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**ADVOCATES FOR PUBLIC
INTERNATIONAL LAW UGANDA**

(APILU)

List of acronyms

APILU	Advocates for International Law Uganda
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICJ	International Criminal Justice
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IHL	International Humanitarian Law
IRRI	International Refugee Rights Initiative
LDC	Law Development Centre
LRA	Lord's Resistance Army
UCICC	Uganda Coalition of the International Criminal Court
ULS	Uganda Law Society
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
JLOS	Justice, Law and Order Sector
IBA	International Bar Association

Acknowledgment

APILU wishes to express its sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the Open Society Institute of East Africa (OSIEA) for generously providing financial, program and technical support to enable us run the secretariat activities and the various inter-networking fora which OSIEA has ensured our participation to promote understanding of International Law and its application in Uganda, East Africa and the African context. Many thanks go to the Ugandan legal practitioners whose passion for the observance and entrenchment of International Law led to smooth running of APILU activities, and the work they have done to ensure that APILU makes a positive contribution to promoting International Criminal Justice.

We also wish to thank our partners who have helped us to run our activities during 2009. Special thanks go to the Justice Law and Order Sector, the Uganda Law Society, East African Law Society and the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee of Parliament. Appreciation also goes to the deans of faculties of Law of Kampala International University, Uganda Christian University; Head Bar Course, Law Development, for the insight they provided to enable APILU to conceptualize and operationalize the program to enhance capacity of law students in International Law.

Lastly, APILU would like to especially thank the Uganda Law Students Society and law students of Kampala International University, Makerere University, Islamic University in Uganda and Uganda Christian University for the assistance and support they provided in operationalizing the program with law students. We look forward to future work and collaboration.

WORD FROM THE NATIONAL CORDINATOR

On behalf of APILU staff and on my own behalf I wish to sincerely thank all our partners, well-wishers, advisors and informed critics that have seen APILU execute her activities in accordance with the core values, integrity, team work, courage and transparency.

The year 2009 was very critical in terms of the advancement of APILU vision and mission. This second annual report reflects the growth of APILU institutionally and in context and content. APILU now has four thematic areas; International Criminal Court and Public Policy; Research and Training; Gender and Advocacy; Governance and Citizenship Participation with ICT and documentation as a cross cutting theme . APILU also got a two year funding support from the Open Society initiatives for Eastern Africa, for which we are very grateful.

APILU is governed by very active team of Directors who have constantly guided the organization and secretariat in their activities through their monthly and now quarterly meetings.

To our colleagues in the coalitions, networks, technical partners, Law students from all the Law faculties in Uganda we are indebted for we owe these achievements reflected in the report to you all.

The Uganda Local Governments Association, Greater Northern Uganda Parliamentary Forum, Uganda Governance Monitoring Platform, UCICC, The Coalition on the African Court to mention but a few, APILU says lets continue to create new horizons and standards.

To the secretariat focal persons, your energies and commitments are infectious, just keep it up.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the Annual Report featuring APILU activities and achievements for the year 2009. This report summarizes the achievements and the activities implemented during the year 2009. The detailed activities have been compiled and uploaded on the website at www.apilu.org/newsletter. APILU undertook several activities in 2009 in furtherance of its objectives in accordance to the three-year strategic plan for the period 2009-2011 to guide the implementation of the activities. To increase public awareness on International Criminal Law, APILU simplified the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and engaged with law students to stimulate their knowledge and interest in International Criminal Law. To increase availability of quality information on International Law, APILU further undertook initiatives to increase public awareness of international law and its application in Uganda through publishing articles on topical international law issues. APILU also disseminated monthly newsletters to partners and stakeholders to inform them about its operations. During 2009, APILU undertook several inter-networking activities with organizations that have similar objectives like the Uganda Law Society, Justice, Law and Order Sector Forum, Uganda Governance Monitoring Programme, International Commission of Jurists, Amnesty International, International Bar Association and Parliament of the Republic of Uganda.

In addition, APILU organized and participated in a number of workshops at local and international level to discuss the legal and operational framework of international criminal justice and its application in the Ugandan context. Finally, we dedicate this Annual report to the Open Society Institute of East Africa for generously funding APILU programme activities and for recognizing the relevance of domesticating International Criminal Law in Uganda.

1.0 Preamble

APILU aims at promoting observance and entrenchment of the Rule of Law through mainstreaming awareness and observance of International Law; building capacity of Ugandan lawyers and law students in International Law and various international instruments; providing technical legal and policy expertise to Law and policy makers and the judiciary on International Law; increasing public awareness of International Law and Uganda's obligations under International law; and participating in forums for exchanging ideas on promoting observance of the Rule of Law and understanding International Law.

