

About Us

The Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa (ICLA) is a research institute located in the **Faculty of Law** of the University of Pretoria. The ICLA was established at the beginning of 2011 and is located in a renovated double-story house next to the Law Building on the Hatfield Campus. The Institute houses an extensive collection of antique furniture and art and also serves as the Christo Coetzee museum.

Drawing on the extensive networks that the Faculty has established over many years in Africa and beyond, the objective of the ICLA is to become a first port of call for those who wish to engage in legal research and legal reform in Africa involving comparative or international law at the advanced level. Professors **Erika de Wet** and **Christof Heyns** have been appointed as Co-Directors.

A central feature of the Institute is the **Law of Africa Collection**, the most comprehensive and up-to-date collection of primary legal materials of African countries in the world today, which is located in the Oliver R Tambo Law Library of the Faculty of Law. ICLA will be involved in providing technical assistance to African governments and international organisations engaged in legal reform on the continent. It also engages in collaborative projects with researchers on the continent and abroad. The ICLA houses doctoral students and **visiting scholars** and arrange seminar opportunities for government officials, judges, international civil servants and civil society.

ICLA contains the research unit related to the mandate of Professor Christof Heyns, United Nations **Special Rapporteur for extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**. Other core projects include the coordination of the African country reports for **Oxford Constitutions Online** and – in collaboration with the Centre for Human Rights in the Faculty of Law – the African case law for the **Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts** (ILDC) Online.

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