

East Africa Law Society
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Background Information:

The East Africa Law Society is the premier regional Bar Association in East Africa, founded in 1995. It is a dual membership organization, bringing together seven thousand-plus individual lawyer-members from the region as well as the six national Bar associations: Law Society of Kenya, Tanganyika Law Society, Uganda Law Society Zanzibar Law Society, Kigali Bar Association and Burundi Bar Association. It is the largest organized Professional/Civil Society membership organization in the region with a strong mandate and interest in the professional development and practice of law as well as constitutionalism, democracy and good governance, the just rule of law and the advancement, promotion and protection of all human rights of all people in East Africa and beyond.

Size and Structure:

The EALS has over 7000 members, including six Bar associations. It is governed by its diverse and active regional membership through general meetings. Policy and administrative supervision are undertaken by the elected governing Council, consisting of twenty-two eminent lawyers. Some programmatic as well as membership activities are also carried out through Committees appointed by the Council. Implementation and co-ordination are carried out by the Secretariat, headed by the Chief Executive Officer, and based in Arusha, Tanzania. Certain mandates and activities of the EALS are also carried out by the six national Bar associations. These include the hosting of activities in the individual countries and advocacy with the national governments and institutions.

Current Leadership:

President: Dr. Wilbert Kapinga
Vice-President: Mr. James Aggrey Mwamu
Secretary General: Mrs. Anne-Abeja Muhwezi
Treasurer: Mr. Eric Mutua

Liaison:

Gretchen Chantelle Bellamy

Upcoming Events:

- Effective Contract Drafting. Nairobi. July 26, 2012.
- IBA-ARF. Kampala. August 9, 2012.