- Democratic Governance Facility
- Development Associates, Inc.
- East African Community
- Economic Community for West African States
- European Community Fund for Technical Assistance
- European Union
Development partners and contributors

- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Ford Foundation
- Georgetown University Law Center
- German Foundation for International Development
- Hoima District Local Government, Uganda
- Human Rights and Peace Centre, Makerere University
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers under Human Rights and Peace Centre, Makerere University
- International Senior Lawyers Project
- Jones Day
- Kampala Capital City Authority
- LexisNexis
- Millennium Challenge Cooperation
- NITOKS Consultants Ltd., Nigeria
- Norwegian Agency for International Development
- Open Society Initiative for East Africa
- Rockefeller Brothers Fund
- Saudi Fund for Development
- Singapore State Courts
- Singapore Supreme Court
- Soros Foundation
- Swedish International Development Authority
- TIRI Pro Poor Integrity Programme
- Total Uganda
- Tullow Oil
Development partners and contributors

- Uganda National Water and Sewerage Corporation
- Uganda Christian University Mukono
- Uganda Justice Law and Order Sector
- Uganda Ministry of Local Government
- UK Department for International Development
- United Nations Development Programme
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization
- United States Agency for International Development
- United States Information Service
- University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law
- Wakiso District Local Government, Uganda
- White & Case LLP
- World Bank/IBRD/IDA
- World Bank Institute
- World Learning
- Zanzibar Law Resource Centre