



The Institute

The African Institute of International Law, established in 2012 as an autonomous regional organization, is dedicated to promoting the rule of law, fostering research, and building capacity in international and African Union law for the development of Africa. Its prestigious Academy on African Union Law and the Public Law of Africa aims to provide participants with a deeper understanding of this distinct normative system, including the history, principles, and legal instruments of the African Union and its predecessor. Through lectures by leading scholars and practitioners, the Academy explores the innovative legal framework designed to realize Pan-African objectives, such as the right to intervene for peace and security, the condemnation of unconstitutional changes of government, and the promotion of human rights, democracy, and good governance.

The programme of the 2026 Session of the Academy, includes the following courses

Pan-Africanism and the Public Law of Africa

Opening Lecture by **Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf**, Judge and former President of the International Court of Justice.

The Law and Institutions of the African Union

Jean-François Akandji-Kombé, Full Professor of Public Law at the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Legal Aspects of the Peace and Security Architecture of the African Union

Dire Tladi, Judge at the International Court of Justice, former Member of the International Law Commission.

Legal Implications of the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Halima Noor Abdi, Senior Policy Review Advisor at the AfCFTA Secretariat.

The AfCFTA Protocol on Investments and its Role in the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Africa

Walid Ben Hamida, Professor of Law and Arbitrator, University of Lille, former member of the International Chamber of Commerce Arbitration Court.

The Legal Framework for the Protection of Human and Peoples' Rights

Obiora Okafor, Edward B. Burling Chair in International Law and Institutions at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), former UN Independent Expert on Human Rights and International Solidarity.

The African Legal Instruments on Environment Protection and Climate

Hajer Gueldich, African Union Legal Counsel, Member and former President of the African Union Commission on International Law.

Audience

The Academy on African Union Law and the Public Law of Africa is aimed at a large audience including students, scholars, private practitioners, government officials, diplomats, policymakers, judges and legislators.

Faculty

The lecturers are prominent African international lawyers, and specialists in African Union law, the public law of Africa and the law of international organizations and sub-regional African organizations.

Certificate of Participation

Participants who will have regularly attended the course will receive a certificate of participation at the end of the session.

Tuition Fees

USD 900 for the two-week Academy (excluding accommodation). Payment must be made upon receipt (by e-mail) of a letter of pre-admission and an invoice payable pursuant to instructions contained in the invoice.

Registration

All applicants are required to register online using the registration form available on the Institute website. Registration will be accepted until **10 July 2026** at 23.59 (Arusha Time, GMT + 3).

Early-Bird Fees (before 30 April 2026): **US\$ 800**

Regular Fees (from 1 May to 30 June 2026): **US\$ 900**

Late Fees (after 10 July 2026): **US\$ 950**

If an organization sends more than one participant, additional participants get a 10% (15% if more than five) discount.

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