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A One-day Conference on

ENERGY CRISIS & NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA: Exploring the missing links

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Sir Duncan Rice Library, University of Aberdeen

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

11:30 - 12:00	Arrival, Registration/Tea
12:00 - 12:05	Welcome Address by Dr Greg Gordon (Head, School of Law, University of Aberdeen)
12:05 - 12:15	Opening Remarks by Dr Eddy Wifa (Director, ANRELN)
12:15 - 12:30	Remarks by Prof John Paterson (Director, Aberdeen University Centre for Energy Law)
12:30 - 13:00	Keynote Address by Prof Zeray Yihdego, School of Law, University of Aberdeen
13:00 - 13:30	Dr Lateef Akanji, School of Engineering, University of Aberdeen: Africa and its Energy Future
13:30 - 14:00	Ebele Onyeabor, PhD Candidate, The Hong Kong University: China in Africa: A Tale of Energy Security, Strategic Interests and Morphing Loans
14:00 - 14:10	Tea Break
14:10 - 14:40	Dr Mark Igiehon, School of Law, University of Aberdeen, New explanation for Resource Curse Causation in Africa
14:40 - 15:10	Prof Tina Soliman Hunter, School of Law, University of Aberdeen, Local Content in Australia: Lessons for Africa
15:10 - 15:35	Dr EghosaEkhator, University of Chester Developing a Legalised Framework for Corporate Social Responsibility in the Oil and Gas Industry: Lessons for Africa
15:35 - 16:00	Charles Aholu, PhD Candidate, University of the West England, Bristol Greening Africa: The Need for Harmonisation
16:00	Refreshments and networking

SPEAKERS



Prof Zeray Yihdego

Keynote Speaker

Professor Yihdego has joined Aberdeen Law School in January 2013. He studied for an LL.M. and a PhD. at Cambridge and Durham Universities respectively. He also earned an LLB (Distinction) from Ethiopia. He is a Co-director of the Aberdeen Centre for Constitutional and Public International Law. He held (2015/16) a Visiting Research Fellow position with the Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict, University of Oxford and a Senior Visiting Member at Linacre College, University of Oxford. He is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and a member of the UN Expert Group on the Firearms Protocol which supplements the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime 2000. In addition to serving as an expert Dr Yihdego also acts as a consultant for the Vienna based UN Office on Drugs and Crime. Before joining Aberdeen Law School he was a Senior Lecturer at Oxford Brookes University, a Tutor at Durham University and a Part-time Lecturer in Ethiopia. He has been researching and publishing on various aspects of public international law with emphasis on (conventional) arms control/trade, international humanitarian law, peace and security, democratic governance, development and human rights and the law of international watercourses issues relating to Africa. He is the founding Editor-in-Chief of the Ethiopian Yearbook of International Law (EtYIL, Springer) and serves as a monograph and textbook reviewer for Hart, Routledge, Brill and Oxford University press and article reviewer for a number of international journals. Professor Yihdego participates as a Principal Investigator in a 5.5 million Euro EU funded multidisciplinary research project concerning the governance of the Zambezi and Omo river basins and collaborates on various projects with law experts, economists, hydrologists, environmental and political scientists and policy experts that are working in Africa, Europe and the US.



Dr Mark Igiehon

Dr Igiehon is a Fellow at the University of Aberdeen. His areas of research, teaching, training and consultancy are: energy and natural resources law and governance; law, development and good use of mineral resources; acquisitions and divestments; international investments protection and arbitration; capital projects contracting procurement and construction; decommissioning; upstream contracts; compliance and assurance.

He has over 20 years international and multi-jurisdictional experience with international oil companies and governments.

In addition to these, Dr. Igiehon is the Global Co-ordinator, Oil and Minerals for Good Global Forum, and also supervised PhD students at the University of Aberdeen.



Prof John Paterson

Professor Paterson trained as a solicitor in the Office of the Solicitor to the Secretary of State for Scotland before pursuing an academic career. After studying at the EUI, Florence, Italy, he was a Research Assistant at the Centre de Philosophie du Droit, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium, where he worked principally on the Governance Project with the Forward Studies Unit of the European Commission. He was Senior Lecturer and then Reader at the University of Westminster between 1998 and 2004 when he joined the University of Aberdeen as a Reader. He was appointed Professor of Law in August 2011. He co-directs the Centre for Energy Law as well as Aberdeen's involvement in the North Sea Energy Law Programme with Greg Gordon.

His research has covered systems theory, the regulation of risk, governance in the EU, corporate governance and energy law. He has been involved in a number of international projects both in research and teaching. He has provided specialist training in oil and gas law and corporate governance for the corporate sector, expert advice in international arbitration, and consultancy to international organisations. He is series editor (together with Professor Julian Webb) of the Law, Science and Society series published by Routledge-Cavendish.

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Prof Tina Hunter

Professor Soliman Hunter specialises in Energy and Petroleum Law and is the Director of the Aberdeen University Centre for Energy Law (AUCEL). She teaches and researches in the areas of national and international petroleum law, unconventional petroleum regulation, Arctic petroleum law and governance, International investment protection in the energy sector, and resources law and policy. She has received academic qualifications in marine sediments, geology, political science, applied science, and law, completing her PhD at the University of Bergen, Norway.

She has been a visiting scholar at the University of Bergen, University of Oslo's Norwegian Institute for Sjørett (NIFS), Murdoch University, Bond University, Torsk State University, University of Eastern Finland, and the University of Texas, Austin. She has taught in many countries, including Norway, Finland, Iceland, Greece, Russia, and Australia. She is a visiting professor on three continents, with appointments to the School of Law, Murdoch University (Australia), Faculty of Law, University of Eastern Finland, and the Biological Research Institute, Tomsk State University, Russian Federation.

