Justice Edwin Cameron – Keynote Speaker

Justice Cameron is a sitting judge of the South African Constitutional Court. He studied at Stellenbosch, Oxford and the University of South Africa, winning the top academic honours at all three universities. He joined the Johannesburg Bar in 1983, and from 1986 practised as a human rights lawyer at the University of the Witwatersrand’s Centre for Applied Legal Studies (CALS), where in 1989 he was awarded a personal professorship in law. While at CALS, he co-drafted the Charter of Rights on AIDS and HIV, co-founded the AIDS Consortium and founded and was the first director of the AIDS Law Project. In 1994, President Mandela appointed him an Acting Judge of the High Court to chair a Commission into illegal arms deals. He was appointed permanently to the High Court in 1995. In 1999/2000 he served for a year as an Acting Justice in the Constitutional Court before being appointed permanently to the Supreme Court of Appeal where he served for 8 years. He was appointed to the Constitutional Court in December 2008.

Justice Cameron has authored and co-authored a number of legal and other books, including Defiant Desire – Gay and Lesbian Lives in South Africa (1994), Justice: A Personal Account (2014) and Honoré’s South African Law of Trusts (2002). In 2006, his book Witness to AIDS was jointly awarded South Africa’s most prestigious literary award for non-fiction, the Sunday Times/Alan Paton prize. He has received many awards and distinctions. These include Honorary Fellowships of Keble College, Oxford and of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies, London; the Nelson Mandela Award for Health and Human Rights (2000); Stellenbosch University’s Alumnus Award (2000), Transnet’s HIV/AIDS Champions Award and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation’s Excellence in Leadership Award (2003). In 2002 the Bar of England and Wales honoured him with a Special Award for his contribution to international jurisprudence and the protection of human rights.

Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh

Kaajal Ramjathan-Keogh is SALC’s Executive Director. She holds the B.Proc LLB degrees from the University of Kwa Zulu Natal. She was previously employed at Lawyers for Human Rights. She has experience in asylum, migration, immigration detention, refugee protection, citizenship and statelessness.
Anneke Meerkotter

Anneke joined SALC in February 2012 as a programme lawyer on LGBT and Sex Workers Rights and has been its Litigation Director since 2014. She previously worked as executive director at the Tshwaranang Legal Advocacy Centre to End Violence against Women. She has practised public interest litigation since 1998 and specialised in the areas of HIV and health rights, gender-based violence, sex worker rights, sexual and reproductive rights, access to justice, freedom of expression and child justice. She obtained her B.Proc and LL.B. degrees from the University of the Western Cape and holds a M.Sc. in Sociology (Gender and Sexuality) from the University of Amsterdam.

Annabel Raw

Annabel joined SALC in 2014. She is the head of the Health Rights Programme. She has an LLM in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law from Lund University, Sweden, having qualified with a BA Law, BA Honours and LLB in South Africa.

Jacinta Nyachae

Jacinta has over eight years of experience working on issues of human rights relating to health. She is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and the Executive Director of AIDS Law Project (ALP). She holds Bachelors of Laws (LLB), a Post-graduate Diploma in Law and certificate in Intellectual Property Rights and Access to medicine. Involved in strategic litigation, training and advocacy work on health and human rights. Recipient of the Mary Robinson Award for Young Women Leadership in Human Rights.

Tinashe Mundawara

Tinashe Mundawarara is a registered and practicing lawyer working as a Senior Programme Manager responsible for Special Projects at Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights. Tinashe has more than 10 years experience working on human rights issues in Zimbabwe. Tinashe holds a BA (Zimbabwe), LLB (South Africa), MA Communications (Leeds University) and an Msc in Health Policy (Imperial College of London)
Brian Citro

Brian Citro is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Law at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in the Center for International Human Rights. He is also a Technical Assistance Consultant for the Stop TB Partnership and a Legal Consultant for UNDP HIV, Health and Development. Before this, he worked in New Delhi, India as a Senior Research Officer to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health, Mr. Anand Grover, and as Project Manager of the Global Health and Human Rights Database for the Lawyers Collective HIV/AIDS Unit.

