



17th IAWJ

International Association of Women Judges

Biennial Conference
Cape Town, South Africa



Resilience: Women in Leadership to
end Gender-Based Violence & Femicide

9 April – 12 April 2025

Date	Activity	Time	Venue	Delegate
Monday 7 April	2023-2025 Board Meeting	Full day	Western Cape High Court	Board and Staff
Tuesday 8 April	2023-2025 Board Meeting	Full day	Western Cape High Court	Board and Staff
	Onsite Conference Registration	8:00 -		ALL
<i>Delegates at Leisure</i>				
Wednesday 9 April	Onsite Conference Registration	8:00-		ALL
DAY 1	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Ceremony (Dress Code: Association or Country Colours)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Programme Director: <i>Justice Leona Valerie Theron, Constitutional Court, South Africa</i></p> <p>1. Arrival</p> <p>2. Welcome & Opening – IAWJ 2.1 South African National Anthem 2.2 Welcome Address and Introduction of the IAWJ President: <i>Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, Mandisa Muriel Lindelwa Maya, IAWJ Vice President</i> 2.3 Roll Call of Nations and Opening Address: <i>Justice Binta Nyako, IAWJ President (Federal High Court Abuja, Federal Capital Nigeria)</i></p> <p>3. Entertainment</p> <p>4. Keynote Address 4.1 Message of Support and Introduction of Keynote Speaker: <i>Ms Mmamoloko "Nkhensani" Kubayi, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, South Africa</i> 4.2 Keynote Address: <i>His Excellency Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa</i></p> <p>5. Vote of Thanks: <i>Judge President Thoba Poyo- Dlwati, SAC-IAWJ President (KwaZulu-Natal Division of the High Court South Africa)</i></p> <p>6. Entertainment</p> <p>7. Photo Session</p>	8:30-12:30	Auditorium	ALL
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	<i>Lunch</i>	12:30-14:00	Ball Room	

Wednesday	Activity	Time	Venue	Delegate	
9 April	Regional Meetings & Elections	14:00-17:00	Meeting Suite	Members and Staff	
DAY 1 Continues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Asia Pacific 2. Europe MENA 3. Latin America/ Caribbean 4. North America 5. Sub-Saharan Africa 		1.61 - 1.64 2.41 - 2.4.6 2.61 – 2.6.3 2.6.4.-2.6.5 Auditorium		
	<i>Break (Delegates at leisure)</i>		17:00-18:30		
	South African “Mzansi” Welcome Dinner (Dress Code: Semi-formal)		18:30- 22:00	Ballroom	ALL
	Programme Director: <i>Justice Anna Malefsane Kgoele, former SAC-IAWJ President Supreme Court of Appeal, South Africa</i>				
	1. Arrival	18:30-19:00			
	2. Welcome Address : <i>Justice Baratang Connie Mocumie, former SAC-IAWJ President Supreme Court of Appeal South Africa</i>	19:00-19:10			
	3. Acknowledgement of Sponsors and Collaborators				
	3.1 <i>Message of Support: Advocate Doctor Mashabane, Director General, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, South Africa</i>	19:10-19:20			
	3.2 <i>Address: Ms T. Taubie Motlhabane, Chief Executive Officer CTICC</i>	19:20-19:30			
<i>Dinner</i>		19:30-20:30			
3.3 <i>Sponsor Speakers 3</i>	20:30-20:40				
4. Vote of Thanks: <i>Ms Anne Goldstein, IAWJ Curriculum and Program Development Director</i>	20:40-20:50				
5. Networking and Entertainment	20:50-22:00				
END OF DAY 1					

Date	Activity	Time	Location	Delegate
Thursday 10April DAY 2 Session 1	Plenary Session A: <i>Resilient Leadership - Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion</i>	9:00 -11:00	Auditorium	ALL
	Moderators: <i>Judge Robyn Tupman, District Court New South Wales Australia</i> <i>And</i> <i>Justice Susan Glazebrook, Supreme Court New Zealand</i>			
	1. Presentation of book “Escape from Kabul” <i>Ms Karen Bartlett and IAWJ Afghan Judges Support Committee, Afghan Women Judges</i>	9:00-9:15		
	2. " Women Judges take the lead and make a difference in the International Judiciary" <i>Justice Navaneethan “Navi” Pillay, former United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights</i>	9:15-9:30		
	3. HERStory is OUR Story: Women Voices from the Bench <i>Judge Maria Josefina G. San Juan-Torres, Supreme Court of the Philippines</i>	9:30-9:45		
	Plenary Q & A	9:45-9:55		
	Movement Break	9:55–10:00		
	<i>Plenary Session A: Resilient Leadership - Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion -Continues</i>			
	4. "Judges can't be selective about human rights" <i>Judge Amy M. Sakalauskas, President of the International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges</i> <i>Provincial Court of Nova Scotia, Canada</i>	10:00-10:15		
	5. Inclusive Justice in Botswana: A Collaboration between IAWJ and the Botswana Chapter- Enhancing the Rights of the LGBTQIA + Community <i>Judge Tapiwa B Kganyago (Moleele), Land Tribunal, Botswana.</i>	10:15-10:30		
Plenary Q&A	10:30-10:45			
Refreshment Break	10:45-11:15	Auditorium Concourse		