Professor Soliman Hunter has presented at over 50 conferences on five continents. Her expertise has been sought by many national and state/regional governments, where she has been engaged to analyse petroleum laws, draft legislation, and advise on technical, policy and governance issues relating to conventional and unconventional petroleum. She has consulted to governments, industry groups and NGO's in several jurisdictions, including Australia, New Zealand, the UK, Russia, the Philippines and Canada. She has also advised the World Bank. Recently Professor Soliman Hunter assessed the offshore petroleum environment regulations for the Northern Territory (Australia) government and Greenpeace Australia on drilling in the Great Australian Bight.

Professor Soliman Hunter has written over 100 articles and book chapters. Prior to 2019 she published under the surname Hunter, with publications from 2019 forward under the surname Soliman Hunter. She is the author and editor of several books, including the Handbook of Shale Gas Law and Policy, (Intersentia), Regulation of the Upstream Petroleum Sector (Edward Elgar) and Petroleum Law in Australia (LexisNexis). She is the co-leader of the Project Scientific Regulation of Energy Installations in the Arctic (SciBAR Installations Project), and undertakes interdisciplinary research with engineers, scientists and geologists. She is currently researching and writing on oil spills in the Euro-Barents Arctic Region and heads the Consortium of Researchers and Experts in North and Arctic Marine Ecosystems Oil Contamination (CRENAME) a research initiative between the University of Aberdeen, Tomsk State University, the Northern Arctic Federal University and the Murmansk Marine Biological Institute.

Previously a member of the South Australian Roundtable for Unconventional Gas Projects and the working group for the Queensland Modernising Queensland Resources Acts Program, Professor Soliman Hunter is the current Chair of the Marketing and Communication Committee of the SPE Aberdeen Chapter and a Member of the AIPN Education Advisory Board. She is a co-editor of the Oil, Gas and Energy Law Journal (OGEL) and the Russian Environmental Bulletin. She is a reviewer for the UK Economics and Social Sciences Research Council as well as the UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.



Ebele Onyeabo

Ebele is a legal practitioner with experience as a contracts administrator and academic researcher. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Her research on petroleum governance re-evaluates the 'Resource Curse Theory' as a factor of defective 'Regulatory Transposition' - by applying comparative legal theory to petroleum governance models using Norway and Nigeria as subjects of this comparison. The central theme of 'legal mobility' is evaluated against, failed petroleum governance policies; the effects of global and national transparency initiatives; also, national, transnational and regional accountability enforcement mechanisms. Prior to joining the research community at CUHK, She obtained her Masters Degree in Oil and Gas Law from the University of Aberdeen with Distinction. She is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN).

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Dr Lateef Akanji

Dr. Lateef Akanji is a senior lecturer at the University of Aberdeen UK. His research interests include petroleum reservoir flow simulation and characterisation, fluid flow and transport in porous media, subsurface production optimisation and enhanced oil recovery. He has authored and co-authored many technical papers and served as a peer reviewer for many prestigious journals.

He holds a PhD in petroleum engineering from Imperial College London UK. He is a board member of Series Editorial Board for Springer Briefs in petroleum geoscience and engineering and editorial board member of the Journal of Oil, Gas and Petrochemical Sciences.

He is a chartered engineer, chartered petroleum engineer, fellow of higher education academy, EUR ING, a member of the Energy Institute UK and the Society of Petroleum Engineers, SPE.



Dr Eghosa Osa Ekhaton

Dr Eghosa Osa Ekhaton joined the University of Chester Law School in January 2017 from University of Hull where he had taught on numerous undergraduate and postgraduate modules.

Dr Eghosa's main research areas lies in environmental justice/rights in developing countries - Nigeria and African Union in particular. Eghosa holds an LL. B in Law from the University of Benin, and an LLM and PhD in Law from the University of Hull. His works have appeared in the Journal of African Law, African Journal of International & Comparative Law, Environmental Law Review, Commonwealth Law Bulletin, Annual Survey of International and Comparative Law and International Energy Law Review amongst others.

He has presented academic papers at conferences in the UK, USA, South Africa, Nigeria, Germany and Portugal. Some of these include Society of Legal Scholars and Socio-Legal Studies Association annual conferences

His present research focuses on:

- Sustainable Development under the African Union and European Union frameworks
- The African Union Environmental Governance framework
- International Investment Law in Africa.
- African Union Law
- Fracking and Environmental Justice Implications in the United Kingdom



Aholu Okechukwu C.

Aholu Okechukwu C. is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. He was the prizeman of the Rivers State University of Science and Technology in 2007 where he emerged the overall best graduating student with a Second Class (upper division) LLB Degree. He also obtained a Masters Degree in International Oil and Gas Law Regulation from the law school of the prestigious University of Aberdeen in 2013.

Aholu is a senior research fellow and an associate lecturer at the Umaru Shinkafi Centre for African Extractive Policy Research, Abuja, Nigeria. He also works on an ad-hoc basis, with the Global Research Limited, an international research organisation registered in both the United Kingdom and Nigeria to conduct research on energy systems, policies and regulation. He is a member of the editorial team of the African Journal of International Energy and Environmental Law. He is currently a doctoral researcher with the University of West of England, Bristol, United Kingdom. He is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, the International Bar Association and the International Association of Petroleum Negotiators. His research interests are energy law, international environmental law and hydrocarbon regulation.