



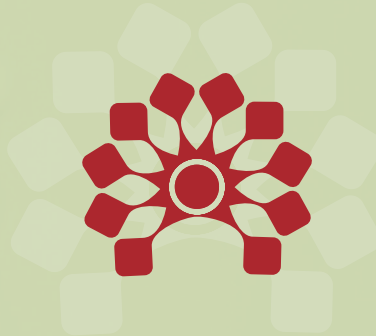
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INAUGURAL CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN KENYA AND THE REGION

2nd – 4th December, 2025
Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi Kenya

Theme:
***Legal Education and Training For A Globally
Competitive Lawyer: Reflecting on the Past
and Charting the Future***

#FutureOfLegalEducation
#IntegrityInLegalTraining
#LegalEducationInAfrica



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Introduction and Background

Since independence, legal education and training in Kenya and the East Africa region has undergone significant transformation from its colonial underpinnings to today's dynamic and complex educational framework. While the establishment of the Council of Legal Education and subsequent regulatory reforms have helped standardize legal education in Kenya, the sector now faces unprecedented challenges and opportunities. Modern legal education must balance traditional doctrinal approaches with new demands for practical skills, emerging practice areas, and global competencies.

In the broader Eastern Africa context, increased globalization, digital transformation, and regional integration under the East African Community (EAC) and African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) have expanded cross-border commercial and legal transactions, bringing both opportunities and vulnerabilities. The rise of complex transnational crimes, particularly money laundering, terrorist financing, cyber-enabled financial crimes, and trade-based illicit financial flows, demands that legal education evolve beyond doctrinal and procedural training to embrace risk-based thinking, financial intelligence, and compliance-oriented competencies. Legal practitioners are increasingly required to navigate complex regulatory environments shaped by the *Financial Action Task Force (FATF)* Recommendations, mutual evaluation reports and evolving *national AML/CFT frameworks*. Lawyers today serve as both gatekeepers and compliance actors in the detection and prevention of financial crime, particularly in high-risk sectors such as real estate, extractives, gaming, fintech, and public procurement.

Simultaneously, the digital revolution including AI, machine learning, blockchain, and virtual assets have disrupted both legal services and criminal typologies. Legal professionals must therefore develop competencies that *combine legal reasoning, technological literacy, and ethical awareness*. These changes are not merely adding new subject areas to legal education but fundamentally altering how law is practiced and enforced globally jurisdictions. Subsequently, this calls for an integrated approach to legal education that embeds AML/CFT and financial integrity across curricula, pedagogy, and professional standards.

In this context, CLE and UNODC's Africa Anti-Corruption Hub have are organizing the *Inaugural Conference on the Future of Legal Education and Training in Kenya and EA region*. The conference will examine how legal education can evolve to produce practice-ready, ethically grounded, and globally competent lawyers *capable* of navigating the complex interplay between law, technology, and financial integrity. The conference will also respond to priority thematic area I of the East Africa anti-corruption road map on Financial Investigations and Asset recovery. The conference will bring together legal practitioners, academia, representatives of law enforcement agencies and other regional stakeholders in a dialogue towards modernizing legal education and training frameworks in Eastern Africa, integrating financial-integrity competencies, technological literacy, and ethical leadership into the core of legal training and professional development.



Conference Thematic Objectives

The overall objective of the conference is to promote a harmonized regional approach to legal education and professional training that responds to emerging governance challenges, strengthens integrity, and aligns with international AML/CFT and anti-corruption standards. Specific objectives include:

- Assess the current state of legal education and training across Eastern Africa, identifying strengths, gaps, and best practices in regulation, accreditation, and professional standards.
- Discuss integration of AML/CFT and financial- integrity education into university and bar curricula, informed by FATF Recommendations, UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime , and UNCAC Chapter II & III commitments.
- Promote regional harmonisation of legal education standards under the EAC, COMESA, and AfCFTA frameworks to facilitate cross-border legal practice.
- Build partnerships among regulators, academia, professional bodies, and development partners for sustainable capacity development in legal integrity education.
- Encourage research collaboration between universities, bar associations, and UNODC in developing a sustainable African knowledge base on AML/CFT, asset recovery, and anti-corruption law.

