

MINERAL LAW IN AFRICA

COLLOQUIUM VIII



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12 – 14 Nov 2025
Atlantic-Villa Boutique Hotel
Swakopmund, Namibia



Colloquium Programme

Day 1 - Wednesday 12 Nov 2025

12:30-14:00 Networking Lunch

14:00-16:00 Poster Presentations: Kristal Gallery (tea & coffee)

16:00-18:00 Prize-giving ceremony (drinks & snacks)

Day 2 - Thursday 13 Nov 2024

08:15-08:45 Registration (tea & coffee)

08:45-09:00 Welcome and Housekeeping

Welcome by **SARCHI: MLiA Chair: Hanri Mostert**

Arrangements, Logistics and Housekeeping: **Bernard Kengi**

08:45-09:25 Keynote Address: TBC

09:30-11:20 Session 1: Namibia's Extractives Landscape

09:30-09:40 Host Introduction: **Meyer Van den Berg**

09:40-11:00 Paper Presentations: 15-20 minutes per presentation

Punaje Kahuure and Kavanandjo Pakare

Namibia's Petroleum Prospects: Strengthening Fiscal Governance, Transparency, and Sustainable Development in the Emerging Oil and Gas Sector

Ndapewa Celma Amadhila

An Assessment of the Regulation of Green Technologies and Innovation in the Namibian Mining Sector: Towards Low-Carbon Resource Extraction

Themba Mathebula

The Impact of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) on Mining Communities Welfare: Viewpoints from Namibia and South Africa

Leezola Zongwe and Florence Kabura

A Comparison Between the Energy Transition Pathways of Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Algeria

11:00-11:20 Session 1 Q&A

11:20-11:40 Tea Break

11:40-13:30 Session 2: Fossil Fuels and the Just Energy Transition

11:40-11:50 Host Introduction: **Wafiq Davids**

11:30-13:10 Paper Presentations: 15-20 minutes per presentation

Ebrahim Hendricks

Sustainable Development of Upstream Petroleum Resources

Fernand Guevara Mekongo Mballa

The Just Energy Transition in Africa and the Need for a Fair Balance between the Right to Development and Addressing a Common Concern for Mankind

Alison Futter

The Reinterpretation of Energy Justice from a South African Perspective: A Critical Analysis

Veronica Fadzai Zano

An Analysis of Just Energy Transition Policy Frameworks in Mozambique: Potential Dynamics of LNG Developments

13:10-13:30 Session 2 Q&A

13:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-16:30 Session 3: Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Bill
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14:30-14:40 Host Introduction: **Richard Cramer** and **Nic Olivier**

14:40-16:00 Paper Presentations: 15-20 minutes per presentation

Bernard Kengi

Navigating the New Era: Assessing the Major Reforms and Implications of South Africa's Proposed Mineral Resources Development Bill (MPRDB), 2025

Tiiesetso John Rantlo

Who counts as 'Affected'? Community Rights and Participatory Regression in South Africa's Draft Mineral Resource Development Bill, 2025

Richard Cramer

The Implications of the MPRDB for Historical Mine Dumps and the Abandonment of Rights to Minerals

Ruvarashe Makonese, Mpho Sehlabo, Didintle Molefe

MPRDB Parliamentary Submissions

16:00-16:20 Session 3 Q&A

16:20-16:30 Day 2 Closing

19:00-22:00 Gala Dinner & Book Launch
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Day 3 – Friday 14 Nov 2024

08:00-08:45 Registration (tea & coffee)

08:45-09:00 Opening & Host Introduction: **Gaopalelwe Mathiba**

09:00-10:15 Session 4: Mining Communities (Part A)

09:00-10:00 Paper Presentations: 15-20 minutes per presentation

Xavier Rebelo

The Lawless Littoral: Legislative Ambiguity and Unregulated Diamond Mining on South Africa's West Coast

Ahmadou Mohamed Maiga

Banning Chemicals in Artisanal Mining: Rethinking a Legislative Approach

Lindani Mhlanga

How Mining Disrupts without Removing: Constructive Eviction in South Africa's Mining Zones

10:00-10:15 Session 4(a) Q&A

10:15-10:45 Tea Break

10:45-12:00 Session 4: Mining Communities (Part B) 15-20 min presentations

James Seabi

The Impact of Mining Activities on Human Rights in the Mpumalanga Province: An Assessment of the Enforcement and Monitoring Mechanisms under the National Environmental Management Act (1998) and the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (2002)

Ntando Ncamame

The Operationalisation of the Right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent in Australia: some lessons for South African mining law

11:45-12:00 Session 4(b) Q&A

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

13:00-16:00 Session 5: Mining Trauma

13:00-16:00 Hanri Mostert and Tracy-Lynn Field

Group activity

16:00-16:30 Colloquium Closing