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**ABOUT US**

## ABOUT PALU

The Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU) is a continental membership forum for African lawyers and lawyers' associations, which reflects the aspirations and concerns of the African people, and promotes shared interest.

Our mission is advancing the law and the legal profession, the rule of law, good governance, human and peoples' rights and socio-economic development of the African continent.

Our goal is to realize a united, just and prosperous Africa built on the rule of law and good governance, security and stability of the African continent.

## PALU STRUCTURE

### General Assembly

The PALU General Assembly consists of all its corporate and individual members; it meets at least once every three years. The Council which is made up of the Presidents of the five regional and fifty-three national lawyers' associations, meets at least once every year. It elects an Executive Committee, to lead and represent the organization, formulate its policies/ strategies and supervise the Secretariat.

### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of prominent legal practitioners and professionals, drawn from the five regions of the African continent presided by the President: Barrister Akere T. Muna (Cameroon). To see the complete Executive Committee, please see: [www.lawyersofafrica.org/palu-executive-committee-2009-2012](http://www.lawyersofafrica.org/palu-executive-committee-2009-2012)

### Secretariat

PALU has established its Secretariat in Arusha, Tanzania, in order to be proximate to and provide a platform for its members to engage the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (AfCHPR).

## WHAT PALU DOES

PALU actively engages and works with the African Union (AU) and its various organs and institutions. It has a formal Memorandum of Understanding on Co-operation and Collaboration with the AU. It is a member of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union (ECOSOCC-AU).

It formulates and implements various professional development and collective representation programmes and activities for its corporate and individual members. PALU

entered into a partnership with the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency Project (SIDA) to strengthen the legal practice in the areas of international commercial law and the African Human Rights System on the African continent. PALU organized regional seminars in all five regions of Africa (Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western and Central Africa) for over 500 participants from the different five regions of Africa.

These regional seminars offered the unique opportunity to enhance the skills set of legal practitioners who already demonstrated proficiency in complex international commercial negotiations and litigation and the promotion and protection of human rights in the African Human Rights System.

ALSF, and the AfDB Group in general, have requested PALU to develop comprehensive list (Directory) of the leading commercial lawyers in all of the fifty-five (55) African countries.

The Directory provided by PALU will be used to appoint lawyers and law firms who qualify, to advise or represent the AfDB, or their Member Countries, in complex international commercial negotiations and complex international dispute resolution (litigation and arbitration).

PALU is also actively involved in extending jurisdiction of the African Court to include Criminal matters upgrading the Court to be the African Court of Justice and Human Rights

## PALU MEMBERSHIP

PALU Membership is open to all African lawyers, national and regional lawyers associations. Prospective members and stakeholders can join in the mission, vision, objectives and activities of PALU by taking up membership through the following membership categories:

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- **Renewal for Ordinary Membership** (USD 50 per year)
- **Life Membership** (USD 1,000 one-off payment)
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