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Filling of casual vacancies in the Commission

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Addendum

List of candidates

1. As at 17 April 2026, the names of the following candidates had been submitted to fill the seat vacated following the resignation of Phoebe Okowa:

Oagile Betheul Key Dingake (Botswana)
Taoheed Olufemi Elias (Nigeria)
Paul Kuruk (Ghana)

2. The curriculum vitae of the candidate Oagile Betheul Key Dingake (Botswana) is contained in document A/CN.4/789/Add.1 The curricula vitae of the candidates Taoheed Olufemi Elias (Nigeria) and Paul Kuruk (Ghana) are contained in the annex to the present note.



Annex

Curricula vitae*

Taoheed Olufemi Elias (Nigeria)

Bachelor of Arts in Jurisprudence, Magdalen College, University of Oxford

Member of the Nigerian Bar

Master of Law in International Law, 1st Class, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in International Law, University College, University of London

Professional experience

Current

Judge *ad hoc*, International Court of Justice (*Request relating to the Return of Property Confiscated in Criminal Proceedings (Equatorial Guinea v. France)*)

President and Judge, Administrative Tribunal of the OPEC Fund for Development, Vienna, Austria

Chairman and Judge, Islamic Development Bank Administrative Tribunal, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

President and Judge, OPEC Appeals Tribunal, Vienna, Austria

Visiting Professor in International Law, Department of Law, Queen Mary, University of London (since 2006)

Titular Member and Third Vice President, Institut de Droit International

Member, Panel of Arbitrators, Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre

Advisor to various international organisations (including the Asian Development Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and CGIAR)

Previous

United Nations Assistant Secretary-General/Registrar, International Residual Mechanism for International Tribunals (Arusha, Tanzania/The Hague, Netherlands) (2017–2020)

The Legal Adviser and Director, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), The Hague (2013–2016)

Judge for Staff Appeals, Special Tribunal for Lebanon, The Hague (2016)

Executive Secretary, World Bank Administrative Tribunal, Washington DC

Senior Legal Officer, OPCW (2008–2013, 2016)

Special Assistant to the Executive Secretary, United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC), Geneva, Switzerland (2004–2005)

Legal Adviser/Legal Officer, Governing Council Secretariat, UNCC (1998–2004)

Lecturer in Law, King's College, University of London (1996–1998)

Lecturer in Law, University of Buckingham (1989–1996)

Visiting Professor, School of Law, King's College London

Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Visiting Professorial Lecturer, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

Visiting Professor, School of Law, University of Buckingham

Frequent speaker at international law conferences and symposia

Life Member, Nigerian Society of International Law

Life Member, International Law Association (Nigeria)

Member, Editorial Advisory Board of the West African Yearbook of International Economic Law and Practice

Member, Advisory Board, Judicial Developments in International Human Rights Law (Book Series, Brill)

Member, Editorial Board, African Journal of International and Comparative Law

Member, Advisory Board, International Arbitration Review

Member, Editorial Board of the International Community Law Review

Life Member, International Law Association (Nigeria branch)

Former Secretary-General, African Association of International Law

Former Member, Executive Council, American Society of International Law

Recipient of Honorary Membership Award, American Society of International Law (for distinguished contributions or service in the field of international law)

Selected publications

Books

Shielding Humanity: Essays in International Law and Policy in HONOUR OF JUDGE ABDUL G. KOROMA (co-edited, 2015)

The Development and Effectiveness of International Administrative Law (2012)

Treaty Interpretation and the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties: Thirty Years on (co-edited, 2010)

Contemporary Issues in the Law of Treaties (co-authored, 2005)

The Paradox of Consensualism in International Law (co-authored, 1998)

Other Publications

“Bandung and the Future Of Africa’s Pasts” (co-authored), part of The Bandung Conference at 70: International Law’s Many Third Worlds, AJIL Unbound, Volume 119 (2025), 221

“The Law and Procedure of International Administrative Tribunals” (co-authored), in *Research Handbook on International Procedural Law*, J. Gomula and S. Wittich, (eds. 2024)

“The Persistent Objector Rule”, in *Max Planck Encyclopaedia of Public International Law* (2024)

“Article 58”, in *The Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties – A Commentary* (O. Corten et al. (eds., 2nd edn.) (forthcoming)

“International Organizations”, in *Institut de Droit International: 150 Years of Contributing to the Development of International Law – Justitia et Pace (1873–2023)*, M. Kohen and I. van der Heijden (eds. 2023) 611

“The Historical Contribution of the World Bank” (co-authored), in *The Cambridge Companion to International Arbitration*, C. L. Lim (ed., 2021) 244

“Who Can Make Treaties? International Organisations”, in *The Oxford Guide to Treaties*, D. Hollis (ed., 2nd edn., 2020) 97

- “Chemical Weapons and Non-State Actors” (co-authored), in *International Humanitarian Law and Non-State Actors*, E. Heffes et al (eds., 2020) 115
- “United Nations International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals”, in *Max Planck Encyclopaedia of International Procedural Law*
- “Disarmament” (co-authored), in *Contextual and Conceptual Perspectives on the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties*, D. Kritsiotis and M. Bowman, (eds., 2019)
- “The Law of the International Civil Service”, United Nations Audiovisual Library, 2016
- “Non-State Actors and the Chemical Weapons Convention”, United Nations Audiovisual Library, 2016
- “Aspects of Africa’s Contribution to the Development of International Law” (co-authored), in *Shielding Humanity: Essays in International Law and Policy in Honour of Judge Abdul G. Koroma*, C. Jalloh and O. Elias (eds., 2015)
- “Some Remarks on Judicial Deference in International Administrative Law” (co-authored), in *From the Arab World to the Globalization of International Law and Arbitration: Festschrift in Honour of Dr. Ahmed El-Kosheri*, Mohammed Abdel Raouf et al. (eds., 2015)
- “The Role of International Administrative Law” (co-authored), in *The Development and Effectiveness of International Administrative Law*, O. Elias (ed., 2012)
- “International Administrative Tribunals”, (co-authored), in *The Rules, Practice and Jurisprudence of International Courts and Tribunals*, C. Giorgetti (ed., 2012)
- “The African Court on Human & Peoples’ Rights: *Yogogombaye v. Senegal*”, 49 *International Legal Materials* 850 (2010)
- “Withdrawing from International Custom and the Paradox of Consensualism in International Law” (co-authored), 21(3) *Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law* 143 (2010)
- “Environmental Impact Assessment”, in *Research Handbook on International Environmental Law* D. Ong and M. Fitzmaurice (eds., 2nd edn., 2021) 189
- “Introductory Note to the Protocol on the Statute of the African Court of Justice and Human Rights”, 48 *International Legal Materials* 314 (2009)
- “The Law of Treaties and the Relationship between The Security Council and the International Criminal Court”, in *Interrogating the Treaty*, M. Craven and M. Fitzmaurice (eds., 2005) 17
- “Liability for the Costs of Monitoring and Assessment of Environmental Damage”, in *Issues of State Responsibility Before International Judicial Institutions* (M. Fitzmaurice and D. Sarooshi, eds., 2004) 219
- “The Immunity of Unrecognized States before National Courts”, 8 *Singapore Yearbook of International Law* 93 (2004)
- “The Relationship between the Security Council and the International Criminal Court in the light of Resolution 1422 (2002)” (co-authored), 3 *Non-State Actors and International Law* 155 (2004)
- “Humanitarian Considerations in the Work of the United Nations Compensation Commission” (co-authored), 85 *International Review of the Red Cross* 555 (2003)
- “Sustainable Development, War Reparations and Environmental Damage”, in *Exploitation of Natural Resources in the 21st Century: The Challenge of Sustainable Development*, M. Fitzmaurice and M. Szuniewicz, (eds. 2003)
- “General International Law in the European Court of Justice: From Hypothesis to Reality” XXXI *Netherlands Yearbook of International Law* (2000) 3
- “The Right of the Child to a Clean Environment in Nigeria”, in *The Right of the Child to a Clean Environment*, A. Fijalkowska and M. Fitzmaurice (eds., 2000)
- “Sanctions Without Law: The Lockerbie Case (Preliminary Objections)” (co-authored), 4 *Austrian Review of International and European Law* (1999) 204

