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THE AFRICAN OMBUDSMAN RESEARCH  
CENTRE (AORC), A RESEARCH AND TRAINING  
ARM OF THE AFRICAN OMBUDSMAN AND  
MEDIATORS' ASSOCIATION

- Cordially invite you to a facilitated discussion -  
**OMBUDSMAN UNDER THREAT**

Ombudsman Day is 10th October. In commemoration of Ombudsman Month and to raise awareness of the Ombudsman institution, AORC is hosting a two-hour facilitated discussion around the threats facing the Ombudsman institution.

This facilitated discussion is an excellent opportunity to discuss the threats and challenges facing the Ombudsman institution in Africa, how these threats and challenges are overcome and also to unpack the strategy of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) for Ombudsman under threat.

This facilitated discussion would enhance the capacity of Ombudsman throughout the continent in their tasks and contribute to the development of skilled resources within the Ombudsman institutions to the benefit of each participating country and Africa as a whole.

Please click on the [RSVP link](#) below should you wish to participate.

**DATE**

Tuesday 27 October 2020

**TIME**

10h00 – 12h00

**SPEAKERS**

Speaker 1 - Advocate John Walters  
Ombudsman of Namibia

Speaker 2 - Hon. Florence Kajuju  
Chairperson of the Commission of Administrative Justice, Kenya  
General Secretary - AOMA

Speaker 3 - Mr. Werner Amon  
Secretary General  
International Ombudsman Institute

**FACILITATOR**

Hon. Chille Wagner Igbawua  
Chief Commissioner of the Public Complaints Commission  
and Ombudsman of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

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Please note that there will be no live question and answers due to time constraints. 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, 26 October 2020** or use the Q & A function during the webinar. Time has been allocated for a response to questions raised before and during the session. If there is insufficient time to respond to all, the questions and answers will be made available on the AOMA/AORC website [www.aoma.ukzn.ac.za](http://www.aoma.ukzn.ac.za).

**ENQUIRIES ONLY**

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# SPEAKER & FACILITATOR

## PROFILES



### **ADV J R WALTERS** **Ombudsman of Namibia**

Adv John Walters obtained the degrees BA (1977) and LLB (1980) from the University of the Western Cape in South Africa and was admitted as advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa (South West Africa Division; as it was then called) in 1981. Mr Walters has been a career prosecutor since 1981 and magistrate since 1985. He spent some time in private practice until appointed as Acting Prosecutor-General in December 2002 until 31 December 2003. From April 1998 until March 2006, Mr Walters was the Chairperson of the Transportation Commission of Namibia; he was a member of the Board for Legal Education from 1996 to March 2004 and a member (ex officio) of the Law Reform and Development Commission of Namibia since July 2004 until date. Mr Walters is also a Board member of the African Ombudsman Research Centre. Mr Walters was appointed as Ombudsman of the Republic of Namibia in July 2004. He succeeded Adv. Bience Gawanas as the third substantive Ombudsman of Namibia. He joined the International Ombudsman Institute (I.O.I) Board of Directors as African Regional Vice-President in 2009. He was elected 1st Vice-President of the IOI in 2012 and President of the IOI in October 2014. His term of office as President of the IOI ended in November 2016.

### **HON. FLORENCE KAJUJU, MBS** **Chairperson/Ombudsman of Kenya & Secretary General - African Ombudsman & Mediators Association (AOMA)**

Hon. Florence Kajuju, is the Chairperson of the Commission on Administrative Justice (Office of the Ombudsman) and Secretary General of AOMA. Hon. Kajuju is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. She holds an LLB degree from the University of Nairobi and a Post-Graduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law. Hon.Kajuju previously served in Parliament as the Women Representative for Meru County and is a former Vice-President of the Law Society of Kenya.



### **MR. WERNER AMON** **Secretary General of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) & Austrian Ombudsman**

Werner Amon was a Member of Parliament for the Austrian People's Party from 1994 – 2019. He was the Chairman of the Austrian delegation to the Council of Europe and the Vice-President of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly. Mr Amon was elected as one of the members of the Austrian Ombudsman Board on 1 July 2019. As Ombudsman, he is responsible for monitoring the administration of the judiciary, the public prosecution, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and national defence, as well as investigating complaints concerning communal matters. Since his appointment as Ombudsman, Mr Amon also holds the position of Secretary General of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI). In this function, Mr Amon commits himself to strengthening the Ombudsman concept and fostering the exchange of expertise and shared learning among Ombudsman colleagues around the world.



### **HON. CHILLE W. IGBAWUA** **Chief Commissioner Public Complaints Commission (Nigerian Ombudsman)**

Hon. Chille Igbawua is a Lawyer, Technocrat, Administrator and parliamentarian. He holds a Masters' Degree in Law with bias in constitutional Law (LLM) and is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Administrators of London and Wales (FCIPA) as well as fellow of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (FICMC). He was appointed as the Chief Commissioner of the Public Complaints Commission in May 2018 and introduced several innovations leading to improvement in the pace and quality of the operations of the Commission. He also returned the Nigerian Ombudsman to the International Ombuds arena where it had been absent for over a decade. In 2018, the Members of African Ombudsman and Mediators Association (AOMA) at their general congress in Kigali, Rwanda elected him as the Regional Coordinator for West Africa. In 2019, he collaborated with Governance and Management Services International (GMSI) of the United Kingdom and hosted the 1st ever International Ombuds Expo in Nigeria. In November 2019, the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) nominated him as a member of the Board of Directors, the highest decision-making body of the institute.

