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OLU AKINKUGBE BUSINESS LAW IN AFRICA FELLOWSHIP

The Centre for Comparative Law in Africa (CCLA) at the Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town is pleased to launch its academic visitors programme in 2014 with the **inaugural** offer of the distinguished ***Olu Akinkugbe Business Law in Africa Fellowship*** (OABLAF) made possible from a generous endowment by Chief Olu Akinkugbe CON.

The global investment interest in Africa is generating a multiplicity of negotiations and transactions which are captured in complex commercial documents. Comparative business law is essential for developing conducive legal frameworks for intra-African economic co-operation, for building African capacity for beneficial global engagement and for advancing the role of Law in development on the continent. It is important that business law across Africa becomes easily recognisable, accessible and predictable. Ultimately, research in business law in Africa will contribute to the growth of a less-restrictive, development-friendly business environment for the African continent.

The Fellowship supports short-term visits by two academics annually from universities in African countries to the CCLA for purposes of carrying out research for the production of a paper for publication in a peer-reviewed academic journal or book.

The Fellowship covers return airfare from the fellow's home country, accommodation and subsistence for a period of six weeks, access to UCT libraries and a work station within the CCLA offices.

The Fellow is expected to produce a publishable paper on an aspect of business law in Africa, preferably with comparative perspectives. The author is required to acknowledge the funding of the *Olu Akinkugbe Business Law in Africa Fellowship* as well as the CCLA's support as host in the paper. The completed paper will be submitted to the *Journal of Comparative Law in Africa* or to another publication outlet mutually agreed between the CCLA and the Fellow.

In its early years, the fellowship will be awarded by institutional nomination and the 2014 award has been made. For more information contact info-ccla@uct.ac.za