Collen Daniels

Colleen has 22 years’ experience as a Director, Project Manager, and Technical Advisor in HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, gender, human rights, challenging operating environments, and community systems strengthening, working to deliver access to essential health services. She works on programs across the global and has and lived and worked in Australia, Kenya, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Thailand, Tonga and the USA. Most recently, she managed and developed a global human rights and gender strategy on TB including developing a legal environment assessment (LEA) tool TB/HIV Gender Assessment Tool, a Data Framework for TB Key, Vulnerable and Underserved Populations as well as implementing these tools in several countries.

Ahmed Douraidi

Actors of human rights defenders, specialized in the right to community health; 5-year University degree in Medicine at Medicine and Pharmacy University in Casablanca; Baccalauréat in Experimental Sciences in May 1980. At Association de Lutte Contre le Sida (ALCS) Ahmed is in charge of the fight against HIV/AIDS in workplace program, in Morocco. This program is composed of three projects, financed by the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the Drosos international Foundation (Switzerland), and the GSK Foundation (UK).

Karabo Rafube

Karabo Rafube is a TB activist, advocating for health standards and human rights of inmates in all correctional centres. He is an EX-inmate, who contracted TB while in a South African prison. Karabo is breaking the silence and the stigma surrounding both TB sufferers and prison inmates, in order to make known the kind of challenges faced by people in these predicaments. By describing and exposing these challenges he hopes to empower others who are in positions of authority or who find themselves in similar situations to manage these challenges effectively.
Ricky Nathanson

In September 2015 she formed Trans* Research, Education, Advocacy & Training [TREAT], which seeks to address the rights issues in the education, advocacy and training about, and to, the basic violations of the human rights of the trans* diverse and gender non-conforming population of Zimbabwe in the areas of health, justice and the socio economy. TREAT is based in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. TREAT was subsequently registered as a Trust early 2017. She sits on many regional Boads: Sexual Rights Centre [SRC] and POW WOW – Zimbabwe; Social Health Empowerment [SHE], African Men for Sexual Health and Rights [AMSHeR] and ENZA Research – South Africa and Trans Bantu Zambia. Professionally, she holds a qualification with the Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrators of Zimbabwe.

Papa Djibril Ndoye

Papa Djibril NDOYE graduated with a MPH from the Health and development institute (ISED) of Cheikh Anta DIOP University of Dakar (UCAD) and as a Community Social Worker from the National School of Social Workers in Senegal (ENTSS). Mr NDOYE has more than ten years’ experience in HIV/ AIDS, Cross border and key population issues. He is currently Head of Enda Santé’s Mbour office and Director of the regional health and development centre in West Africa (CRSD Afrique de l’Ouest).

Lesley Odendal

Although originally trained as a journalist, Lesley Odendal has worked in public health writing, HIV activism and communications since 2007 for organisations such as UNAIDS, the AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC), Doctors Without Borders and the Centre for Social Accountability in the Eastern Cape, in roles such as research and policy, communications and advocacy. Lesley is the recipient of the US National Institute of Health John E Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in Health Sciences Training Grant through the South African TB and AIDS Training (SATBAT) and was one of six people in the Health category of Mail & Guardian newspaper’s Top 200 Young South Africans in 2010.

Sarai Chisala-Tempelhoff

Sarai Chisala-Tempelhoff is a Malawian human rights lawyer and legal researcher. She is the current President of the Women Lawyers Association of Malawi and the co-founder of a legal empowerment initiative called the Gender and Justice Unit. Sarai qualified as a legal practitioner, and is called to the Bar, in Malawi. She read for a Master of Laws in Human Rights and Democratization at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. Her research focus has always been on women and the law, and the particular intersections between the letter of the law and women’s lived realities. She has blogged, published, conducted training, agitated about, written and researched various aspects of HIV and the
law; and, her doctoral thesis focuses on the Malawian push to legislate the pandemic. Sarai lives and works in Malawi.

Rosemary Namubiru

Rosemary Namubiru is a registered nurse specialising in paediatric patients. She has over 30 years’ experience in nursing, having worked in both Kenya and Uganda. She is a mother and grandmother and a survivor of HIV criminalisation. She was arrested for attempted murder and convicted of “criminal negligence” for accidentally pricking herself with a needle when treating a child. The child did not contract HIV.

Timothy Wafula

Timothy Wafula is a practising lawyer and human rights activist with experience in the field of law, ethics, health, human rights, and HIV and TB projects. He is currently a programme officer in the HIV/TB thematic area at the Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network on HIV and AIDS (KELIN). Timothy’s work on HIV and TB involves advocacy, capacity building, legal support and research to ensure that rights of persons living with HIV and affected by TB are respected, promoted and protected.

Scott A. Schoettes

Scott A. Schoettes, who is openly HIV-positive, is the HIV Project Director at Lambda Legal, the oldest and largest national legal organization dedicated to making the case for equality on behalf of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and people living with HIV, through impact litigation, education and policy work. Schoettes litigates impact cases involving discriminatory denial of employment and services based on a person’s HIV status, as well as in the areas of HIV criminalization and access to care. He does a significant amount of amicus work on issues of import to people living with HIV, notably twice co-authoring amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court’s review of the Affordable Care Act. Schoettes graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown Law and clerked for the Honorable J. Frederick Motz (U.S.D.C. Md.).
Wesley Chalo Kawelo Mwafulirwa,

Wesley Chalo Kawelo Mwafulirwa, is a Malawian public interest litigation lawyer and Managing Partner of Kawelo Lawyers. He is an adjunct lecturer at Mzuzu University where he lectures international human rights and humanitarian law. He is currently pursuing postgraduate studies with the International Anti-Corruption Academy in Vienna, Austria.

Francois Venter

Prof Francois Venter is currently Deputy Executive Director, WHI (Wits Institute for Sexual & Reproductive Health, HIV and Related Diseases, previously RHRU and ECHO) and an associate professor in the Department of Medicine, University of the Witwatersrand. He is the head of Infectious Diseases at the Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital. His interests range from access to care, drug toxicity and the ethics of HIV, as well as clinical opportunistic infections and neoplasms, and his interests focus almost entirely on the public sector.

Alexandra Stratigos

Alexandra Stratigos is the Principal Solicitor of the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre in Sydney, Australia. The legal centre is a specialist service that provides legal representation, advice, advocacy and law reform on HIV related legal matters and for those from key affected populations. Most recently Alexandra has successfully completed a number of test cases in the areas of HIV and the law, including on criminal transmission of HIV, discrimination of health care workers with HIV performing exposure prone procedures and in refugee and migration law.
James Ayre

James Ayre works with the Country and Community Support for Impact (CCS4i) team at the UNOPS hosted Stop TB Partnership (STP) in Geneva, Switzerland. James previously worked with the TB REACH grant mechanism at STP. Prior to STP, James was a Human Rights Attaché with the United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, where he engaged with UN human rights and humanitarian mechanisms, principally the Human Rights Council, the Universal Periodic Review, and human rights treaty bodies. James holds an MA in Human Rights from University College London and an LL.M in Public International Law from Leiden Law School, the Netherlands. At Leiden, James was a teaching and research assistant for the course: The Practice, Theory and Law of Peace Negotiations.

Allan Maleche

Allan Achesa Maleche is a dynamic emerging leader in the field of global health governance, with over a decade of experience in promoting ethical, human rights-based approaches to health planning, programming and service delivery. His work has substantively focused on HIV and tuberculosis in Kenya. He is the immediate former Chair of the Implementers Group of the Global Fund Board, which represents ten diverse government and civil society constituencies; Board Member of the Developing Country NGO Constituency of the Global Fund Board; and founding executive director of Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network on HIV and AIDS (KELIN). In 2016, he was named Kenya’s Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year.

