Legal Transformation in North Africa and Decentralization in Africa

A joint conference of the

African Law Association
Association du Droit Africain
Gesellschaft für afrikanisches Recht e.V.

and

the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law

Venue
The conference is being hosted by the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law. The conference will take place at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law
Im Neuenheimer Feld 535
69120 Heidelberg
Germany

Contact Information & Registration
Participation is open to everyone. There is no registration fee. Please register by email, telefax or mail until 01 November 2011.

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Programme

Friday 4 November 2011

15:00 Registration and Coffee

15:30 Welcome
Prof. Dr. Armin von Bogdandy (Managing Director, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany)
Prof. Dr. Thilo Marauhn (Chairman of the African Law Association, Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany)

Legal Transformation in North Africa

Chair
Dipl.-Jur. Hatem Elliesie, MLE (Board Member of the African Law Association; Vice-Chairman of the Arabic and Islamic Law Association; Free University Berlin)

16:00 „Revolution“ and Constitutional Development in Egypt
Dr. Naseef Naeem (Georg August University of Göttingen, Germany)
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16:30 Recent Constitutional Developments in Southern Sudan
Katharina Diehl, M.A. (Max Planck Institute for Public Comparative Law and Public International Law, Heidelberg, Germany)

17:00 Constitutional Developments in Tunisia
Omar Ould Deed Ould Hamady (Max Planck Institute for Public Comparative Law and Public International Law, Heidelberg, Germany)

17:30 External Assistance for Democratization Processes? The Case of Libya
Prof. Dr. Thilo Marauhn (Chairman of the African Law Association, Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany)

18:00 General Discussion

18:30 African Law Association Member’s Meeting

20:00 Dinner (at one’s own expenses, except speakers)
Scheffels Brauhaus
Leyergasse 6
69117 Heidelberg
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Saturday 5 November 2011

08:30 African Law Association Board’s Meeting

Decentralization in Africa

Chair
Prof. Dr. Harald Sippel (Vice-Chairman of the African Law Association, Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Germany)

09:00 Decentralization and Local Government in South Africa
Prof. Dr. Francois Venter (North West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa)

09:30 Decentralization and Local Government in Uganda
Dr. Henry Ojambo (Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda)

10:00 Discussion

10:30 Coffee Break

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11:00 Federalism and Decentralization in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
Dr. Petra Zimmermann-Steinhart (House of Federation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

Yakob Bekele, MA (House of Federation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

11:30 Decentralization in order to strengthen State of Law Structures? With the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ruanda and Burundi as Examples
Prof. Dr. Hartmut Hamann (Rechtsanwalt CMS Hasche Sigle, Stuttgart, Germany)

12:00 Discussion

12:30 Closing Remarks
Prof. Dr. Thilo Marauhn (Chairman of the African Law Association, Justus Liebig University Giessen, Germany)

13:00 Coffee on the run

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