



# 16<sup>TH</sup> ADVOCATES AFRICA CONFERENCE

12 - 17 AUGUST 2025 | KIGALI CONVENTION CENTRE

KIGALI - RWANDA

**“We are the pleasing aroma of Christ”**

*2 Corinthians 2: 14-17 (NIV Version)*



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## INTRODUCTION

Advocates Africa, has its main objective as to “deliver justice with compassion”. It is a network of Christian Lawyers and Law students from across the African continent. Established in 1998 during a global convocation of Advocates International in the United States, Advocates Africa engages with governmental and intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations, NGOs and the general public to promote godliness, human rights and justice for all on the African continent.

Through its members in over 43 African countries, Advocates Africa addresses questions with a servant attitude as modeled by Jesus Christ. In its work, it encourages constructive dialogue that is both action focused and solution oriented.

As a specialized legal organization, Advocates Africa members are strategically positioned to provide services in legal aid, public policy formulation, legal advice in public and private international law, alternative dispute resolution, peace and security, peace and reconciliation mechanisms, advocacy for human rights, environmental law and many other legal areas. Our financing mainly coming from the African continent, the services we offer are free of charge to vulnerable and needy.

The first meeting of Advocates Africa took place in Hekpoort, South Africa, in 1998. Since then, conferences were organized in other countries on the continent, notably Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Ghana, and more recently in Uganda. This year the 16th Advocates Africa conference will be held in Kigali, Rwanda from 12th to 17th August 2025 at the Kigali Convention Center and Radisson Blue Hotel.

Delegates from the 43 African countries where Advocates Africa has a presence are expected to be in attendance during this strategic continental meeting. The delegates include government officials, judicial officers (judges and magistrates), academics/lecturers, practicing advocates (both in private, corporate & international practice) and law students. It is also expected that delegates will be received from Advocates International (which is the global network of Christian lawyers) and from other organizations.

## ABOUT THE HOST

Founded in 2006, The Network of Lawyers of Hope in Rwanda (LOH) is an association of Christian Lawyers legally operating in Rwanda as a Non-Governmental Organization with the Legal Personality no95/08.11.LOH is among the Rwandan NGOs that work on the protection and promotion of human rights, and it is committed to defend the cause of the poor and needy, and to reach out to the most vulnerable members of the Rwandan society; in particular Children, Women and other needy people to seek justice and wellbeing on their behalf and share with them Christ love and compassion. We work to promote social justice and sustainable development.



## THEMATIC OVERVIEW

This year's theme is: "We are the pleasing aroma of Christ" which is taken from 2 Corinthians 2:14-17. The theme is a call to action for our collective calling as Christian Lawyers. During the Conference, it is anticipated that various legal topics will be covered including Dispute Resolution, and other matters. This will be in addition to the networking/fellowship that is expected to take place in keeping with the Christian exhortation to meet regularly and encourage & uplift one another.

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The Conference aims to facilitate the exchange of experiences, best practices and ideas among lawyers. It is also intended that attendants will be made aware of emerging legal issues and also encouraged to do justice, show compassion and practice law as calling. Finally, it is expected that the Conference will involve planning future activities for Advocates Africa including identifying a venue for the next Conference in 2027.

## CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES

1. Justice, Christianity and Technology
2. Freedom of religion: Recognizing and protecting the rights for all
3. ADR mechanisms & Biblical dispute resolution principles
4. Resolving family disputes with dignity: the role of Christian lawyer
5. Mental Health for Lawyers: Risks and Prevention Strategies
6. Forensic science, legal practice and Christian ethic: A convergence and divergence
7. Immigration and the Bible (Refugee Law)





## WHY ATTEND

- **Networking opportunities including:** (i) Connecting with fellow lawyers - attorneys, judges, and legal scholars, which can lead to valuable professional relationships; and (ii) Mentorship: Opportunities to connect with experienced practitioners who can offer guidance and mentorship.
- **Access to legal experts:** During the Conference delegates will have opportunity to hear from renowned legal experts and influential figures in the legal community.
- **Continuing legal Education (CLE):** For Rwandese lawyers, attendance at the Conference will make you eligible to receive two (2) CLE Credits.
- **Attendance certification** – those who attend the Conference will receive certificates of attendance
- **Appreciate the legal realities of the host country (Rwanda).**

## ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

The Conference will run for a duration of three (3) days during which the participants will experience the following:

- Presentations by seasoned legal practitioners.
- Plenary sessions to allow for discussions on presentations made.
- Field visits to various sites of legal significance in Kigali.
- Numerous networking opportunities.

