



Programme

Webinar on Legal and judicial responses to climate change and disaster displacement in Africa

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and introduction	Jacob van Garderen
9:15 – 10:15	Overview of international legal and judicial responses to displacement caused by climate change and disasters	Tamara Woods
10:15 – 11:15	Applying the OAU Refugee Convention to climate-related displacement	Cleo Hansen-Lohrey
11:15 – 11:45	Break	
11:45 – 12:45	The Kampala Convention and other legal frameworks protecting internally displaced persons	Abiy Ashenafi
12:45 – 13:00	Closing session	Jacob van Garderen

Bios

- Tamara Wood is an expert in African regional refugee law and forced migration. She is a Centre Affiliate at the Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, University of New South Wales; an External Researcher at the RefMig Project, Hertie School of Berlin, and a Research Affiliate at the Refugee Law Initiative, University of London. She is also a member of the Advisory Committee for the Platform on Disaster Displacement and a former member of the Consultative Committee for the Nansen Initiative on Disaster-Induced Cross-Border Displacement.
- Cleo Hansen-Lohrey is a doctoral candidate at the University of Tasmania (Australia). Her research focuses on international and regional (African and Latin American) refugee law, human rights, treaty interpretation law, and displacement in the context of climate change. Cleo has a Master of Public and International Law from the University of Melbourne. She is also a sessional lecturer at the University of Tasmania. Cleo worked for a number of years in the legal, not-for-profit and government sectors. Her previous roles include: Senior Legal Officer for the Australian Department of Immigration, focusing on litigation and refugee law; and Humanitarian Observer for the Australian Red Cross, leading humanitarian monitoring visits to Australia's mainland and Christmas Island immigration detention facilities.

- Abiy Ashenafi is an international human rights lawyer and refugee law expert whose research and advocacy work focuses on the protection of the rights of refugees, internally displaced persons, asylum seekers and migrants in Africa. Mr Ashenafi manages the Migration Unit at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria.
- Jacob van Garderen is the Director of The Public Interest Practice, a Johannesburg-based human rights firm supporting African civil society organisations working on rights advocacy and public interest litigation. His work focuses on social justice advocacy and strategic litigation, specialising in refugee and migration law. Between 2008 to 2018, Jacob served as National Director of Lawyers for Human Rights, a leading human rights organisation in South Africa focusing on strategic litigation, refugees and migrant rights, land reform, farmworkers, housing, prison reform, gender equality and environmental rights.