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**THEME**

**South to South Dialogue on  
Economic Justice and Citizen Action**

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## TOPICS OF DISCUSSIONS

- Global Economic Policies and Accountability in Resource Management: Charting a Path to Economic Justice.
- The Role of Citizen Movements and Digital Tools in Shaping Economic Justice.
- Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Advancing Economic Justice: Achievements, Challenges, and Prospects.

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## DAY 1

*Wednesday 27th November 2024*

### TIME

4:00 PM

#### Checking In

- Secretariat

4:30 PM

#### Medicare Visit

- Secretariat

## DAY 2

*Thursday 28th November 2024*

### TIME

9:00 AM

#### Taj Mahal Excursion

- Secretariat



## DAY 3

### TIME

8:00 - 8:30 AM

#### Registration

- **ICJ Kenya Secretariat**

8:30 - 9:00 AM

#### OPENING REMARKS

- **Protas Saende**, *ICJ Kenya Chairperson*
- **Martin Ray Mavenjin**, *Senior Program Advisor-Transitional Justice- Kenya Human Rights Commission.*
- **Santhaan Krishnan**, *Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Commonwealth Lawyers Association Honorary Life President.*

#### Session Moderator:

- **Demas Kiprono**, *Deputy Executive Director, ICJ Kenya.*

9:00 - 9:30 AM

#### KEY NOTE ADDRESS

- **Hon. Justice Daniel Musinga**, *President of the Court of Appeal of Kenya.*

South to South Dialogue on Economic Justice and Citizen Action: Navigating the Challenges and Opportunities for Equitable Growth

## TOPIC :

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Session Moderator : **Demas Kiprono,**

*Deputy Executive Director ICJ  
Kenya.*

## DAY 3

### TIME

9:30 - 10:30 AM

10:30 - 11:00 AM

11:00 - 11:30 AM

#### Talking Points:

- Global economic policies and structural challenges, the influence of global financial institutions on economic sovereignty and justice in the Global South.
- Government accountability in resource management and economic justice. Strengthening legal and judicial frameworks to enhance oversight and fight corruption effectively.
- Lessons from countries addressing external debt burdens while balancing economic growth and social welfare.

#### Discussant:

- **Fred Athuok**, *Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, ICJ Kenya Council Member.*
- **Willis Otieno**, *Advocate of the High Court of Kenya.*
- **Martin Mavunjina**, *Programme Manager, KHRC.*
- **Aruneshwar Gupta**, *Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India.*

#### Plenary

#### Health Break & Photo Session

## TOPIC:

The Role of Citizen Movements and Digital Tools in Shaping Economic Justice.

## TIME

11:30 AM -12:30 PM

### Talking Points:

- The emergence of people's movements, the role of civic action in demanding economic justice
- The growing influence of AI and digital tools in activism
- Internet Shutdowns in the Digital Era: How is it a threat to Democracy and Human Rights?

### Discussant:

- **Rama Devi Lanka**, *Director-Emerging Technologies, ITE&C Department | Government of Telangana.*
- **Demas Kiprono**, *Deputy Executive Director, ICJ Kenya.*
- **Apar Gupta**, *Observer Trustee, Internet Freedom Foundation.*
- **Siddharth Sijoria**, *Advocate & Young Commonwealth Lawyer Association, India Committee member.*

12:30 - 1:00 PM

Plenary

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Lunch Break

**Session Moderator : Geoffrey Odhiambo**,  
*Programme Officer ICJ Kenya.*



## TOPIC :

**Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law in Advancing Economic Justice: Achievements, Challenges, and Prospects.**

**Session Moderator : Christine Alai**

*Vice Chairperson, ICJ Kenya.*

**DAY 3**

## TIME

2:00 – 3:00 PM

3:00 – 3:30 PM

3:30 – 4:00 PM

4:00 – 4:30 PM

### Talking Points:

- Analysis of the constitutional frameworks of Kenya, India, and other Global South nations in promoting economic justice and protecting citizen rights.
- Achievements, challenges and prospects for strategic impact and public interest litigation.