Target Participants

- National stakeholders: CLE, Law Society of Kenya, Kenya School of Law, Judiciary, Office of the Attorney-General, ODPP, FIU-Kenya, EACC, CBK, KRA, and Ministry of Education.
- Regional stakeholders: Legal-education regulators and bar associations from Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Ethiopia.
- Academia and research institutions: Universities and tertiary institutions offering law or governance programmes.
- Private-sector representatives: Compliance officers, financial-sector legal counsels, fintech associations, and professional-services firms.

Expected Outcomes and Impact

- Enhanced capacity of law faculties and bar-training institutions to deliver AML/CFT and integrity-focused legal education.
- Increased regional harmonization of legal-education standards and compliance curricula across EAC member states.
- Strengthened collaboration between UNODC, CLE, to advance regional financial-integrity and anti-corruption education.
- Empowered generation of lawyers with competencies in financial intelligence, digital ethics, and transnational compliance.

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - 2nd DECEMBER 2025

CONTEXTUALISING THE FUTURE – POLICY, HISTORY, AND REGULATION

| Time | Session | Facilitators |
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| 08:00 –09:00 | Arrival and Registration | CLE Secretariat |
| 09:00 - 09:45 | Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Busalile Jack Mwimali, CEO, Council of Legal Education. • Mr. Francesco Checchi, Team lead, UNODC Anti-corruption Hub for Africa. • Hon. Gitobu Imanyara, Editor and Publisher, the Platform Magazine. • Ms. Faith Odhiambo, President, Law Society of Kenya • Prof. Collins Odote, Chairperson, Council of Legal Education. • Hon. Peter Kaluma, Member of Parliament, Homa Bay Town • Ms. Rose Cave, Deputy High Commissioner, British High Commission Nairobi | Ms. Jennifer Githu, UNODC Anti-Corruption Hub for Africa |
| 09:45 - 10:15 | Opening Address by H.E Prof. Kithure Kindiki, Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya | |
| 10:15 - 10:30 | TEA BREAK | |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | High-level Panel discussion: The Evolution of Legal Education and Regulation in Kenya and the Region – Gains, Gaps, and the Way Forward <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Kameri Mbote, Director, Legal Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) • Professor PLO Lumumba, Former Director, Kenya School of Law • Professor Kulundu, founding CEO, Council of Legal Education • Dr. Pamela Tibihikirra-Kalyegira, Director Law Development Centre • Dr. Julius Mashamba, Deputy Principal, Research, the Law School of Tanzania <p>Paper presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Ben M. Sihanya: <i>Transforming Legal Education through Intellectual Property, and Science, Tech, and Innovation in Kenya and Africa</i> • Dr. Wambua Kituku: <i>Recalibrating the Regulatory Approach of Legal Education in Kenya: Building a Case for Responsive Regulation</i> | Prof. Mwimali, CEO, Council of Legal Education |
| 12.00 – 13.15 | Panel Discussion: Integrating AML/CFT and Financial Integrity into Legal Education. <p><i>How FATF Recommendations and UNCAC obligations can shape legal curricula and professional training.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Saitoti Maika, Director, Financial Reporting Centre. • Mr. David Too, OGW, Director and Asset Recovery, Legal Services, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission <p>Paper presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Diana Ogega: <i>AI and Legal Pedagogy: Leveraging AI Tools to enhance Anti-Money Laundering Competencies for LLB Graduates in Kenya</i> • Dr. Eric Kibet: <i>Rethinking Legal Education in Kenya: Values, Skills and Relevance.</i> | Ms. Atuwani-Tupochile, UNODC AML Advisor |