Since its formation, APILU has contributed to increasing public awareness of International Law, particularly International Criminal Justice and International Humanitarian Law and their application in Uganda. APILU has worked with the Justice, Law and Order Sector to provide technical legal expertise on implementing International Criminal Justice in Uganda; and has provided technical legal expertise to law makers on various aspects relating to operationalizing international criminal justice in Uganda. APILU has also contributed to increasing law students' capacity to understand and articulate the application of International Law in the Great Lakes region.

1.1 APILU's Vision

A society that promotes protects and respects the Rule of Law.

1.2 APILU's Mission

Advancing awareness, understanding and entrenchment of International Law

1.3 Objectives

- a) Promote and protect the Rule of Law through mainstreaming awareness and observance of International Law
- b) Build professional and technical capacity of legal practitioners, other professionals and Law students in International Law.
- c) Provide technical legal and policy expertise to law and policy makers and the judiciary on International Law
- d) Increase public awareness of International Law and Uganda's obligations under International law
- e) Create and participate in platforms for dialogue on International Law to enhance sharing of experience, skills and strategies

2.0 APILU ACTIVITIES

In October 2008, APILU finalized its strategic plan for the period 2009-2011.

All the activities in the strategic plan are being implemented.

3.0 PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 Increase public awareness of International Law in Uganda

3.0.1 Launching of the simplified Rome Statute

In keeping with APILU's mission to promote observance and entrenchment of International Criminal Justice, APILU on 30th November 2009 launched the simplified Version of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC). The Launch was officiated by Uganda's Minister of State for Justice and Constitutional Affairs and Deputy Attorney General of Uganda, Hon. Fredrick Ruhindi. It was attended by various stakeholders in issues of international

Criminal Justice. The simplified version is aimed at rendering the Rome Statute more user friendly and understandable to all persons, including those without Legal training.

3.1.2 Strategic meetings with law and policy makers at national levels

APILU has been represented in various meetings and functions organized by law and policy makers at the national level during 2009. Among these are;

a) Discussion of the ICC Bill

The National Coordinator attended a number of meetings in Parliament where the ICC Bill was being discussed so as to contribute to the quality of the Bill and to ensure that it will accurately capture the principles of international criminal justice and thereby effectively serve to domesticate the Rome Statute of the ICC.

b) The Launch of the 16 Days of Activism against Domestic Violence.

This took place at the Parliament of Uganda and was organized by the Ministry of Gender and Social Development and the Uganda Women Parliamentary Association (UWOPA). The 16 Days of Activism were marked by various activities aimed at creating awareness of the facts on domestic violence and eradicating the vice from Uganda. APILU closely followed up and took part in these activities where possible according to the schedule of other activities it was engaged in at the time.

c) The annual general meeting of the Uganda Local Governments Association (ULGA).

This meeting was held in Hoima in December and APILU's National Coordinator, MsLinaZedriga attended it and showcased APILU's work, particularly the simplifying of the Rome Statute,

copies of which she presented to the ULGA. She also brought back with her materials from the ULGA resource Centre, and these are now available in our Resource Centre which is steadily growing

e) Dissemination of information materials (Publications)

APILU is engaged in sensitizing the public about international law and the ICC through the writing of articles in newspapers and quarterly newsletters. The newsletters and other materials about APILU can be downloaded on their website, www.apilu.org

f) Engaging with the Uganda Law Society

APILU held discussions with the Uganda Law Society to identify areas for synergies in promoting observance and entrenchment of international law in Uganda; enhancing the technical expertise of Ugandan lawyers to analyze, debate and litigate issues arising out of entrenching International Law in Uganda and Uganda's observance of its International Law obligations. APILU and the Uganda Law Society agreed to collaborate in preparing and operationalizing an action plan to provide strategic advice to law and policy-makers on the observance of International Law in Uganda and undertake Public Interest Litigation related to observance of International Law.

4.0 Networking

APILU is part of a number of coalitions and fora with which it works to promote the rule of law and enhance good governance and respect for human rights. Some of these coalitions are;

a) The Uganda Governance Monitoring Platform (UGMP).

The UGMP is a platform for governance monitoring in the area of good governance to which the Government is committed under the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Plan of

Action. APILU as a member of this platform has submitted reports on government progress in meeting its commitments. For the UGMP 2009 Annual Governance Report, APILU's report was on Government commitment to support local initiatives in institutionalizing of an alternative justice system in Uganda. This was tested according to the laws in place, including the Amnesty Act, as well as the resolution of cases using alternative means.

The Uganda Civil Society Coalition.

This coalition mainly represents the rights and political, social, and economic interests of members of the civil society in various ways. One of the recent activities of the coalition was in regard to the human rights aspects of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill, 2009, which the coalition seeks to oppose as being anti-human rights. APILU as a member of the coalition lays emphasis on the international law principles on human rights and indeed on all matters at hand from time to time.

