

HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT / PANEL DISCUSSION / BOOK LAUNCH
"A MODEL LAW ON SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT IN AFRICA"

Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Study (STIAS), Wallenberg Research Centre

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PROGRAMME

10h **Arrival of participants / coffee and tea in the lobby**

10.30h **Opening on behalf of the organisers, introduction and moderation**

- *Prof. Oliver C. Ruppel*, Director, Development and Rule of Law Programme (DROP), Stellenbosch University, South Africa and Research Center for Climate Law (ClimLaw), University of Graz, Austria; currently STIAS fellow

10.45h **High level segment statements: The need for legal action**

- *Prof. Sibusiso Moyo*, Deputy Vice Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Postgraduate Studies, Stellenbosch University
- *Clement Mavungu Phebe*, Legal Officer, Pan-African Parliament (PAP) of the African Union
- *Kysseline Chérestal, Esq.*, Legal Officer, Development Law Branch, Legal Office, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- *Dr. Francis Tetteh*, African Soil Partnership (AfSP)

11.15h **Presentation of the Model Law, its Commentaries and Rationale**

- *Dr. Pamela Towela Sambo*, Immediate Past Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Zambia and Senior Lecturer, Law School, University of Zambia
- *Prof. Christopher Tamasang*, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon; Vice Chairperson of the Association of Environmental Law Lecturers from African Universities (ASELLAU)
- *Dr. Delwendé Innocent Kiba*, former Minister of Agriculture of Burkina Faso and President of the Soil Science Society of Burkina Faso

11.40h **Panel discussion**

Discussants from the Pan-African Parliament

- *Hon. Sakata Garry (DRC)*, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) of the African Union
- *Hon. Abdallah Barakat Ibrahim (Djibouti)*, Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) of the African Union
- *Hon. Sulayman Saho (Gambia)*, Rapporteur of the Committee on Agriculture of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) of the African Union
- *Hon. Awatef Cheniti (Tunisia)*, Member of the Committee on Agriculture of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) of the African Union

Discussants from the Model Law-Writing-Team

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- *Dr. Harald Ginzky*, German Environment Agency (UBA); currently STIAS fellow

12.30h Book launch: "Legal Pathways to Sustainable Soil Management in Africa"

An Authors Input

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12.45h Group photo followed by lunch

END OF PROGRAMME

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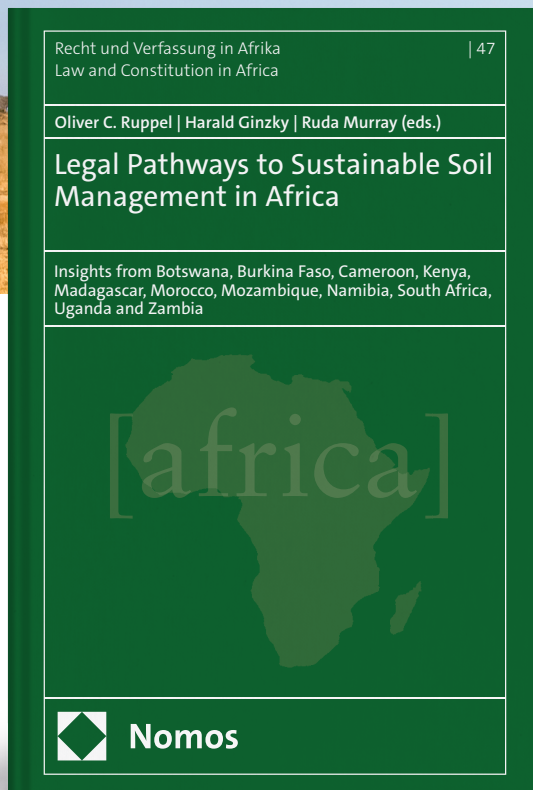
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