



THE JUDICIARY OF
ZAMBIA



AFRICA ELECTORAL JUSTICE NETWORK CONFERENCE

Theme: Reflecting on Past Election Dispute Resolution in Africa:
Charting the Future of Electoral Justice in the Age of AI and ICTs.

9th September to 13th September, 2025
Conference Venue: Avani Victoria Falls Resort,
Livingstone – Zambia



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Arrivals - 9th September

Time	Details
08:00hrs	Arrivals and Registration
16:00hrs	Closed Session of Members of the AEJN (Venue: Avani Victoria Falls Resort)

Day 1 - 10th September

Moderators: *Hon. Lady Justice Maria Mapani-Kawimbe, Judge of the Constitutional Court, Zambia (Chairperson of the Hon. Chief Justice's Advisory Committee on Election Management (Zambia) and Member of the AEJN Working Group.)*
Mrs. Kalumba V.C. Slavin, Deputy Director, Corporate Communications (Judiciary of Zambia)

Time	Details
08:00hrs	Registration continues Entertainment as Delegates get seated
09:00hrs 09:05hrs	National Anthem, followed by prayer Salutations and Introductions
09:10hrs	Remarks by <i>(5 minutes each)</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Martin Masiga, Secretary General AJJF• Mr. Samson Itodo, Executive Director Yiaga Africa• Dr. G. Moshoeu, Director SAJEI• Hon. Chief Justice Maphalala, Chief Justice of Eswatini and Chairperson SEACJF• Hon. Mr. Justice Boissie Mbha, Chairperson AEJN
09:35hrs	Entertainment
09:45hrs	Welcome Remarks by The Hon. The Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia, Dr. Mumba Malila, SC.
10:10hrs	Address and Official Opening by the Guest of Honour, UNDP Resident Representative Mr. James Wakiaga
10:30hrs	Vote of thanks by Hon. Lady Justice Maria Mapani-Kawimbe, Judge of the Constitutional Court, Zambia, (Chairperson of the Hon. Chief Justice's Advisory Committee on Election Management (Zambia) and Member of the AEJN Working Group.)
10:40hrs	Group photo and health break

Session One - Plenary

Moderator: *Hon. Mr. Justice Arnold Shilimi, Deputy President of the Constitutional Court, Zambia*

11:00hrs	<p>Topic: Exploring AI in Electoral Justice, Limitations, Risks and Safeguards - Panel of Experts on AI and Electoral Justice</p> <p>Judge Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Mr. Justice Isaac Lenaola, FCIArb,CBS,MBS Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya Vice President, Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone President, IARMJ <i>(20 minutes)</i>• Hon. Lady Justice Fiona Mwale, Acting Supreme Court Judge, (Malawi) <i>(20 minutes)</i>• Hon. Mr. Justice Jean Aloise Ndiaye, Magistrat, Cour Suprême du Sénégal <i>(20 minutes)</i> <p>Expert: Samson Itodo, the Executive Director of Yiaga Africa and Expert on AI and Elections. <i>(30 minutes)</i></p>
13:00hrs	Lunch

Session Two - Plenary

Moderator: Hon. Lady Justice Judy Zulu Mulongoti – Judge of the Constitutional Court, Zambia

14:00hrs	<p>Topic: Towards a judiciary toolkit on AI and electoral justice. Panel of Judges who developed a Toolkit on AI and Electoral Justice, led by Justice Mbha, and AI and Elections Experts constituted by Yiaga Africa</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Elizabeth Tanui – Head Automation Services, Judiciary of Kenya (20 minutes)• Samson Itodo – Executive Director, Yiaga Africa (20 minutes)• Bonolo Makgale – Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria (20 minutes)
15:00hrs	Interactive Plenary and Adoption of Judiciary Toolkit on AI and Electoral Justice
15:30hrs	Health and Tea Break

Session Three - Plenary

Moderator: Hon. Mr. Justice Rizine Mzikamanda, Chief Justice of Malawi and SEACJF member

15:45hrs	<p>Topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harnessing Technology for Efficient Case Management: The Zambian Experience with Synergy International Systems <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Lady Justice C. M. Lombe, Judge-in-Charge, Southern Province (Zambia) (20 minutes)• Mr. Ashot Hovanesian, Synergy International Systems (20 minutes)• Hon. Mr. Justice Jean Aloise Ndiaye, Magistrat, Cour Suprême du Sénégal (to discuss <i>Exploring Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Electoral Justice Case Management: AI as an Assistant to a Judge</i>) (20 minutes)
16:45hrs	Interactive Plenary
17:00hrs	Close of Business
18:30hrs	Welcome Dinner. <i>Theme: Cultural / Traditional Attire</i> <i>Venue: The David Livingstone Safari Lodge and Spa</i>

Day 2 - 11th September

Session Four - Plenary

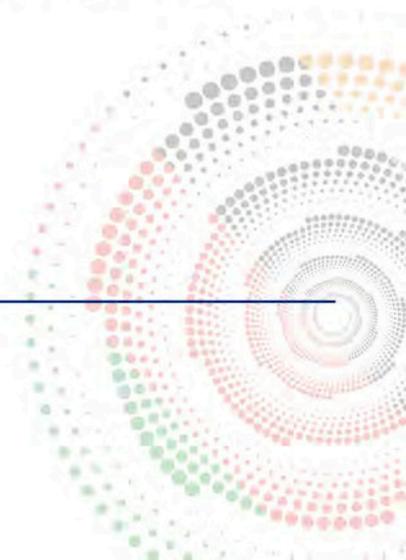
Moderator: Hon. Mr. Justice Mathew Chisunka – Judge of the Constitutional Court, Zambia