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Thursday 10 April Continues DAY 2 Session 2	Plenary Session B: <i>Workplace Safety for Judicial officers (Mental Health, and Self-Care)</i> Moderators: <i>Justice Zukisa Tshiqi, Constitutional Court, South Africa</i> And <i>Judge Elizabeth McMahon, Regional Tribunal, Lead Judge, Diversity and Community Relations, United Kingdom</i>	11:15-13:00	Auditorium	ALL	
	1. “How can Lady Justice be just under such unbearable weight? <i>The White Flower Movement</i> <i>Judge Liling Lee, District Court, Chinese Taipei IAWJ Chapter</i>	11:15-11:30			
	2. Women in Leadership-Work Place Safety for Judicial Officers <i>Justice Jemimah Keli, Employment and Labour Relations Court, Kenya</i>	11:30-11:45			
	3. “Justice under fire”- The work of Ukrainian Women Judges during the war <i>Judge Viktoriia Antonova, Commercial Court, Kyiv Region, Ukraine</i>	11:45-12:00			
	Movement Break		12:00 12:05		
	<i>Plenary Session B: Workplace Safety for Judicial officers (Mental Health, and Self-Care) Continues</i>				
	4. Violence against Judicial Officers- A personal experience <i>Magistrate Kefilwe Esther Resheng, Principal Magistrate, Botswana</i>	12:05-12:20			
	5. Associating Together for Judicial Welfare: Mutual self-help, Organising in Associations, Protecting Judicial Independence <i>Judge Claire Gilham, District Judge (retired) and Judge Kalyani Kaul, Crown Court, United Kingdom</i>	12:20-12:35			
6. Put Your Oxygen Mask on First <i>Magistrate Judge Nancy Joseph, Eastern District of Wisconsin, United States of America</i>	12:35-12:50				
Plenary Q & A		12:50-13:00			
Lunch		13:00-14:00	Ball Room		

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Thursday 10 April Continues DAY 2 Session 3	Plenary Session C: <i>Human trafficking and Marginalized communities</i> <i>(Adjudicating cases involving multiple forms of gender-based violence)</i> Moderators: <i>Deputy Judge President Nobulawo Martha Mbhele,</i> <i>Free State Division of the High Court South Africa</i> And <i>Associate Justice Amy Lazaro–Javier, Supreme Court of the Philippines</i>	14:00-15:00	Auditorium	ALL
	1. “The Intersection of International Human Smuggling and Sex Trafficking” <i>Magistrate Judge Laura Fashing, District Court, District of New Mexico, United States of America</i>	14:00-14:15		
	2. “Surrogacy and human trafficking” <i>Judge Susana Medina de Rizzo, Superior Court of Justice Entre Rios, Argentina</i>	14:15- 14:30		
	3. Intersecting Struggles: Gender-Based Violence, Human Trafficking and Marginalization in the Philippines <i>Justice Jhosep Y. Lopez, Supreme Court, Philippines</i>	14:30- 14:45		
	Plenary Q&A	14:45-15:00		
	Refreshment Break	15:00-15:15	Auditorium Concourse	
DAY 2 Session 4	Plenary Session D: <i>End Femicide – What have we learned?</i> Moderators: <i>Advocate Praise Kambula, Chief Director, Chief Directorate: Promotion of the Rights of Vulnerable Groups, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, South Africa</i> And <i>Judge Lani Mareena Opperman, SAC-IAWJ Vice President Programmes,</i> <i>Free State High Court, South Africa</i>	15:15-16:15	Auditorium	ALL
	1. The Role of Risk Assessment in Preventing Femicide as the worst form of Gender-Based Violence. <i>(The Positive obligations of State authorities, including the Judiciary in dealing with these Cases)</i> <i>Justice Selvete Gerxhaliu, Constitutional Court, Kosovo</i>	15:15-15:30		
	2. Femicide Review Methodology can enhance Prevention: Some Recommendations on a tailored SADC approach <i>Dr Linda Naidoo, United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime, Regional Office for Southern Africa</i>	15:30-15:45		
	3. Sexual Harassment and Sextortion within Judicial Systems- The Ugandan perspective and Interventions, Collaboration between Jurisdictions <i>Judge Olive Kazaarwe Mukwaya, Land Division of the High Court Uganda with Justice Jean Kayira, High Court Malawi, Ms Sarai Chisala, Malawi and Ms Zikhona Ndlebe DGRU UCT</i>	15:45-16:00		
	Plenary Q&A	16:00-16:15		
	Excursion: Visit to the Western Cape High Court, hosted by Judge President NP Mabindla-Boqwana TBC	16:15- 18:30		
END OF DAY 2 Delegates at leisure				

