



INVITATION & CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE JOINT NWU/UNAM 3rd ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE & FINANCIAL MARKETS LAW CONFERENCE 25-27 OCTOBER 2023

Dear colleague/participant

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After successfully hosting the **Annual International Corporate & Financial Markets Law (CFML) Conference** in 2021 and 2022 despite the corona virus (covid-19) pandemic challenges, we are excited to announce that the 3rd CFML conference is hosted by the faculty of law of the North West University (NWU) in partnership with the Juta & Co. Ltd (Juta), Oxford University Press, South Africa & the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) in Swakopmund, Namibia from 25-27 October 2023. We wish to invite you to present a paper at the **N W U 3^{r d} CFML Conference**, which is held in person in **Swakopmund, Namibia from 25-27 October 2023. The registration is R2500.**

The theme of the conference is: ***Towards Financial Inclusion in the Global Economies to Promote Socio-Economic Justice, Viable Financial Markets & Reputable Financial Institutions.*** Accordingly, there is a great need for companies, policy makers, international financial institutions, governments, business persons, market participants and all relevant persons to promote financial inclusion, especially for the poor, vulnerable and low-income earners in their respective countries and economies. Thus, all relevant stakeholders and role-players should adopt good policies, standards, measures and corporate practices that effectively promote financial inclusion for all persons in the global economies. All financial markets, companies & financial institutions should be free from financial crimes & maladministration. Good corporate governance and adequate ethical standards should be robustly promoted in the financial markets, companies and/or financial institutions across all countries/jurisdictions. This approach could give rise to the realisation of socio-economic justice in all countries. Companies, international financial institutions, business persons and market participants should robustly promote good corporate governance, good corporate practices and good ethical standards to combat financial crimes to maintain viable global

financial markets. As such, it is crucial for all governments, policy makers, business persons and all relevant stakeholders to adopt adequate policies, laws and regulations so as to compact all financial crime in global economies, businesses, financial institutions & financial markets to promote financial inclusion, socio-economic justice, public investor confidence, market efficiency & market integrity. The conference will provide a platform for academics, policy makers, market participants, students and other relevant persons to interrogate the aforesaid matters and hopefully come up with solutions in respect thereof.

The **sub-themes of the conference** include the following:

- micro and macro-finance, access to finance, banking regulatory challenges & financial inclusion
- corporate insolvency, stakeholders' claims during business rescue & covid-19 challenges
- the protection of various corporate stakeholders' interests during corporate insolvency proceedings
- Financial inclusion, corporate taxation, corporate finance and company law regulation
- socio-economic justice & ethical challenges versus corporate law reform measures
- financial inclusion & financial education versus profitability of companies
- the role of corporate social responsibility & financial education in promoting socio-economic justice
- mobile money, e-commerce, fintech challenges, disruptive technology & digital transformation
- corruption, financial crime regulation, international contracts, tax evasion and crossborder insolvency
- challenges to socio-economic justice, social justice and the need to curb corporate inequalities corporate workplace
- the future of central banks, regulatory bodies, twin peaks, & other enforcement approaches in the banking, financial markets and global economies
- digital inclusion, CBDs, blockchain technology, virtual & cryptocurrencies, bitcoin and their related financial crimes
- trade diversion, trade finance, SMEs, MNEs & the future of international trade
- money laundering, insider trading, market manipulation & related financial crime regulatory challenges in the global economies and global financial markets
- artificial intelligence, financial technologies, digital assets, financial crime & the future of financial regulation & financial markets
- the role of IMF, World Bank, WTO and other international financial institutions in promoting financial inclusion & socio-economic justice
- the use of innovative business practices to combat financial exclusion
- the use of innovative technology and artificial intelligence to curb socio-economic justice challenges
- to big to fail theory, business rescue, good corporate governance measures & corporate insolvency challenges 6
- business & economic recovery strategies versus the promotion market integrity, public investor confidence and market efficiency in global financial markets
- Consumer protection, financial literacy and financial education challenges

NB: The stated sub-themes do not constitute a closed list for the purposes of this conference. Any other contributions that are related to the sub-themes and suitably identified by participants are more than welcome. All good papers will be published after peer review in either:

- (a) **Juta special conference book special edition**; or
(b) **SA Merc Law Journal/special edition.**

Both these projects are focused on the 3rd CFML conference theme: ***Towards Financial Inclusion in the Global Economies to Promote Socio-Economic Justice, Viable Financial Markets & Reputable Financial Institutions.*** The authors are welcome to submit their manuscripts for consideration to any of these projects



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Article length: an article **may not exceed 12000** words (including footnotes and summary)

Abstracts deadline: 31 August 2023 (not more than **200** words)

Full papers deadline: 30 Sept 2023

Conference dates: 25-27 October 2023

Venue (TBC)/Where: Swakopmund, Namibia (**physical attendance**)

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Registration fee: R2500

Keynote speakers

Prof Louis de Koker, La Trobe University, Australia

Prof Ruth Taplin, Leicester University, United Kingdom

Prof Michelle Louw, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Prof Lonius Ndlovu, University of Venda, South Africa

Prof Andre Borraine, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Prof Mzukisi Njotini, University of Fort Hare, South Africa

Prof Elizabeth Snyman van Deventer, University of the Free State, South Africa

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Visa information

All colleagues from the SADC region are usually not required to have a visa to visit Namibia. Colleagues from other regions of the world need a visa to visit Namibia. In this regard, once you receive your acceptance & invitation letters, take them to the Namibian embassy/consulate in your country to apply for a visa. For further information visit the Namibian embassy/consulate website.

N/B: Please kindly let us know by **30 September 2023**, whether you are available in principle to participate on these dates. We trust that this conference is going to be a meaningful meeting for academics, students and all relevant participants.

Yours sincerely



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