### Discussant:

- **Hon. Justice Daniel Musinga**, *President of the Court of Appeal of Kenya.*
- **Dr. Ken Nyaundi**, *Senior Advocate of the High Court of Kenya.*
- **Gayatri Malhotra**, *Associate Litigation Counsel, Internet Freedom Foundation.*

### Plenary

#### Concluding Resolutions

- **James Gichuru**, *ICJ Kenya Council Member.*
- **Santhaaan Krishnan**, *Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Commonwealth Lawyers Association Honorary Life President.*

#### Closing Remarks/ Vote of Thanks

- **Purity Makori**, *ICJ Kenya Council Member.*



## Hon. Justice Daniel Musinga

**H**on. Justice Daniel Musinga is the President of the Court of Appeal, elected in 2021 to serve a five-year term. He founded Musinga & Company Advocates in 1991, practicing law until his appointment as a High Court Judge in 2003. During his legal career, he chaired the Mombasa Law Society of Kenya and the Kenya Christian Lawyers Fellowship, which provided pro-bono legal services.

Justice Musinga was recognized as the 2011 Jurist of the Year by ICJ Kenya and has served in key judicial roles, including Presiding Judge of the Commercial and Admiralty Division and Chairman of the Performance Management and Measurement Steering Committee, where he institutionalized performance management in the Judiciary. Appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2012, he also serves as Vice-President of the East African Development Bank Arbitration Tribunal and continues to contribute to judicial reforms and governance in Kenya.





**D**r. Ken Nyaundi is a senior advocate of the High Court of Kenya with over three decades of experience. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and an expert in Alternative Dispute Resolution, serving on the Chief Justice’s Mediation Accreditation Committee. Currently, he is the managing partner at Marende & Nyaundi Advocates, a specialized law firm in Nairobi.

Dr. Nyaundi has extensive consultancy experience in international law, governance, wildlife conservation, and the rule of law. He has observed elections in India, Zambia, Ghana, and Nigeria for organizations like the African Union and the Commonwealth. He has held public roles including founding chairperson of the Media Complaints Commission, Commissioner with the Interim Independent Electoral Commission, and Chairman of Laikipia University Council.

An academic and mentor, Dr. Nyaundi holds a doctorate in Public International Law from the University of Cape Town, South Africa.



**F**red has practised law for twenty-five (25) years as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya since 1998 majoring in Litigation both in all the Kenyan Courts and East African Court of Justice and now as the Managing Partner in the Law firm of Ibrahim, Issack & Company Advocates. He is an expert in Human Rights, International Law, Aviation Law, Corporate Law, Banking Law, International Trade Law, Company Law and Land Registration and property transaction procedures, Securities Law, Real Estate Law, Insurance Law, Intellectual Property Law, Labour Law, Insurance Law and Arbitration. He has practiced at East African Court of Justice at Arusha TZ.

He is a member of the law society of Kenya, the East African Law Society, the African Court on Human and Peoples Rights, Indo African Chamber of Commerce, India and Council Member at ICJ Kenya. He has been an active member of ICJ Kenya for over 20 years, participating and exposed to training programmes and conferences on Human Rights and Human Rights litigation and practices.



**M**artin is a Constitutional and Human Rights lawyer with extensive experience in research, policy advocacy, and civic space, security governance, counter-terrorism, and transitional justice at national, regional, and international levels. He is the Senior Program Advisor for Transitional Justice at the Kenya Human Rights Commission and holds a Bachelor of Laws from Nkumba University, a Postgraduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law, and an Advanced Human Rights certificate from the University of Pretoria. He is pursuing a Master of Laws at the University of Nairobi.

Martin has contributed to impactful campaigns and coalitions advocating for human rights and victims' justice. His engagements with bodies like the UN Human Rights Council and the African Commission have achieved significant resolutions. A published researcher, Martin is a member of the Law Society of Kenya, East African Law Society, and ICJ, and chairs Democracy Without Borders Kenya Chapter.



Willis Otieno

**W**illis is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a principal partner at Otieno Ogola & Company Advocates, where he leads in litigation, governance, public law, elections, constitutional and administrative law, and political processes. A seasoned elections and democracy expert, Willis has practiced extensively, including before the Supreme Court of Kenya in high-profile cases such as presidential election petitions.

In Kenya's last general elections, he served as a deputy presidential candidate, further showcasing his commitment to governance and public service. Willis is a staunch advocate for transparency and accountability, as well as a strong supporter of socio-economic empowerment initiatives.

He is an active member of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) Kenya and the Law Society of Kenya, where he contributes to advancing the rule of law, human rights, and democratic values.