	Activity	Time	Venue	Delegate
DAY 3 Session 3	Plenary Session G: Gender Based Violence-Harmful Practices	13:10-14:00	Auditorium	ALL
	Moderators: <i>Judge Paula Blake Powell, Senior Parish Court, Jamaica</i> And <i>Justice Marlyse Dumel, Ontario Court of Justice East Region, Canada</i>			
	1. Cultural Beliefs and their impact on fighting Sexual offences against women and the girl child <i>Justice Dr Catherine Ojugbana-Orishedere, President Delta State Customary Court of Appeal. Nigeria</i>	13:10-13:25		
	2. The program “Educating on equal justice” for teenagers as a vaccine against gender violence <i>Judge Ana Libertad Laliena Piedrafita, Court of Appeal Barcelona (criminal), Spain</i>	13:25-13:40		
	Plenary Q&A	13:40-13:50		
	Movement Break	13:50-14:00	Auditorium Concourse	
DAY 3 Session 4	Plenary Session H: Gender and Climate Change	14:00-15:30	Auditorium	
	Moderators: <i>Justice Mona Lynch, Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Canada</i> And <i>Judge Roli Harriman High Court Nigeria</i>			
	1. Climate Change Litigation through the lense of vulnerable groups <i>Magistrate Christine Njagi Mmbwanga, Nairobi Kenya</i>	14:00-14:15		
	2. The Role of Courts in Gender and Climate Change Issues <i>Judge Mischelle Maulion-jocson, Municipal Trial Court, Pampanga, Philippines</i>	14:15-14:30		
	3. Gender and Climate Change <i>Magistrate Susanna Nyakotey, Accra, Ghana</i>	14:30-14:45		
	4. Women’s Leadership and Climate Justice: The Transformative Power of Collective Action in Argentina <i>Ms Sandra Verónica Guagnino – Prosecutor City of Buenos Aires, Argentina</i>	14:45-15:00		
	5. Promoting Judicial Engagement in Climate Change <i>Federal Judge Rafaela Santos Martins da Rosa,-Brazil</i>	15:00-15:15		
Plenary Q&A	15:15-15:30			
	Break (Delegates at leisure)	15:30-18:00		

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Friday 11 April DAY 3 Continue	Biennial Gala Dinner (Dress Code: Traditional or Black Tie)	18:00- 00:00	Ballroom	ALL	
	Programme Directors: <i>Judge President Segopotje Sheila Mphahlele, Mpumalanga Division of the High Court South Africa</i> And <i>Justice Ann Walsh Bradley, IAWJ Chair Board of Managerial Trustees (ex officio) Wisconsin Supreme Court, United States of America</i>			Holding Rooms 1.61- 1.62	
	1. Arrival	18:00-18:30			
	2. Welcome: <i>Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, Mandisa Muriel Lindelwa Maya, IAWJ Vice President</i>	18:30-18:45			
	3. Address: <i>Justice Binta Nyako, IAWJ President (Federal High Court Abuja, Federal Capital Nigeria)</i>	18:45-19:00			
	4. Introduction of Keynote Speaker: <i>Deputy Judge President Tebogo Djaje, SAC-IAWJ Treasurer North West Division of the High Court, South Africa</i>	19:00-19:10			
	5. Keynote Address: <i>Ms Sindisiwe Chikunga, Minister in the Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, South Africa</i>	19:10-19:30			
		19:30-20:30			
	Dinner				
	6. Parade of Nations	20:30-20:45			
7. Presentation of IAWJ Awards: <i>IAWJ</i>	20:45-21:30				
8. Closing Remarks: <i>Judge Mina Sougrati, IAWJ President Elect</i> <i>President of the Union of the Moroccan Women Judges Association</i> <i>Administrative Tribunal of Casablanca, Morocco</i>	21:30-21:45				
9. Vote of Thanks: <i>Regional Magistrate Anthia Ramos, former SAC-IAWJ Secretary</i> <i>Regional Division of the Western Cape, Wynberg, Cape Town, South Africa</i>	21:45-22:00				
10. Entertainment	22:00-00:00				
END OF DAY 3					

Date	Activity	Time	Location	Delegate	
Saturday 12 April DAY 4	IAWJ Executive	IAWJ Business Meeting	9:00-10:30	Auditorium	Members and Staff
		<i>Refreshment Break</i>	10:30-11:00	Auditorium Concourse	
	IAWJ Executive	Closing Ceremony	11:00-12:00	Auditorium	Members and Staff
		2025-2027 Board Meeting	12:30-	Auditorium	Board and Staff
	END OF THE 17TH IAWJ BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 2025 CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA				

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