

World Bar Conference 2012

29 June - 1 July 2012

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The theme for this year's conference is 'Advocacy, past, present and future - constant values for a modern Bar'.

Throughout the three days, sessions and discussions will focus on the provision of quality advocacy and provide an opportunity for serious debate about international issues directly concerning the legal professions around the globe.

KEY TOPICS

- The courts' expectations of the Advocate
- Advocacy in the Highest Court
- Lessons from the Advocates of the Past
- Advocacy against the odds: Experience in Africa and elsewhere
- Training the Young Bar in cross examination
- Quality Assessment for Advocates
- Advocacy at Public Inquiries
- The future of Advocacy - oral and appellate
- Prosecution Advocacy

EXCLUSIVE VISITS

- Tour of Rolls Building
- Tour of Supreme Court
- Reception at House of Lords
- Dinner at Middle Temple
- Service at Temple Church
- Drinks in the Master of the Temple's Garden

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Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA)

Extracts from statement on extension of suspension of the Southern African Development Community Tribunal on 29 July 2011.

The Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) is very concerned about the decision of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Summit of Heads of State to extend the suspension of the SADC Tribunal until August 2012 in order to continue to review the role and functions of the Tribunal. The CLA is also disturbed about the decision not to reappoint or replace Tribunal judges whose terms of office have expired (or will expire over the next 12 months) and the renewal of the moratorium on receiving any new cases.

The CLA recalls the provisions of the Commonwealth (Latimer House) Principles on the Separation of Powers and Independence of the Judiciary 2003. The failure of the Summit to reinstate the Tribunal raises difficult questions as to the institutional balance and separation of powers within the various structures of SADC itself as well as wider questions of the commitment to the principles of democracy, human rights and the rule of law, including the independence of the judiciary, as set out in the SADC Treaty itself.

The CLA supports the view of the SADC Lawyers Association that any review of the legal instruments governing the SADC Tribunal can be undertaken whilst the Tribunal is operating. The reviewing of the operations of judicial institutions at both a national and international level can be undertaken whilst the judicial institutions are functioning and the decision to extend the suspension of the operations of the Tribunal pending this investigation is a concern.

The CLA calls upon the SADC Summit to effectively reinstate the Tribunal. 

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