## KEY AUDIENCES

It is anticipated that the Conference will draw an audience of approximately 350 participants in total drawn from a diverse group of Christian Lawyers including members from the forty - three (43) countries where Advocates Africa has a presence. As noted above, these will include government officials, judicial officers (judges and magistrates), academics/lecturers, practicing advocates (in private, corporate & international practice) and law students.

It is also expected that high level dignitaries, respected clergy and other opinion leaders from Rwanda will be in attendance.





# SPEAKERS



**Rt. Hon. Justice  
MUKANTAGANZWA Domitilla**  
The Chief Justice of Rwanda



**Hon. Dr. UGIRASHEBUJA  
Emmanuel**  
The Minister of Justice/  
Attorney General



**Adv.  
NKUNDABARASHI Moïse**  
President of Rwanda Bar Association



**Bishop Prof. Dr.  
Masengo Fidèle**



**Kimathi Kamencu**  
AA President

# ADVOCATES AFRICA 2025 CONVOCATION PROGRAM

## DAY 1 Tuesday 12th August 2025

TIME	
	ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION
18h00-19h00	Welcome Cocktail

## Day 2 Wednesday 13th August 2025

### “We are the pleasing aroma of Christ”

06h00-07h00	MORNING PRAYER
07h30-08h30	Preparation
08h30-09h00	Worship & Intercession & Scripture Exposition
09h00-09h45	Word of welcome by the President of Lawyers of Hope & The President of AA Introduction to the Conference & The President of the BAR Association
09h45-10h45	<b>Official Opening Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flag March and Country Introductions.</li> <li>• Rwandan Christian traditional dance</li> <li>• Key note address by Guest of Honor</li> <li>• Prayer of dedication</li> </ul>
10h45-11h15	Tea Break
11h15- 12h00	We are the pleasing aroma of Christ
12h00-12h30	
12h30-12h45	Discussion, Questions & Answers
12h45-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h00	<b>Plenary Session I</b> Family and Child Law: Bringing faith into the courtroom and how judges can be the aroma of Christ
15h00-16h00	<b>Panel Discussion</b>  Resolving family disputes with dignity: the role of Christian lawyer
16h00-16h30	Tea Break
16h30-18h00	<b>Plenary Session II</b>  Immigration and the Bible (Refugee Law)
18h00-19h00	END OF DAY - RETIRE

## DAY 3 Thursday 14th August 2025

### Use of technology for access to justice

06h00-07h00	MORNING PRAYER
07h30-08h30	Preparation
08h30-09h00	Worship & Intercession & Scripture Exposition
09h00-09h45	<b>Plenary Session III</b>  Justice, Christianity and Technology in Rwanda
09h45-10h45	<b>Panel Discussion</b>  Topic: Regional E-Government implementation: comparisons with other African countries that have deployed technology in the Governance, Justice, Law & Order Sectors. Artificial intelligence: Ethical implications of the use of artificial intelligence

10h45-11h15	Tea Break
11h15- 12h00	<b>Plenary Session IV</b> Forensic science, legal practice and Christian ethic: A convergence and divergence
12h00-12h30	
12h30-12h45	Discussion, Questions & Answers
12h45-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h00	<b>Plenary Session V</b> Freedom of Religion: Recognizing and protecting the rights for all
15h00-16h00	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Constitution and protection of the freedom of religion: The case of Rwanda
16h00-16h30	Tea Break
16h30-18h00	<b>VISITING RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS IN RWANDA</b>
18h00-19h00	END OF DAY - RETIRE

