

Responsible Business Webinar for In-House Counsel and Commercial Lawyers in Uganda

PANELLISTS (in speaking order)



Yasmin Batliwala – Advocates for International Development (opening remarks)

Yasmin is the CEO of Advocates for International Development (A4ID), which sources lawyers to provide free legal advice and assistance to support organisations working in the international development sector and whose principle aim is the eradication of poverty by focusing on the 2030 Agenda.

She has held a number of significant leadership positions over the years within the Public and Third Sectors. Her portfolios have included HIV/Aids, Drug and Alcohol dependency, and Criminal Justice. She has undertaken work for the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime in this regard. Yasmin was a recipient of the City of London Woman of Achievement Awards in respect to her work in the Public Sector.



Hannington Amol – East Africa Law Society (opening remarks)

Hannington is the Chief Executive Officer of the East Africa Law Society (EALS), overseeing the welfare and capacity building of over 20,000 members, while promoting the East African Community's regional integration.

Hannington is regarded as one of the region's best litigation lawyers, respected for his powerful courtroom presence. He has a great wealth of experience that cuts across Energy Law, Project Finance, Construction Law, Public Procurement Regulation, Contracts and Corporate Management, Arbitration and Litigation.

Hannington was previously an associate in the region's two leading law firms: Anjarwalla & Khanna (Africa Legal Network), and Dentons Hamilton Harrison & Mathews. He has also served as a senior in-house counsel at Kenya's leading companies including KenGen and Stima SACCO. He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya.



Joyce Nalunga – Uganda Law Society (opening remarks)

Joyce has professional experience spanning over 18 years, in private business law practice, litigation and court matters, corporate governance, consulting in legal and regulatory reform, policy research, advocacy, and private sector training.

Joyce is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Uganda Law Society. She is a motivational speaker and a transformational leader, who has mentored and impacted many lives of young, mostly female lawyers. She holds a Masters in Public Administration and Management of Ndejje University (2019), a Master's Degree in Law Oil & Gas of Uganda Christian University-Mukono (2018), an Honors Degree in Law of Makerere University, Kampala (1999), and a Diploma in Legal Practice of LDC (2000). Joyce is now a PHD candidate specialising in Gender Based Violence and its impact on the Sexual Reproductive Health Rights of Refugees.

**Gauthier van Thuyne – Allen & Overy, Brussels**

Gauthier van Thuyne heads Allen & Overy's Belgian Environmental and Regulatory law department. He is a member of the International Bar Association's Task Force on Climate Change Justice and Human Rights. He is also a member of Allen & Overy's Human Rights Working Group, a focus group responsible for providing human rights advice within and outside the firm. Gauthier specialises in planning and environmental law, focusing on public and administrative law matters. He has extensive litigation experience in all areas of administrative law. He regularly appears before the State Council and the Belgian Constitutional Court. Gauthier is active in the business and human rights arena. He has advised clients and authorities in litigation regarding race discrimination and other human rights violations. He has also advised on the compliance of policies in relation to human rights issues. Gauthier is often invited to speak at seminars about environmental and human rights matters.

**Camille Leroy – Allen & Overy, Brussels**

Camille is a senior associate in Allen & Overy's Litigation and Contracts department in Brussels. She specialises in white-collar crime, investigations and business and human rights litigation. She has broad experience in assisting both multinational enterprises and financial institutions in a variety of civil and criminal proceedings. Camille has spent time on secondment to the firm's London office. In addition to her client work, Camille is a teaching assistant in criminal law and criminal procedure law at Université Saint-Louis in Brussels. Camille is active in the business and human rights sphere and has advised clients in investigations regarding human trafficking and other human rights abuses. She is also an editor of Allen & Overy's Business and Human Rights Review. Camille's recent human rights work includes assisting charities pro bono on cross-border research projects, including in respect of justice and reparation for LGBT+ torture. Camille earned an LL.M. degree at the New York University School of Law (Fulbright grantee and Honorary BAEF fellow) in 2013.

**Asmahaney Saad – Veritas Legal Services**

Asmahaney Saad is a governance advisor in the petroleum sector in Uganda. She is the Managing Partner at Veritas Legal Services, where she heads the Corporate, Commercial and Alternative Dispute Resolution practice of the firm. Asmahaney has diverse experience and expertise in the legal profession, having worked as an in-house counsel in various leading energy and telecommunication companies in Uganda. She is the current Secretary General of the East Africa Law Society Governing Council, Member of the Board of United Bank of Africa – Uganda, and Investment Committee Advisor on the Petroleum Fund. Her areas of practice include advisory in Project Financing, Petroleum Law, Corporate Law, Management, and Contract Negotiation and ADR. She holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree, Diploma in Legal Practice, a Masters in International Business Administration from Paris ESLSCA Business School, and she is a Chartered Mediator and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb).