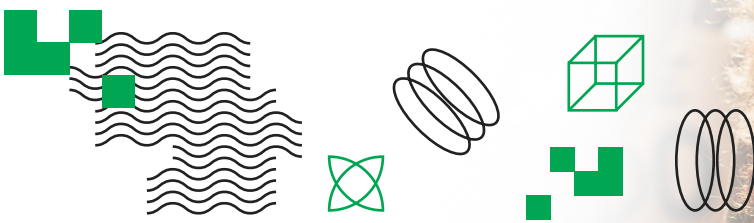


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PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS:

THE ROLE OF OMBUDSMAN INSTITUTIONS



DATE:
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

TIME:
10H00 – 11H30 SA (GMT+2)

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ZOOM

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SPEAKERS & FACILITATOR



SPEAKER 1
HON. JUSTICE (RTD.) MATTHEW PAUWA MHINA MWAIMU,
OMBUDSMAN OF TANZANIA,

Will discuss "Understanding the Role of Ombudsman Institutions in Promoting Human Rights."



SPEAKER 2
MR. STEVE ONWUASOANYA,
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISER,
GOVERNANCE AND
PEACE DIRECTORATE, THE
COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT
UNITED KINGDOM,

Will discuss "Investigating Human Rights Violations: The Mandate of Ombudsman Institutions."



SPEAKER 3
HON. PAUL DUBÉ,
OMBUDSMAN OF ONTARIO,
CANADA,

Will discuss "Addressing Systemic Human Rights Issues: Challenges and Opportunities."



FACILITATOR
HON. MARTHA CHIZUMA,
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU MALAWI AND
FORMER OMBUDSMAN OF MALAWI

Due to time constraints, please note that there will be no live questions and answers. Participants may, however, submit relevant questions to Franky Lwelela (Lwelela@ukzn.ac.za) or Marion Adonis (adonism@ukzn.ac.za) by 10:00 on Monday, March 25, 2024, or use the Q & A function during the Webinar. Time has been allocated to respond to questions raised before and during the session. If there is insufficient time to respond to all, the questions and answers will be available on the AOMA/AORC website www.aoma.ukzn.ac.za.

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Justice (Rtd.) Mathew P.M. Mwaimu is currently the chairperson of the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance, which is mandated by the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania both as a human rights institution and an Ombudsman Office. Before this post, he served as a judge of the High Court of Tanzania. During his career, the government employed Justice Mwaimu as a state attorney, and he was engaged in criminal prosecution and civil litigation at different times. He also holds a teaching profession. Justice Mwaimu holds an LLB from the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, a diploma in education, and has undergone various human rights short courses on different thematic areas, including international human rights reporting within Tanzania, South Africa, and Denmark. He attended and, on some occasions, made presentations of reports on the country's human rights situation as a high-level delegate from Tanzania to the Human Rights Council, treaty body mechanisms, and the African Commission for Human and People's Rights.

Mr Steve Onwuasoanya, Adviser and Head (Ag) of the Human Rights Unit, Commonwealth Secretariat. Steve Onwuasoanya is a seasoned Lawyer and international human rights law advocate, currently serving as Adviser and Head (Ag) of the Human Rights Unit at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London. Steve holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree from the University of Lagos and a Master of Laws degree (International Law and Justice) from Fordham University Law School, New York, USA. Steve is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. After several years in private legal practice, Steve joined the United Nations. Steve has had an extensive international career working for the United Nations Secretariat, New York, and other UN agencies (UNDP, OHCHR, UNHCR, UN Missions, etc.) in the field on issues of rule of law and development, access to justice and promotion and protection of human rights. Steve has demonstrated global experience driving in-country sustainable human rights initiatives, practices, and standards in collaboration with member governments and inter-governmental, regional, and international human rights institutions across North America, Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, Asia, and the Pacific. Steve is an engaging communicator skilled in building positive relationships with stakeholders and has a senior-level change-making background in organizational transformation.



Mr. Paul Dubé is Ontario's seventh Ombudsman and President of the North American chapter of the International Ombudsman Institute. He has overseen the largest expansion of jurisdiction in Ombudsman Ontario's history to more than 1,000 provincial government and public sector bodies. His office handles 25,000 public complaints annually, and his recommendations have prompted widespread reforms, including inspections of long-term care homes, de-escalation training for police, enhanced tracking of inmates in segregation, and help for people with developmental disabilities. Mr. Dubé was Canada's first Taxpayers' Ombudsman, promoting fairness in the Canada Revenue Agency's treatment of taxpayers. In June 2021, he received the Ontario Bar Association's Tom Marshall Award of Excellence, honouring his contributions to public sector law in Ontario.

Ms. Martha Chizuma is the current Director General of the Anti Corruption Bureau of Malawi. The first woman to ever hold that position in the history of the country. Prior to that she served as Ombudsman of the Republic of Malawi which position also made her a Commissioner of Malawi Human Rights Commission, Police Service Commission and Inspector of Prisons. Early in her career she also held several judicial functions like the Senior Resident Magistrate, Assistant Registrar of the High Court and Deputy Chairperson of the Industrial Relations Court. She also has Corporate world Experience having worked as Legal Counsel of Limbe Leaf Tobacco Company for 4 years. Martha holds a law degree from University of Malawi and a Master of Laws Degree from University of East London in UK. She is a member of the Malawi Law Society and Women Lawyers Association. In 2022 Martha was named one of the 8 anti corruption champions across the globe by the US State Department. During the time she was Ombudsman, the office was recognised as best performing public body and overall best performing public body in Malawi. Martha serves as Chairperson of Family Health Services and also on the Board of the Electoral Institute of Southern Africa.