- “The Right of Passage Doctrine Revisited: An Opportunity Missed” (co-authored), 12 *Leiden Journal of International Law* (1999) 231
- “Regionalism in International Law and the Westphalian Legacy”, in *Renegotiating Westphalia: Essays and Commentary on the European and Conceptual Foundations of Modern International Law*, C. Harding and C. L. Lim (eds., 1998)
- “General Principles, ‘Soft’ Law and the Identification of International Law”(co-authored), XXVIII *Netherlands Yearbook of International Law* (1997) 3
- “The Role of Treaties in the Contemporary International Legal Order” (co-authored), 66 *Nordic Journal of International Law (Acta Scandinavica juris gentium)* (1997) 1
- “The Consent of States and the Relationship Between General and Particular Customary International Law,” 8 *African Journal of International and Comparative Law* (1996) 67
- “The Nature of the Subjective Element in Customary International Law”, 44 *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* (1995) 501
- “Some Tentative Epistemological Claims Concerning the Basis of Customary International Law” (co-authored), 25 *Cambrian Law Review* (1994) 103
- “Some Remarks on the Persistent Objector Rule in International Law”, *Denning Law Journal* (1991) 37

Paul Kuruk (Ghana)**I. International Law Teaching And Research Experience**

Cumberland School of Law of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. **Professor of International Law & Lucille Stewart Beeson Chair in Law**, 2019 to present; **Professor of Law**, 1999 to 2019; **Associate Professor of Law**, 1995 to 1999.

- Teach upper level students Public International Law, Private International Law, Comparative International Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution; and International Human Rights Law.
- Topics covered: treaties; customary international law; general principles of law; the International Court of Justice; specialized and regional courts; arbitration; recognition and succession of States and Governments; individuals as objects and subjects of international law; international human rights law; international criminal court; international organizations and non-governmental organizations; international law and the use of force; the law of the sea; the continental shelf; fisheries zones, the exclusive economic zone; the territorial sea; principles of jurisdiction; foreign sovereign immunity; and act of state doctrine.

Director, Cumberland International Law Students Association, 1998 to present.

Chair, Advisory Committee on the Master in Comparative Law Program, 2005 to 2022.

Member, University Search Committee for the recruitment of a new Dean for the Law School, 2000 to 2001.

Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom.

Visiting Scholar, St. Peter's College, January to June, 2003.

- Conducted research and lectures on public international law and the protection of human and cultural rights.

Cambridge University, Cambridge, England.

Visiting Professor, Cumberland-at-Cambridge, May to August, 2006.

- Taught Public International Law.
- Topics covered: international institutions and processes for making international law, resolving conflicts between states, and addressing global concerns.

Max-Planck Institute, Munich, Germany. **Fulbright Senior Scholar**, August to December 2002; **Research Fellow**, August to December 2002.

- Researched and lectured on the international protection of indigenous human and cultural rights.

GIMPA Law School, Accra, Ghana.

Visiting Professor, July to December, 2011.

- Taught courses in Public International Law and International Human Rights Law.
- Topics covered: the role of international and regional organizations in nation-building; and the African Charter on Human Rights.

Emory University, Atlanta, USA.

Visiting Professor, January to December 2003.

- Conducted lectures on the international protection of indigenous cultural rights.

University of Durham, Durham, England.

Visiting Professor, Cumberland-at-Durham, May to August, 2000.

- Taught Public International Law.

International Law Institute, Kampala, Uganda.

Lecturer, 1998 to 2001.

- Taught seminars on dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration.

II. Judicial appointment

African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Accra, Ghana.

Judge, AfCFTA Appellate Body, April 2025 to present.

- Appointment by the **Summit of Heads of State and Government of the African Union (AU)**. The Decision of the Summit is recorded in: *Assembly/AU/Dec.956(XXXIX), Page 2*
- The AfCFTA is the largest free trade area in the world in terms of membership (54 participating countries) with a total population of more than 1.5 billion people.

III. International and diplomatic experience

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) New York, USA.

Vice-Chairman, UNCITRAL, July 2020 to June 2021.

Rapporteur, UNCITRAL Working Group IV, 2022 to 2024.

Member, Ghana Government Delegation, April 2018 to present.

Work on International Treaties: Participated in the negotiations and drafting of the following conventions, codes and model laws.