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| 13.15 - 14.00 | LUNCH BREAK | |
| 14.00 – 15.30 | Breakout session 1 Session 1: Global Trends Reshaping Legal Training – AI, Digitalisation, and Governance Ethics. <i>How AI, virtual assets and data analytics are transforming legal service delivery, legal ethics, and the regulatory ecosystem.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Wycliffe Sewe, A& D Forensics Eastern Africa Mr. Moses S. Munoko, Legal Education Appeals Tribunal Paper presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Caroline Mwaura: <i>Regulating Use of Artificial Intelligence in Kenya's Legal Education Sector.</i> Mr. Nyaika Hillary: <i>Integrating Artificial Intelligence in Legal Education: Enhancing Ethical Training and Global Competitiveness for Kenyan Lawyers.</i> Mr. Jared Gekombe: <i>Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Legal Education: Rethinking how We Teach and Examine Law Students (Insights from the University of Pretoria)</i> | Mr. Evans Ogada, Adv. of the High Court of Kenya |
| 14:00 – 15.30 | Breakout session 2: Panel Discussion on Lawyers as Gatekeepers – The Legal Profession's Role in Preventing Financial Crime <i>Lawyers' compliance responsibilities, client due diligence (CDD), and emerging ethical tensions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Denis Moroga, Lecturer Moi University School of Law Mr. James Githinji, Head of the Financial Intelligence Unit, Directorate of Criminal Investigations Mr. Geoffrey Obiri, Senior Ass. Public Prosecutor, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Mr. Hezekiah Aseso, Council Member and AML convenor Law Society of Kenya Paper presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Okello J. Achieng & Mr. Byron Nyasimi: <i>Enhancing Integration of AML/CFT frameworks in Legal Education</i> Ms. Nagadya Hamidah: <i>Bridging Gaps in Kenya's Undergraduate Legal Education to Strengthen National Capacity.</i> | Ms. Florence Shako, Adv. of the High Court of Kenya |
| 16:00 – 16.30 | Wrap-Up and Reflections Summary of Day 1 discussions and emerging insights. | NCLR |

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INNOVATION, COMPETENCE, AND COMPLIANCE IN PRACTICE

| Time | Session | Facilitators |
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| 8:00 – 9:00 | Arrival and registration | |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks by Professor Busalile Jack Mwimali, CEO, Council of Legal Education. Remarks by Mr. Francesco Checchi, Team lead, UNODC Anti-corruption Hub for Africa. Remarks by Ms. Janet Munywoki, CEO, National Council for Law Reporting Remarks by Prof. Collins Odote, Chairperson, Council of Legal Education. Remarks by Hon. George Gitonga Murugara, Chair, Justice and Legal Affairs Committee, National Assembly <p>Keynote Address by Hon. Justice Martha K. Koome. EGH - Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya and President of the Supreme Court</p> | Mr. Evans Ogada, Adv. of the High Court of Kenya |
| 10:00 – 10.30 | TEA BREAK | |
| 10.30 – 12.00 | <p>High-level Panel Discussion: Competency-Based Legal Education – Aligning Curriculum to Emerging Global Needs</p> <p><i>Designing future-ready curricula with ethical, digital, and financial-literacy competencies.</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Judith Pareno, Principal Secretary, Justice, Office of the Attorney General (tbc) Professor Mike Kuria, CEO, Commission for University Education Dr. Henry Murigi PhD, Registrar/ CEO, Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration <p>Paper presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Melissa Muindi, Elizabeth Odongo & Paul Martin Konyango: <i>Shaping the Future of Legal Education: Competency-Based Experiential Learning at Strathmore Law School.</i> | Mr. Elisha Ongoya Adv. of the High Court of Kenya |
| 12.00 - 13.30 | <p>Panel Discussion: Voices from the Bar, the status and future of Legal Education in Kenya</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Peter Wanyama- Managing Partner, Manyonge, Wanyama & Associates LLP Mr. Charles Kanjama SC - Managing Partner, Muma & Kanjama Advocates Mr. Mwaura Kabata, Vice President LSK Mr. Nelson Havi, Managing Partner, Havi and Company Associates and former President LSK | Mr. Evance Ndong, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya |
| 13.00 - 14.00 | LUNCH BREAK | |

