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10TH AUCIL FORUM (2024)

Theme:

“International Law, Alternative Justice, and Armed Conflicts”

Venue:

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Dates: 20-21 May 2024

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1. The African Union's legal advisory body, the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL), supports the organization's goals and core principles. In particular, it is dedicated to defending the interests of the African continent internationally by gradually establishing and codifying international law on the continent.
2. In order to carry out its purposes and objectives, the AUCIL organizes a range of programs and activities, such as **AUCIL Forums**, which are held annually and serve as a forum for discussion and engagement on matters of concern to Africa, as viewed through the lens of International Law and African Union Law.
3. The AUCIL, as per the decision made by the Plenary of its 22nd Ordinary Session, will continue its longstanding tradition of staying updated on contemporary developments in international law at its Forums. The AUCIL has reiterated its dedication to identifying signs of progression in the global sphere. This commitment was demonstrated once again when determining the theme for its 10th Forum, which will revolve around "**International Law, Alternative Justice, and Armed Conflicts**".
4. The AUCIL extends an invitation for scholars, researchers, practitioners and other interested parties/people to contribute to the 10th AUCIL Forum on "*International Law, Alternative Justice, and Armed Conflicts*" scheduled from 20 to 21 May 2024 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. However, in the event of force majeure, online participation by panelists and other participants is envisaged.
5. The 10th AUCIL Forum will explore the intricate intersections of international law, alternative justice mechanisms, and the challenges posed by armed conflicts in Africa. Researchers are encouraged to submit abstracts and contribute to the collective exploration of innovative approaches and solutions within this vital thematic domain.
6. Contributions can cover, *inter alia*, the following areas:
 - i. Evaluation of the effectiveness of alternative justice mechanisms in addressing legal challenges arising from armed conflicts;
 - ii. Analysis of the intersection of international humanitarian law, human rights law, and transitional justice in post-conflict situations;
 - iii. Discussion on the role of African states in implementing international legal mechanisms for addressing armed conflicts and ensuring accountability;
 - iv. Exploration of innovative approaches to promote accountability and reconciliation in post-conflict societies;
 - v. Identification of challenges and opportunities for the development of international law in the context of armed conflicts in Africa;
 - vi. Examination of the strengths and weaknesses of conventional national and international criminal justice as a means of managing the consequences of conflict in Africa;

- vii. Exploration of the responsibility of private economic actors in armed conflicts and the mechanisms of their possible involvement in post-conflict reparation and reconciliation in Africa;
 - viii. Examining the integration of alternative justice issues within the framework of international peace operations in African countries affected by armed conflict.
7. Proposals for individual or collective papers, including title and abstract not exceeding 300 words, author's surname, forenames, academic or professional qualities and institutions, including telephone (WhatsApp number) and electronic (email address) contact details, accompanied by a one-page curriculum vitae, must be sent **by 7 April 2024** to the following addresses:

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8. Once all submissions have been examined, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to the authors of the papers selected by the Organizing Committee. The full versions of the papers thus selected, presented according to academic standards and not exceeding a maximum of twenty (20) pages in font 12, must be sent to the same addresses no later than one (1) week before the actual forum and will be published in the CUADI Journal at the end of the forum.