

Dr Derrick Cho

Dr Derrick Teneng Cho is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the NRF South African Research Chair: Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability (CLES) at the Faculty of Law, North-West University (NWU). Driven by his love for debates and logical arguments, Derrick was moved to study Law at the University of Buea (Cameroon), where he completed his LLB in 2013 with a Second Class Honours. Having developed interest in legal research, he proceeded to enroll for an LLM in English Law at the University of Yaoundé II (Cameroon), and completed same in 2015. In 2019, he gained admission and enrolled for his LLD in Public Law and Legal Philosophy at the NWU, Mafikeng Campus, where he completed and graduated in December 2021. During his study, he was temporarily employed as a Supplementary Instructor (SI) for Entrepreneurial Law and as a Student Assistant and Mentor at the Faculty of Law between 2020 and 2021.

In his LLD thesis, ***Accountability for human rights violations committed during the Anglophone Cameroon crisis: Issues, challenges and prospects***, he set out to investigate the human rights violations committed in the Anglophone Cameroon crisis in light of the duty under international law requiring states to hold perpetrators accountable, drawing lessons from other countries including, *inter alia*, South Africa, on how they dealt with their legacies of past abuses. Derrick has published a number of articles in this area and also acted as peer reviewer for the *Journal of Nation-building & Policy Studies*.

His interest to pursue a profound academic career led him to join the CLES research team as a Post-Doctoral Fellow, where he dared to venture into groundbreaking areas of the CLES research focus. Under the overarching theme which he coined as "***Human Rights, Local governance and the Dynamics of Environmental and Urban Sustainability: Letter vis-a-vis Data (Law versus Facts) and the Problem of Implementation***", Dr Derrick is poised towards making academic contributions that would provoke innovation, policy reforms and the establishment of mechanisms and measures to make Africa and the world a safer space for all, now and for generations to come.