Ibrahim Kassoum

At the age of 45, Kassoum Ibrahim served for 10 years as President of the Professional Association of Young Lawyers of Niger, created in 2001. In 2007, following the adoption of the 2007-08 law of 30 April 2007 on prevention, HIV care and control, he has worked extensively on the dissemination and effective implementation of this law, as well as on the legal protection of PLWHIV who are victims of discrimination related to HIV/AIDS. In 2013, he was a UNAIDS national consultant for the revision of the said law, which intervene in 2015. Kassoum Ibrahim is currently working as a senior legal advisor in the Niger’s national HIV/AIDS program where he is responsible for removal of legal barriers to access to HIV/AIDS-related health services.
He-Jin Kim

He-Jin Kim is the Regional LGBTI Programme Officer at ARASA. She joined the team on 1st July 2014. He-Jin is a transgender woman who has worked in Europe and Asia on sexual and reproductive health and rights, sex worker rights, and transgender issues, before moving to South Africa in 2008. During her time in Europe, she worked at the International Gay and Lesbian Information Centre and Archive, the Prostitution Information Centre in Amsterdam, and the European Youth Network on Sexual and Reproductive Rights. He-Jin also worked as an intern at the AIDS Legal Network, and then joined Gender DynamiX as a fundraiser until March 2014.

Edwin J. Bernard

Edwin Bernard is the Global Coordinator of the HIV Justice Network, working with organisations around the world to end criminal or similar laws, policies and practices that regulate, control and punish people living with HIV based on their HIV-positive status. Edwin also co-ordinates the HIV Justice Worldwide campaign, an initiative of ten civil society organisations working together to end overly broad HIV criminalisation.

Michaela Clayton

Michaela Clayton is the Director of the AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa (ARASA), a regional partnership of civil society organisations working together to promote a human rights based response to HIV/AIDS and TB in Southern Africa. Michaela participated in the revision of the International Guidelines on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights (2002) and in the drafting of the ILO Guidelines on Using the ILO Code of Practice and Training Manual for Labour Judges and Magistrates (2005) as well as the UNAIDS, UNHCHCR Handbook on HIV and Human Rights for National Human Rights Institutions (2007). She has been a member of a number of UNAIDS expert consultations on HIV and human rights related issues and has consulted for UNAIDS, UNHCHCR and the ILO. Michaela holds a BA LLB (1985) from the University of Cape Town, South Africa.
Richard Elliott

Richard joined the Legal Network staff in January 1999 as Director of Policy and Research, following an 18-month term on its board of directors. He became Deputy Director in 2005 and Executive Director in 2007. At the Legal Network, Richard is responsible for the Legal Network’s effective overall operation and implementing the organization’s mandate. He advises and supports the Board of Directors, especially in formulating strategic directions and organizational plans, and developing policy. Richard holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Philosophy from Queen’s University, and both a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B., 1995) and Master of Laws (LL.M., 2006) from Osgoode Hall Law School (York University). He was called to the bar of Ontario in 1997.

Kerry Thomas

Kerry Thomas sits on the board of the Sero Project, a non-profit organization fighting for freedom from HIV stigma and injustice, especially criminalization. He lives in Boise, Idaho (USA) where he is currently serving a 30-year sentence for allegedly failing to disclose his HIV-status to a sexual partner. He was convicted despite having used a condom, having had an undetectable viral load, and that his sexual partner did not contract HIV. Kerry has become active as an educator and advocate within the walls of the Idaho correctional facility where he is housed, but his work has also become known nationally and internationally.

Tom Boyles

Dr. Boyles is an Infectious Diseases consultant and their responsibilities have expanded to included outreach and support to peripheral hospitals and an antibiotic stewardship programme. Their research interests include operational research to improve strategies of care for TB and HIV and the optimal use of medical tests.