Time	Details
09:00hrs	<p>Topic: Dealing with time-bound pre and post-election disputes. General experiences from 2024 Africa Elections Super Year and Specific Experiences from Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Senegal, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Zambia and Zimbabwe.</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hon. Mr. Justice Dumisani Zondi – Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal and Chairperson Electoral Court of South Africa. (30 minutes)• Hon. Mr. Justice Charles Mkandawire, Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal (Malawi) (30 minutes)
10:00hrs	Interactive Plenary
10:30hrs	Health and Tea Break

Session Five - Plenary

Moderator: Hon. Mr. Justice Charles Zulu – Judge-in-Charge, Lusaka High Court

11:00hrs	<p>Topic: Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms as a way of achieving consensus building and inclusive outcomes</p> <p>Judicial Presentation: Hon. Mr. Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire, Judge of the Court of Appeal of Uganda (30 minutes)</p> <p>Expert Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taona Mwanyisa, Election and Governance Expert (15 minutes)• Bukola Idowu, Kimpact Development Initiative (KDI) (Nigeria) (15 minutes)
12:00hrs	Interactive Plenary
12:30hrs	Lunch Break



Session Six - Plenary

Moderator: Hon. Mr. Justice Kenneth Mulife – Judge of the Constitutional Court, Zambia

14:00hrs	<p>Topic: Building Public Confidence in Electoral Dispute Resolution - Panel to discuss practical measures taken by different jurisdictions to build/restore public confidence in electoral adjudication. Case Studies: Kenya, Sierra Leone, Zambia and Zimbabwe</p> <p>Expert Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. McDonald Lewanika, Regional Director - Accountability Lab (20 minutes)• Mr. Felix Owuo, Executive Director ELGIA (20 minutes)• Ms. Lucianna Thuo – IDEA Representative (20 minutes)• Ms. Julie Matheka, Programme Manager, ICJ Kenya (20 minutes)
15:30hrs	Health and Tea Break
16:00hrs	Plenary

Session Seven - Closing Ceremony

Moderator: Mr. Arnold Tsunga - AEJN Secretariat

16:30hrs	Summary of action points: Final Communique
16:45hrs	Closing Remarks
18:30hrs	Gala Dinner <i>Theme: Black Tie / Business Suit / Formal Evening Wear</i> <i>Venue: Avani Victoria Falls Resort</i>

Day 3 - 12th September

08:30hrs - Excursions – to be coordinated by the Judiciary of Zambia

Day 4 - 13th September

Departure – to be handled by the Zambian Protocol Team





Information Note

4th Africa Electoral Justice Network (AEJN) Annual Conference



9th – 13th September 2025

📍 Avani Victoria Falls Resort, Livingstone,
Zambia



General Information

01. Conference Venue

The 2025 AEJN Annual Conference will be held at the Avani Victoria Falls Resort in Livingstone, Zambia. The venue is situated within close proximity to the Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, offering delegates a unique setting for this important engagement.



02. Accommodation

For ease of access to the conference venue, delegates are strongly encouraged to stay at the Avani Victoria Falls Resort, where a preferential rate has been negotiated.

Additional recommended accommodation options include:

- Radisson Blu Resort Livingstone
- The David Livingstone Safari Lodge and Spa

Typically, demand for accommodation in Livingstone increases during conference periods. Therefore, delegates are advised to secure their accommodation by making reservations as early as possible.



03. Transport and Transfers

Arrival and Departure of Chief Justices and Other Delegates: All Chief Justices and-or their representatives will be received and seen off by a Liaison Officer and designated Protocol Officer through the VIP lounge at the Harry Mwaanga Nkumbula International Airport in Livingstone.

All other delegates will be received through the Arrivals Hall by dedicated Protocol/Liaison Officers to facilitate clearance at the airport. Kindly look out for an AEJN poster.

Shuttle Services: The Judiciary of Zambia will provide transportation:

- from the airport to the designated hotels upon arrival
- between official hotels and the conference venue during the conference
- for all official activities and site visits
- back to the airport for departure



04. Visa and Travel Documents

• All delegates are required to travel with valid passports with a minimum validity of six months from the date of entry into Zambia.

• Visa requirements vary by country. Delegates are advised to confirm if they require a visa and obtain one in advance, where necessary. Zambia also offers e-visas through the Department of Immigration's online portal

<https://eservices-mof.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/#/home>.

• Yellow fever vaccination certificates may be required, particularly for delegates travelling from or transiting through countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission. Kindly carry the relevant health documents.



05. Dress Code

- **Working Sessions:** Formal business attire is required.
- **Recreational Activities** (e.g., site visits): Casual clothing with comfortable shoes is recommended.
- **Welcome Dinner:** Cultural or African traditional attire.
- **Gala Dinner:** Black tie/formal evening wear.



06. Weather Information

In September, Livingstone enjoys warm and pleasant weather:

- Daytime temperatures range between 28°C and 32°C
- Night-time temperatures may drop to between 12°C and 16°C

It is advisable to carry clothing for both warm and chilly conditions



07. Currency and Transactions

- The local currency is the Zambian Kwacha (ZMW).
- Major international credit and debit cards (Visa, MasterCard) are widely accepted at hotels, restaurants, and major retail outlets.
- ATMs are available, and currency exchange services are accessible at the airport and major hotels.



08. Dietary Requirements

To ensure proper catering, delegates with specific dietary requirements or allergies are requested to notify a member of the organising team in advance.



09. Official Social Events

- **Welcome Dinner**
 - Date: 10th September, 2025
 - Dress Code: Cultural or African traditional attire
- **Gala Dinner**
 - Date: 11th September, 2025
 - Dress Code: Black tie/formal evening wear



10. Official Language:

The official language of Zambia is English