**S**he leads the Emerging Technologies Wing of the Information Technologies, Electronics, and Communication Department (ITE&C) of the Telangana government, where she has driven policy frameworks in AI, Blockchain, Drones, Cybersecurity, and other cutting-edge domains. Her leadership established Centers of Excellence in AI, Cybersecurity, and Additive Manufacturing, fostering infrastructure access, R&D, and community collaboration, solidifying Telangana’s position as a tech leader.

She spearheaded impactful initiatives such as ‘Medicine from the Sky,’ delivering vaccines via drones; a blockchain solution for counterfeit seed traceability aiding farmers; and smartphone-based e-voting systems leveraging AI and blockchain. Her efforts have significantly contributed to technological innovation for social good.

A recipient of the Digital India Award for an AI-based nutrient management solution promoting sustainable agriculture, she was also recognized as one of Google’s ‘Women in AI’ and awarded the Women Achiever’s Award by Telangana in 2022. She holds advanced degrees in Environmental Engineering and Business Management.



**S**iddharth graduated from Amity Law School in 2015 and began his career with the Chambers of Constitutional Jurist, the late Mr. T.R. Andhyarujina, working on cases involving the death penalty, executive powers, river disputes, and human rights before the Supreme Court of India. In 2016, he was appointed by the Government of Maharashtra to represent the state in the Krishna River Water Dispute Tribunal.

In 2017, Siddharth earned a Master's in Comparative Constitutional Law from Central European University, Budapest, on a merit-based scholarship. He now practices as an independent counsel before the Supreme Court of India and the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, handling constitutional, commercial, and criminal cases.

Siddharth teaches Constitutional Law at Amity Law School, Gwalior, as an Adjunct Faculty and researches constitutional amendments, contributing to global scholarship. He co-chairs the Young Commonwealth Lawyers Committee and is a Peer Review Member for Columbia's Constitutional Law Magazine.



**D**emas is the Deputy Executive Director at ICJ Kenya. He is a seasoned human rights advocate with over 12 years of experience in security sector reform and digital rights. He has led impactful campaigns on freedom of expression, the right to life, and digital rights while working with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, ARTICLE 19, and Amnesty International Kenya. Through strategic litigation, Demas has expanded human rights jurisprudence in Kenya and the region, successfully challenging laws that restrict free speech, such as defamation statutes and the 2014 Security Laws Amendment Act.

He holds a Master of Laws in International Human Rights and Criminal Law from Bangor University, focusing on AI regulation in Africa from a human rights perspective. A columnist for The Friday Standard, he writes on human rights and governance. Demas is the current Chairperson of the Media Complaints Commission, mediating disputes involving media and the public, and continues to champion constitutionalism and digital rights.



**A**par Gupta is the Founder-Director of the Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF) and has nearly two decades of experience at the intersection of technology and democratic rights in India. Since 2013, he has been at the forefront of landmark technology and civil rights cases, leveraging strategic litigation to address issues like online censorship and mass surveillance.

Apar co-founded the SaveTheInternet.in campaign for net neutrality and has deposed before Parliamentary Committees. He also served on a Supreme Court sub-committee on judicial data privacy. In recognition of his work at IFF, he was awarded the Ashoka Fellowship.





**G**ayatri Malhotra is a practicing lawyer based in India. She currently works as the Associate Litigation Counsel at the Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF), an India-based civil liberties organization dedicated to safeguarding digital rights. Gayatri has appeared before in cases related to internet shutdowns, online censorship, privacy, data protection, and digital rights before the Supreme Court of India and High Courts across India.



**A** seasoned legal professional practicing in the Supreme Court since 1976, with extensive experience across India's High Courts and international litigation in Singapore and the USA. Served as Advocate on Record for Rajasthan (1990-1993, 1994-1999) and Additional Advocate General (2004-2009), significantly reducing pending litigation. Designated Senior Advocate by the Supreme Court in 2019.

With over 10,000 appearances and 500 reported judgments, his legal career is distinguished. He served as Honorary Secretary of the Supreme Court Bar Association (1995-96) and Vice President of SCAORA (1999-2001). Notably, he drafted pioneering Sports Acts enabling IPL cricket and led the 'White Paper on Publishing Judgments using Neutral Citation.'

A prolific writer, speaker, and author of works like Shrimat Bhagwad Gita – A Lawyer's Perspective and Supreme Court on Arbitration Law, he also champions Online Dispute Resolution and Peace Mediation. Passionate about simplifying Sanaatan Dharm scriptures for Generation Z, he continues to inspire through law and philosophy.



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