- United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation.
- United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sale of Ships.
- Statute of the Advisory Centre on International Investment Dispute Resolution.
- UNCITRAL Code of Conduct for Arbitrators in International Investment Dispute Resolution and Commentary.
- UNCITRAL Code of Conduct for Judges in International Investment Dispute Resolution and Commentary.
- UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Mediation and International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation.
- UNCITRAL Model Law on the Use and Cross-Border Recognition of Identity Management and Trust Services.
- UNCITRAL Model Provisions on Mediation for International Investment Disputes.
- UNCITRAL Guidelines on Mediation for International Investment Disputes.

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Paris, France.

Representative, Africa Region, Committee on the First Draft of an International Convention for Intangible Cultural Heritage, February 2002 to November 2002.

- Participated in drafting the preliminary instrument for the international protection of intangible cultural heritage which was deliberated upon and adopted as a Convention by the UNESCO General Assembly on October 17, 2003.

World Intellectual Property Organization Geneva, Switzerland.

Vice-Chair, Preparatory Committee of the Diplomatic Conference to conclude international treaty on traditional knowledge and genetic resources.

Facilitator, Intergovernmental Committee, March 2018 to present.

- Facilitate negotiations of the 191 country-member body to develop treaties for the protection of cultural rights.
- Serve as the chairman of various international sub-committees or contact groups established to examine and develop consensus on difficult, critical and controversial issues regarding objectives, scope, definitions, exceptions, sanctions and remedies in the draft texts of the treaties.

Member, Ghana Government Delegation to sessions of the Intergovernmental Committee, 2001 to present.

Member, Drafting Committee of the Diplomatic Conference to adopt treaty on traditional knowledge and genetic resources, May 2024.

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Consultant, 2011–2012.

- Presented papers and chaired panels to discuss measures to boost intra-African trade and assess the feasibility of an African continental free trade area.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Geneva, Switzerland.

Consultant, December 2003 to April 2004.

- Developed background documentation for program on the international protection of indigenous rights.

United Kingdom – Ghana Trade Partnership Agreement Accra, Ghana.

Chief Trade Negotiator for Ghana, March 2020 to June 2024.

- Led negotiations between Ghana and the United Kingdom on the terms of the Interim Ghana-UK Trade Partnership Agreement following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

Arbitrator, Member of the panel of arbitrators established under the treaty.

European Union-Ghana Economic Partnership Agreement

Arbitrator, Member of the panel of arbitrators established under the treaty.

Negotiator, December 2003 to April 2004.

- Drafted Rules of Procedure for Dispute Settlement.

African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Accra, Ghana September 2020 to July 2024.

Leader, Ghana Government Delegation to meetings of the Dispute Settlement Body of the AfCFTA.

Negotiator, Rules of Procedure of the Selection Committee for the Appointment of Members of the Appellate Body under the AfCFTA Protocol on the Settlement of Disputes.

Arbitrator, Member of the panel of arbitrators, March 2022 to June 2024.

AfCFTA National Coordination Office Accra, Ghana

August 2021 to present **Legal Advisor**, AfCFTA National Coordination Office.

Chair, Technical Working Group on Trade Policy of Ghana for the national implementation of the AfCFTA.

African Union Permanent Mission, Geneva, Switzerland.

Consultant, October 2009 to present.

- Facilitate workshops to enhance the capacities of African government negotiators.

Food and Agricultural Organization Rome, Italy.**Consultant**, 2004.

- Advised on the resolution of conflicts over water resources in Nigeria.

Commonwealth Secretariat Marlborough House, London, England.**Consultant**, June to September 2004.

- Developed international framework for the protection of cultural rights premised on mutual recognition systems by States.

World Conservation Union (IUCN) Gland, Switzerland.**Chair**, Commission on Environmental Law Specialist Group on Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Law, September 2002 to December 2004.

- International comparative legal analyses on, and advocacy for the recognition and promotion of, indigenous cultural rights.

Economic Community of West African States, (ECOWAS) Abuja, Nigeria.**Consultant**, October 2007 to 2012.

- Member, ECOWAS delegation to the European Union – West Africa Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations.
- Drafted proposals on the dispute resolution procedures for the Agreement.

Member, Committee on Harmonization of Business Laws, March 2008 to November 2010.