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| 14:15 – 15:45 | Breakout session 1 : Emerging areas of legal education Paper Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Barrack Ogada: <i>Examining the Role of Legal Training in Strengthening County Government Institutions in Kenya: 2013 – 2023.</i> • Dr. J. Murungi: <i>Teaching AML; Drawing from experience.</i> • Professor Dr. Dr. Moni Wekesa : <i>Overcoming Challenges of Testing/ Assessing Learning at law schools in Kenya</i> • Dr. Lynette Osiemo: <i>Conversations that shape the law, institutionalizing stakeholder dialogue in the evolution of Kenya's legal education -lessons from the US experience</i> • Dr. Judith Oloo: <i>Contemporary Issues and Challenges in Legal Education- lessons from the UK</i> | Prof. Mwimali, CEO, CLE |
| | Breakout Session2: Regional Perspectives on Legal Training and AML – Lessons from Kenya and EAC <i>Comparative perspectives from Tanzania and Uganda on legal training, accreditation, and AML curriculum integration.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Laila Latiff, Senior Lecturer, University of Nairobi School of Law • Dr. Ivan Engoru, Lecturer, Makerere University School of Law • Dr. Cecilia Ngaiza, University of Dar es salaam • Mr. David Sigano, CEO, East African Law Society | Prof. Joseph Wamwara |
| 15:45 – 16:15 | Tea Break | — |
| 16:15 – 17:00 | Day 2 Wrap-Up Summary of key discussions and preparation for high-level dialogue on Day 3. | |
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REGIONAL COLLABORATION, POLICY DIALOGUE, AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS

| Time | Session | Session Focus / Content Summary |
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| 08.30 – 09.00 | Morning Reflections and Highlights | NCLR |
| 09.00 – 10.30 | High-Level Roundtable: The Future of Legal Education and National and regional development <i>Setting standards and harmonization of Education for Cross Border practice</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Christine Agimba, Chair Kenya Law Reform Commission Dr. Muthomi Thiankolu, Muthomi & Karanja Advocates Mr. Ramadhan Abubakar, President of East Africa law Society Dr. Julius Mashamba, Deputy in charge of Research, Law School of Tanzania Dr. Pamela Tibihikirra-Kalyegira, Director, Law Development Centre | Mr. Elisha Ongoya Adv. of the High Court of Kenya |
| 10.30– 11.00 | Health Break | — |
| 11.00– 13.15 | Presentation of papers: Regional Harmonisation of legal education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Juliana Njiriri & Mr. Joel Monda: <i>Curricula Without Borders: A Strategic Framework for Harmonising Legal Education Standards Across Africa's Trade Blocs.</i> Dr. Harrison Otieno Mbori: <i>Sovereign Trust Deficit and Legal Education Harmonization in the East African Community.</i> Professor Otinga Mare KF: <i>Beyond Borders: A Technology-Enabled Framework for Regional Harmonization of Legal Education in East Africa (DALEN Framework) Paper 1 – Building Regional standards.</i> | Dr. Muthomi Thiankolu |
| 13.15 – 14.15 | Lunch Break | — |
| 14.15 – 15.45 | Presentation of Conference papers: Legal Education and pedagogy reforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. J. Muthoni Mwangi: <i>Rethinking Legal Education: Advancing a Case for Structured Pedagogical Competencies for Law Lecturers in Kenya's Competency-Based Era.</i> Mr. Jillo Guyo Jillo & Ms. Amara Visram: <i>Accrediting Experience: Bridging Theory and Practice through Integrating Clinical Work and Research into Legal Education in East Africa.</i> | Dr. Felix Odhiambo |
| 15:45 – 16:15 | Tea Break | — |
| 16.15 – 17.00 | Closing Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the conference Outcome statement Closing Address by Hon. Shadrack Mose, Solicitor General, Republic of Kenya | |



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