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Invite to attend

Colloquium on Insolvency Law in Africa

hosted by the

**Centre for Advanced Corporate and Insolvency Law
University of Pretoria**

and

**Centre for Commercial Law, Faculty of Laws
University College London**

“African Insolvency Law: Bridging the Gap to Modern Perspectives”

24 September 2014

The Centre for Advanced Corporate and Insolvency Law at the University of Pretoria, in collaboration with the Centre for Commercial Law, University College of London, is pleased to announce a colloquium on the development of insolvency law in Africa.

It has never been more important for African economies to institute robust insolvency systems as Africa continues to make remarkable economic strides. Advanced jurisdictions across the globe recognise the importance of strong insolvency laws which are a crucial safety-valve in market-oriented economies. This knowledge triggered the modernisation of insolvency systems that commenced in the 1970s. African countries likewise require robust insolvency systems which, for instance, deal decisively with failed companies while providing their potentially viable counterparts with further opportunities for economic success. Recognising the unique position of academics in midwifing the desired change, this colloquium invites academics and practitioners interested in Africa to provide insights on the current state of national insolvency laws, global developments in insolvency law, as well as guidance on the introduction of targeted reforms in African systems.

The colloquium further aims to initiate discussions on the future establishment of a dedicated academic forum at which ideas on the advancement of insolvency laws in Africa can be discussed, and collaboration engendered amongst members.



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Provisional Programme

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23 September 2014
Reception Function

18:30 for 19:00 Cocktail Function, Foyer: Law Building, UP campus, Hatfield, Pretoria (rest of evening free)

24 September 2014 – Morning Session (08:30 to 12:30)
Colloquium

08:00 to 08:30 Registration: Law Building, UP campus, Hatfield Pretoria

OPENING (08:30 to 09:00)

Welcoming and Introduction (15 minutes)

- Professor André Boraine, Dean: Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, RSA

Opening (15 minutes)

- Mr Adam Harris, Partner: Bowman Gilfillan and Executive Member of Insol International, RSA

SESSION 1 (09:00 to 10:10)

Overview of Some Existing Systems and Reform Initiatives

Chair: Mr Adam Harris

International views (40 minutes)

World Bank Viewpoints (20 minutes)

- Ms Antonia Menezes, Senior Private Sector Development Specialist, World Bank

Insolvency Law Reform in Africa: Experiences and Reflections (20 minutes)

- Professor David Burdette, 'Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University / Senior Consultant, Debt Resolution and Business Exit Team, World Bank', UK

South Africa (20 minutes)

Insolvency Law and Reform in South Africa

- Advocate Tienie Cronje, Consultant on SA insolvency law review process, RSA

Discussion (10 minutes)

10:10 to 10:30 - Tea and Coffee Break

SESSION 2 (10:30 to 11:40)

Overview of Some Existing Systems and Reform Initiatives (continued)

Chair: Professor Harry Rajak

Angola (20 minutes)

A call to update Angolan insolvency law

- Professor Sofia Vale, Faculty of Law, Agostinho Neto University, Angola

Ethiopia (20 minutes)

Appraisal of Ethiopian Bankruptcy Regime

- Dr Tewodoros Meheret, Faculty of Law, University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Zimbabwe (20 minutes)

Redressing the Companies Act in Zimbabwe

- Mr George Museta, Attorney, Mettalon Gold, Zimbabwe

Discussion (10 minutes)

SESSION 3 (11:40 to 12:30)

Overview of Recent / Proposed Reforms and their Adequacy

Chair: Ms Antonia Menezes

Nigeria (20 minutes)

Transplant No.2: Some Thoughts on the Proposed Reforms to the Nigerian Insolvency Law

- Dr Bolanle Adebola, University College London, UK

Uganda (20 minutes)

Uneven Power and Inhibited Prospects: The Inadequacy of the Financial Sector Insolvency Regime in Ugandan Insolvency Law

- Professor Robert Kirunda, Department of Law & Jurisprudence, Makerere University College of Law, Uganda

Discussion (10 minutes)

12:30 to 13:15 – Lunch

24 September 2014 – Afternoon Session (13:15 to 17:00)

SESSION 4 (13:15 to 14:30)

Overview of Recent / Proposed Reforms and their Adequacy (continued)

Chair: Dr Bolanle Adebola

Mozambique (40 minutes)

Recent Developments of Insolvency Law in Mozambique: A Practitioner's View (20 minutes)

Mr Miguel-Angelo Almeida (Senior Consultant, Sal & Caldeira Advogados., Mozambique)

Insolvency Law in Mozambique: An overview of the new legal regime (20 minutes)

- Professor Almeida Machava, Faculty of Law, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique

Tanzania (20 minutes)

The Tanzanian Insolvency regime and Modernity Pressure

- Advocate Lina Msanga, Manager of insolvency and trusteeships at the Registration of Insolvency and Trusteeship Agency, Ministry of Justice, Tanzania

Discussion (15 minutes)

14:30 to 14:45 Comfort break

SESSION 5 (14:45 to 16:20)

OHADA and a Perspective from the EU

Chair: André Boraine

OHADA Countries (60 minutes)

Focus on the problems that led to the reforms (20 minutes)