**DAY 4**  
**Friday**  
**15th August 2025**

<b>ADR</b>	
06h00-07h00	MORNING PRAYER
07h30-08h30	Preparation
08h30-09h00	Worship & Intercession & Scripture Exposition
09h00-09h45	<b>Plenary Session VI</b> Alternative Dispute Resolution: Case of Gacaca Court implementation in Rwanda as local way of administering justice and fostering reconciliation in society
09h45-10h45	Panel Discussion ADR mechanisms & Biblical dispute resolution principles
10h45-11h15	Tea Break
11h15- 12h00	Plenary Session VII Mental Health for Christian Lawyers: Risks and Prevention Strategies
12h00-12h30	Christian legal aid Lawyers of Hope
12h30-12h45	Discussion, Questions & Answers
12h45-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h00	ADVOCATES AFRICA GENERAL ASSEMBLY / FRANCOPHONE MEETING
15h00-16h00	
16h00-16h30	Tea Break
16h30-18h00	FREE TIME
18h00	Gala Dinner, Anniversary & Cultural Celebration



**DAY 5**  
**Saturday**  
**16th August 2025**

06h00-07h00	
07h30-08h30	
08h30-09h00	
09h00-09h45	<b>Morning:</b>  Visit genocide memorial
09h45-10h45	
10h45-11h15	
11h15- 12h00	
12h00-12h30	
12h30-12h45	
12h45-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h00	EXCURSION
15h00-16h00	
16h00-16h30	
16h30-18h00	
18h00-19h00	

**DAY 6**  
**Sunday**  
**17th August 2025**

DEPARTURE







## ADVOCATES AFRICA CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

BENEFITS	PLATINUM USD 15,000	GOLD USD 10,000	BRONZE USD 5,000	SILVER USD 3,000
An opportunity to be provided with a 10 minutes speaking slot each day of the conference to market directly to the delegates	X			
Recognition as event main sponsor and hosting partner in the conference publication and all event materials	X			
Distribution of company profile brochure at the conference venue	X	X		
Representative speaks at all the social events, and at the event	X	X		
Exhibition space at the conference venue	X	X	X	
Logo posted on all branding conference materials including backdrop banner	X	X	X	X
The privilege of bringing in participants to attend the Conference and the Gala Dinner	4 Participants	2 Participants	2 Participants	1 Participants
Sponsor banners inside and outside the conference hall	5 Banners	3 Banners	2 Banners	1 Banners
Name and logo listed on Conference website	For 1 year	For 6 months	For 6 months	3 months
Acknowledgement given in opening or closing plenaries and on social media Platform	X	X	X	X

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

The Conference is organized by Advocates Africa in partnership with Lawyers of Hope in Rwanda. Notable supporters to date include Advocates International and ADF International.

### STRATEGIC PARTNERS



#### REGISTRATION DETAILS

##### EARLY BIRD PAYMENT EXTENDED

PAYMENT BEFORE  
30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025 : \$200

PAYMENT AFTER  
30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025: \$250

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#### BANK DETAILS

BANK NAME  
**ECOBANK RWANDA PLC**

SWIFT CODE  
**ECOCRWRW**

ACCOUNT NAME  
**THE NETWORK OF LAWYERS  
OF HOPE IN RWANDA**

ACCOUNT NUMBER  
**6780003050**

# WHY CHOOSE KIGALI

## FAST FACTS



Greenest destinations on Earth - 15th out of the 20 world's greenest destinations on earth (WTG, 2020).

<https://worldtravelguide.net>



Ranked best in the region & 41st globally in the 2023 rule of law index by World Justice Project (WJP).

<https://worldjusticeproject.org/rule-of-law-index/country/2023/Rwanda>



9th Best place to be a woman globally - (Global gender Gap Index - 2020).

<http://www3.weforum.org>



2nd in Africa - 2020 World Bank Doing Business Report.

<https://rdb.rw>



2nd Safest place in Africa - Gallup Global Report 2018.

<http://enterprise.press>



Ranked 2nd in Africa on 2022 ICCA ranking

<https://www.iccaworld.org/learn/industry-research/post/annual-country-and-city-rankings-report-for-2023/>



Rwanda remains the second easiest place to do business in Africa and 38th globally, according to the 2020 World Bank Doing Business report



3rd Country in Cyber Security in Africa - 2018 Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI).

<https://www.itu.int>

## KEY ATTRACTIONS

AKAGERA NATIONAL PARK



NYUNGWE NATIONAL PARK



VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK



RWANDAN MUSEUMS



GISHWATI NATIONAL PARK



NYANDUNGU URBAN WETLAND ECO-TOURISM PARK