- Drafted model regional legal instruments on Accounting Standards; Labour; Agency; Contracts; Company Law; and Hire Purchase.
- Completed first stage of work aimed at harmonizing national laws of all English, French and Portuguese speaking countries of ECOWAS to enhance the process of regional integration.

Member, Committee on Common Investment Market Vision, August 2008 to December 2018.

- Chair Technical Committee of the Draft ECOWAS Investment Code.
- Authored the dispute settlement chapters of the ECOWAS Investment Policy Framework.

Leader, Negotiations Capacity Building Program, July 2004 to April 2005.

- Developed curriculum and training manuals to enhance participation of ECOWAS and member states in multilateral negotiations.

Ghana International Trade Commission Accra, Ghana.**Deputy Chairman**, April 2018 to January 2025.

- Investigated and ruled on petitions from domestic industry regarding anti-competitive and unfair practices, including the subsidization of imported products by foreign governments, and the dumping of imported products into the domestic market.

West Africa Civil Society Forum (WACSOF) Abuja, Nigeria.**Member, Executive Committee**, December 2006 to December 2010.

- Worked with civil society groups in 15 West African countries to develop and implement projects to enhance capacities of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and its member states in international legal frameworks on the rule of law, human rights, democracy, good governance, peace and security, regional integration and economic development.

Consultant, on institutional reforms in the ECOWAS Commission, May to August 2010.

- Evaluated system in ECOWAS for nominating and electing senior officials.

Member, Disciplinary Committee, March to November 2007.

- Investigated complaints against WACSOFF officials and staff and recommended disciplinary action as required by staff regulations.

Institute for African Development (INADEV) Accra, Ghana.

Executive Director, February 2000 to present.

- Manage public interest organization supported by staff and adjunct faculty of professionals from academia, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.
- Provide technical assistance services to governments, international organizations, and regional economic communities.
- Areas covered: public international law, comparative law, human rights, arbitration and international investment.

Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Center Accra, Ghana.

Lecturer, July 2002 to July 2007.

- Taught courses on human rights, peacebuilding and conflict resolution at programs sponsored by the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP).

IV. International law practice experience

Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal Los Angeles, California.

Associate, Los Angeles, California, June 1993 to July 1995.

- Reviewed, advised upon, drafted and negotiated international investment agreements.

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher Los Angeles, California.

Associate, October 1989 to May 1993.

- Represented clients in international arbitration proceedings and conducted settlement negotiations.
- Coordinated discovery, service of process abroad and pre-trial motions in high-profile international litigation.

V. Selected editorial board and reviewer positions

Editorial Board, *Journal of the Faculty of Law*, Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria, 2001.

Book Reviewer, for Publisher Routledge (UK) of book proposal on international treaty for the protection of traditional knowledge, 2024.

External Reviewer, Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Ottawa University Faculty of Law, 2023.

External Reviewer, Faculty Promotion Committee, Loyola University College of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, 2010.

Reviewer, *The Journal of World Intellectual Property*, Oxford, UK, 2007.

External Reviewer, Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Faculty of Law, University of Tasmania, Australia, 2006.

External Reviewer, Faculty Promotion Committee, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada, 2005.

External Reviewer, Doctoral Dissertation Committee, Queen Mary College, University of London, 2005.

External Reviewer, Doctoral Dissertation Committee, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, 2003.

Reviewer, *Social Science & Medicine*, Christchurch, New Zealand, 2002.

VI. Education

Stanford Law School, Stanford, California, U.S.A.

J.S.D. (Doctor of Juridical Science), Public International Law, June 1990.

Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

M.A. (Master of Arts), May 1986.

Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

LL.M. (Master of Laws), International Human Rights Law, May 1985.

Ghana Law School, Accra, Ghana.

B.L. (Barrister at Law), November 1983.

University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana.

LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws), July 1981.

VII. Selected honors and awards

Lucille Stewart Beeson Professor of International Law, Endowed Chair, Samford University, 2019 to the present.

Jackson Excellence in Teaching Award, Samford University, 2018, for the member of the faculty adjudged to be the best teacher.

Lightfoot, Franklin & White Award, for the best faculty scholarship, Samford University, 2016.

Fulbright Senior Scholar Award, U.S State Department, 2002.

Cumberland Law School Faculty Research Grant, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2024, 2025.