- Mr Craig Giesze, Senior Operations Officer -- Investment Climate Advisory Services, World Bank

Overview of the law and why the changes were made (20 minutes)

- Professor Salvatore Mancuso, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, RSA

Difficulties relating to implementation (20 minutes)

- Dr Alioune Badara Thiam, Researcher in Law, Senegal

EU perspective (20 minutes)

Insolvency Law Reform in the EU: Lessons for Africa

- Professor Michael Veder and Ms Anne Mennens, Faculty of Law, University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Discussion (15 minutes)

CONCLUSION (16:30 – 17:00)

Closing Remarks and Discussion

African Insolvency Interest Group, Dr Bolanle Adebola

19:00 Dinner (South African BBQ)



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24 September 2014

[Please register by not later than 3 September 2014]

Venue: Faculty of Law, Hatfield Campus, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa

Registration Form

If you require any further information about this event, please direct your query to
Dr Bolanle Adebola (b.adebola@ucl.ac.uk) or Professor André Boraine (andre.boraine@up.ac.za)

Submit completed form to andre.boraine@up.ac.za OR fax: + 27 (0)12 362 5184

Pay registration fee directly into the following account number and attach proof of payment to registration form:

BANKING DETAILS:

University of Pretoria
Absa Bank Hatfield
Branch code: 632 005
Account number: 214 000 0038
Swift Code: ABSAZAJJ
Reference: A00462/3501

**[Only If required, VAT registration Number:
4610117774]**

Registration fee: US\$60 [=ZAR 630-00]

Name	Institution	Country	Email	Fax no	Tel no	Dietary requests	Remarks

Note: Please check visa rules timeously.

Attendees are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements and expenses incurred in this regard.

Travel between Oliver Tambo Airport (Johannesburg and Pretoria) approximately a 40 minute drive:

Taxi services: Dries at Roxburg Tours (Mobile 084-556-2304) / Alida at PS Tours Landline (Mobile 082 452 5818)

Airport train to Pretoria ([Gautrain](#)): Directly from OR Tambo Airport to Marlboro Station. Transfer to Rosebank-Pretoria Gautrain and proceed to Hatfield Station in Pretoria. (Bus service available at station.)

Recommended Accommodation



Protea Hotel Hatfield

Tel: +27 (0) 12 364 0300

Fax: +27 (0) 86 212 7756

Email: questrelations@pohatfield.co.za

The rate is R1075 for bed and breakfast

Banking Details:

Account Name Hatfield Hotel cc
Bank Name Nedbank
Branch Nedbank Corporate Pretoria
Branch Code 149745
Account Number 1497219809
Swift code: NEDSZAJXXX



City Lodge Lynnwood Bridge

R1072.62 per single room per night

Breakfast is R120.00 per person additional

Banking details:

Bank Standard Bank
Account Number 013 332 120
Branch Lynnwood Ridge
Branch code 051001



Brooklyn Guesthouse

Single occupancy – R665.00 pppd – B & B

Double or Twin – R435.00 pppd – B & B

Banking details:

Bank Absa
Account Number 405 328 4926
Branch Brooklyn



Pebble Fountain Guesthouse

Single Room - R600-00 per night – Breakfast included

Twin or Double Room - R920-00 per night – Breakfast included

Banking details:

Bank ABSA
Account Number 405 181 6244, Branch Lynwoodridge

Directions to University of Pretoria Hatfield campus

[For campus map see: <http://web.up.ac.za/default.asp?ipkCategoryID=10855>]

UP Call Centre: +27 (0)12 420 3111
GPS coordinates: S25° 45' 21" E28° 13' 51"

Location: University of Pretoria cnr Lynnwood Road and Roper Street Hatfield South Africa	Postal address: University of Pretoria Private bag X20 Hatfield 0028 South Africa
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Directions from Johannesburg/OR Tambo International Airport

Take the R21 towards Pretoria. Take the N1 North towards Polokwane until you reach the Lynnwood Road off-ramp. Follow Lynnwood Road left (west), passing several traffic lights. At the second set of traffic lights after Jan Shoba Street (previously Duncan Street) you will find UP's main entrance on your right. Loftus Versfeld rugby stadium is 600 metres past the UP entrance. Pass the stadium and use the circle at the church to turn around if necessary.

Directions from Polokwane

Take the N1 South towards Johannesburg until you reach the Lynnwood Road offramp. Follow Lynnwood Road right (west), passing several traffic lights. At the second set of traffic lights after Jan Shoba Street (previously Duncan Street) you will find UP's main entrance on your right. Loftus Versfeld rugby stadium is 600 metres past the UP entrance. Pass the stadium and use the circle at the church to turn around if necessary.

Directions from the west

Follow Frances Baard Street (previously Schoeman Street) or Stanza Bopape Street (previously Church Street) in an easterly direction until you reach Gordon Road. Turn right into Gordon Road, which later becomes Jan Shoba Street (previously Duncan Street). Pass several traffic lights and turn right into Lynnwood Road. Drive 0,8 km until the second traffic light, then UP's main entrance is on your right. Loftus Versfeld rugby stadium is 600 metres past the UP entrance. Pass the stadium and use the circle at the church to turn around if necessary.