

FOREWORD

The Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung organized an online seminar on „Africa’s Resources – Africa’s Benefit? How to preserve and to promote an equitable use of natural resources” on 30th September and 1st October 2021.

This online seminar was directed at young Leaders for Justice from East and West Africa. Once again, the Rule of Law Program for Sub-Saharan Africa of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung united young Leaders for Justice from East Africa with young Leaders for Justice from West Africa. The online format facilitated strengthening the network between lawyers from distant countries.

John Osapiri, Uganda, presented on “Management of Africa’s transboundary freshwater bodies: legal framework and challenges” with a precise view on regional treaties. Rita Selkur, Nigeria, gave a detailed description of the “Water supply and infrastructure”. She advocated improvements on local, provincial and national level.

Insights into mining in Ghana gave Dr. Kweku Ainuson, Ghana, who presented on “Mineral licencing: legal framework and challenges”. He also informed on the influence of foreign investors. Prof. Theresa Akpoghome, Nigeria, presented on “Prevention of trans-boundary environmental impact: legal framework and challenges of implementation”. Her presentation was followed by an overview on “Wildlife Protection and Prevention of Illegal Wildlife Trade: legal framework and challenges”, prepared by Kembabazi Gloria, Uganda.

Nyalen Ninette Ninvio, Nigeria, illustrated the possibilities of tax law. “Tax incentives available to young people in Agriculture”. She emphasized the need for encouraging business activities in the agriculture sector. Magdalena Sylister, Tanzania, highlighted the Tanzanian perspective: “Availability of financial support for the young generation in commercial farming: Legal Incentives”. Viola Nabawanda, Uganda, introduced the subject “Local production and international trade regulations: legal framework and challenges”. Sunday Bontur Lugard, Nigeria, gave his presentation on “The Human Right to a satisfactory environment and the role of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights / African regional courts.”. He shared a precise description of African case law in this matter.

The Participants discussed “best practice” and identified legal and practical issues which might use as “lessons learned” for other countries.

This volume presents the lectures in written form – either as articles or as reports – and the articles submitted within the workshop. Opinions expressed in the articles and published in this volume are those of the respective authors and do not necessarily represent our opinion or those of Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

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