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CUSTOMARY MARRIAGE IN SOUTH AFRICA: CURRENT LAW, DEVELOPMENTS & PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS

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DATE	TIME	COURSE DURATION	COURSE FEE
15 October 2026	08:00 to 12:00 SAST	4 hours	R2,640 per delegate Includes any course materials. Full payment must be received 3 days before course starts.

This course provides an in-depth overview of customary marriage law in South Africa, with a focus on recent legal developments and their practical implications.

The course explores the legal regulation of customary marriages under South African law, situating the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act 120 of 1998 within its constitutional and socio-legal context. It examines the requirements for validity, challenges relating to proof and registration, matrimonial property regimes, the rights and status of spouses, particularly women, and the dissolution of customary marriages. The course engages with recent Constitutional Court jurisprudence, and ongoing law reform initiatives. Practical implications for legal practitioners, employers, HR professionals, state institutions and policymakers are highlighted throughout.

Aimed at legal practitioners; candidate attorneys; court / government officials and policymakers; NGOs; researchers; and professionals working in family law, succession, social security and customary law contexts.

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