Research Fellow, Max-Planck Institute, Munich, Germany, 2002.

Rockefeller Centre Bellagio Residency, November 2002.

Scholarship Recipient, Sixth Annual Ernst C. Stiefel Symposium, New York Law School, New York 1996.

Stanford University Research Assistantship, Stanford, California, 1986-87.

Temple University Teaching Assistantship, Philadelphia, 1985.

Temple University Research Assistantship, Philadelphia, 1984.

Temple University Fellowship, 1983-85.

VIII. Bar admissions

Ghana Bar Association, as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ghana, 1989.

Bar of the State of California, USA, 1989.

Bar of the State of New York, USA, 1986.

IX. Selected professional organizations

American Society of International Law.

Association of Third World Studies.

Association of American Law Schools Section on Africa.

Law and Society Association.

International Third World Legal Studies Association
 American Bar Association.
 Secretary, Alabama State Bar Section on International Law.
 Birmingham Committee on Foreign Relations.

X. Language proficiencies

Primary: English.
 Secondary: French. Fluent in written, technical and conversational French.

XI. Selected publications in international law

Books and Book Chapters

PAUL KURUK, *TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, GENETIC RESOURCES, CUSTOMARY LAW AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: A GLOBAL PRIMER* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020, ISBN 9781785368479).

Reviewed in: 25 *EDINBURGH LAW REVIEW* 141-143 (1921).

PAUL KURUK, *RENEGOTIATING TRANSNATIONAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS IN AID OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT* (University Microfilms International, 1991).

Paul Kuruk, “*Protecting Folklore Under Modern Intellectual Property Regimes*”, in PAUL GOLDSTEIN, *INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: CASES AND MATERIALS* 81-94 (2001).

Paul Kuruk, “*Trends in the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights*”, in *NEW ROLE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS* (M. Simensky, L. Bryer & N. Wilkof Eds. 1998), at 107.

PAUL KURUK, *THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE: EVOLVING ROLE AND CHALLENGES IN THE SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES* (work in progress).

Law Review and Journal Articles

Paul Kuruk, “*Asylum and Non-Refoulement of Refugees*”, 25 *STAN. J. INT’L L.* 313 (1999).

Paul Kuruk, “*Refugeeism: A Dilemma in International Human Rights*”, 1 *TEMP. INT’L & COMP. L. J.* 179-229 (1987).

Paul Kuruk, “*Goadng a Reluctant Dinosaur: Mutual Recognition Agreements as a Policy Response to the Misappropriation of Traditional Knowledge in the United States*”, 34 *PEPP. L. REV.* 629 (2007).

Paul Kuruk, “*The Role of Customary Law Under Sui Generis Frameworks on Intellectual Property Rights in Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge*”, 17 *IND. INT’L & COM. L. REV.* 67 (2007).

Paul Kuruk, “*Mutual Recognition Agreements and the Protection of Traditional Knowledge*”, 38 *COMMONWEALTH TRADE HOT TOPICS* 1 (2004).

Paul Kuruk, “*Cultural Heritage, Traditional Knowledge and Indigenous Rights: An Analysis of the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage*”, 1 *MQ. INT’L & COMP. ENV. L.* 111 (2004).

Paul Kuruk, “*Investment Issues in the West Africa-European Union Economic Partnership Agreement Negotiations: Is A Harmonised Regional Investment Framework the Answer*”, 20 *AFR. J. INT’L & COMP. L.* 448-470 (2012).

Paul Kuruk, “*The Subsidies Issue in International Trade: Musings of the Economic Partnership Agreement Negotiations*”, 38 *N.C. J. INT’L & COM. REG.* 101 (2012).

Paul Kuruk, *"Negotiating Competition Policy in Multilateral Trade Agreements: European Union Overtures to West Africa and the WTO"*, 36 U. PA. J. INT'L L. 651 (2015).

Paul Kuruk, *"Renegotiating Transnational Investment Agreements"*, 13 MICH. J. INT'L L. 43-82 (1991).

Paul Kuruk, *Controls on Technology Transfer*, 13 MD. J. INT'L & TRADE 301-328 (1989).

Paul Kuruk, *"Toward a Theory of Technology Licensing"*, [Co-Author] 25 STAN. J. INT'L L. 195-229 (1989).

Paul Kuruk, *"Regulating Access to Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources: The Disclosure Requirement as a Strategy to Combat Biopiracy"*, 17 SAN DIEGO INT'L L. J. 1-74 (2015).

Paul Kuruk, *"Bridging the Gap Between Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights: Is Reciprocity an Answer?"* 7 JWIP 429 (2004).

Paul Kuruk, *"African Hospitality and the Liberian Refugees"*, 23(7) AFRICAN NEWS WEEKLY, July 1-14, 1996, at 6.

Paul Kuruk, *"African Customary Law and the Protection of Traditional Knowledge"*, COPYRIGHT BULLETIN Vol. 2 (2002).

Paul Kuruk, *"Protecting Folklore Under Modern Intellectual Property Regimes"*, 48 AM. U. L. REV. 769-849 (1999).

Paul Kuruk, *"A Survey of Bankruptcy Law in Ghana"*, 17 N. Y. L. SCH. J. INT'L & COMP. L. 487 (1997).

Paul Kuruk, *"Performance of Electric Utilities in Developing Countries"*, 11 LOY. L.A. INT'L L & COMP. L. J. 515-542 (1989).

XII. Selected papers and lectures in international law

Paul Kuruk, *"Competence of the European Union to Ratify International Instruments on behalf of its Member States"*, Diplomatic Conference, WIPO, May 2024.

Paul Kuruk, *"Rights of International Investors within the Context of the AfCFTA Agreement"*, Conference by the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Abuja, Nigeria, April 2024.

Paul Kuruk, *"Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform: Challenges and Prospects for Developing Countries"*, United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, November 2023.

Paul Kuruk, *"Farmers Rights and Access to Seeds"*, Conference, Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva, Switzerland, May 28, 2016.

Paul Kuruk, *"Promoting Regional Integration through Common Instruments: A Reappraisal of the ECOWAS Investment Code and Policy"*, Meeting of Experts of ECOWAS Member States Accra, Ghana, December 17, 2014.

Paul Kuruk, *"Facilitating International Cooperation, in Particular, South-South Cooperation in Using the Intellectual Property System for the Protection of Cultural Rights"*, Conference by the Government of Brazil and the World Intellectual Property Organization, Brasilia, Brazil, August 8, 2012.

Paul Kuruk, *"The Implications and Challenges of the European Union – West Africa Negotiations for Investments in ECOWAS"*, Seminar at the National Center, Praia, Cape Verde, May 9, 2012.

Paul Kuruk, *"Intellectual Property Policy for Africa: A Review of Options and Flexibilities"*, Conference by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, November 22, 2011.

Paul Kuruk, *“Facilitating Investment in the Global Economy: The Relevance of Harmonized Investment Codes”*, Second ECOWAS Investment Forum, Lagos, Nigeria, September 15, 2011.

Paul Kuruk, *“Impact of the Human Rights and Traditional Knowledge on the Global Intellectual Property Policy”*, Seminar by the Max Planck Institute, Frauenchiemsee, Germany, June 27, 2011.

“Attracting Foreign Direct Investment: The Role of Investment Promotion Agencies”, ECOWAS Meeting, Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire, November 16, 2010.

Paul Kuruk, *“Draft International Instrument on Limitations and Exclusions to Facilitate Access to Protected Works by Educational Institutions, Museums and the Visually Impaired”*, Seminar, African Union, Geneva, November 5, 2010.

Paul Kuruk, *“Need for International Cooperation in Tackling Cases of Misappropriation”*, WIPO Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, July 10–23, 2010.

Paul Kuruk, *“International Law and the Protection of Community Rights”*, Conference by the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland, June 18, 2010.

Paul Kuruk, *“Selection of a President for the Economic Community of West African States: An Appraisal of the Current Rules”*, Conference by the Open Society Initiative for West Africa Dakar, Senegal, May 22–24, 2010.

Paul Kuruk, *“The Implications of Economic Partnership Agreements for African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries”*, Faculty Colloquium, Cumberland School of Law, Birmingham, Alabama, April 30, 2009.

Paul Kuruk, *“Regional Integration in ECOWAS: the Role of Non-State Actors”*, ECOWAS meeting, Abuja, Nigeria, March 6, 2009.

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