5.0 Workshop/Dialogues presentations

APILU's membership comprises Ugandan lawyers with expertise in International Law; and are usually regularly called upon to share their legal and technical expertise in workshops and public awareness forums. In 2009 APILU's members presented several workshop papers nationally and internationally on International Criminal Justice in Uganda.

5.1.1 The National Dialogue on the Marriage and Divorce Bill, 2009 and the Domestic Violence Bill, 2009.

The purpose of this dialogue, organized by the Uganda Women's Network (UWONET), was to give civil society organizations and other stakeholders an opportunity to discuss issues relating to the two Bills in a bid to ensure that they comprehensively cover all matters relating to the family laws in Uganda. The latter Bill was passed into law in November, 2009.

5.1.2 The launch of a Study Report on the Gender Based Violence Situational Analysis in Karamoja.

This study was undertaken by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the report detailing the results and giving recommendations for dealing with the gross level of gender based violence in Karamoja and the whole of Uganda was launched on 16th December, 2009 at Hotel Africana. APILU was represented by one of the interns who returned with copies of the report and other resource materials presented by UNFPA, and these are available in APILU's Resource Centre.

5.1.3 Two-day Transitional Justice Outreach Workshop.

This workshop from 10th to 11th December, 2009 was sponsored by the Public International Law & Policy Group and Northern Uganda Transitional Justice Working Group. The workshop was aimed at examining the Uganda International Criminal Court Bill (ICC Bill) and the War Crimes Division (WCD). The discussion included; an overview of the current ICC Bill and the WCD, the relationship between the WCD and the ICC. The particular issues surrounding the WCD and the ICC discussed included; temporal jurisdiction, child combatants, the Amnesty Act, Sovereign immunity, and victims & witnesses.

5.1.4 The Crane Survey of the Most At Risk Populations to Contract HIV/AIDS (MARPS).

APILU was represented on 9th December, 2009 at the release of a report resulting from this survey which was conducted by the Ministry of Health in conjunction with Centre for Disease Control (CDC) and Makerere University.

6.0 Engagement with University Law Students

6.1.1 University Debates

APILU has since its establishment been actively engaged in activities aimed at building the capacity of students in international law-related issues. One of these activities was a moot competition on 30th September, 2009 in which all universities with faculties of law were represented in the arguing of international issues. Currently, the successful students are undergoing training at the Makerere University Faculty of Law in preparation for the international moot competition in The Hague in mid-February, 2010. More information on this can be found at www.icln.net and www.icc-trialcompetition.org. APILU has undertaken to contribute financially towards the students' travel and accommodation expenses.

6.1.2 Internship and Mentoring Programs

APILU's internship programs are ongoing and currently there are two interns on board.

7.0. Communication and Documentation

7.1.1 Website hosting and maintenance

APILU's website is operational and its maintenance is a priority a permanent staff member has been recruited for this purpose. The website portal is active for all the members who have user accounts. You can visit our website: www.apilu.org for detailed information.

7.1.2 News Letters and other reading Materials

Its APILU's obligation to keep the stake holders informed about its activities, with this a newsletter is produced quarterly which is uploaded on our website. APILU brochures and other reading materials are available at the Head office.

8.0 APILU capacity building

APILU's Board

1	Moses Adriko	Chairperson
2	Angelina Maria Namakula	Treasurer, Member
3	Adam Rajab Kibwanga	Member
4	Jude Atiang	Member
5	Henry KilamaKomakech	Member
6	LinaZedriga	Member
7	Christine Birabwa	Member
8	Sarah Kerwegi	Member
9	Jimmy Madira	Member

APILU secretariat

During 2009, the following constituted the APILU full time staff:

1	LinaZedriga	National Coordinator
2	Eden Akhol	Finance and Administration Officer
3	Baguma Christopher	ICT Documentation & Communications Advisor
4	Mabel Bakyayita	Office Assistant
5	PhilippaBogere	
6	Kamugisha Hilda	
	INTERNS	
1	Edna	
2	Brian	

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In order to carry out its activities intended to provide the most vulnerable populations with access to justice, Advocates for Public International Law Uganda (APILU) relies on the financial support of institutional backers and non-institutional donations. In its second year of operation, APILU received operating grant awarded in 2009 by OSIEA.

Institutional funding

At Institutional level, the association's "revenues" or contributions from OSIEA for the implementations of its activities amounted to **107,500** dollars obtained in 2009/10 and was the first and second phase of a four phase funding covering a two year period (2009 – 2011). This funding has helped the association to develop its activities and support its structural development.

Other operating revenues comprised interest revenues received on foreign account held with Standard Chartered Bank of Uganda.

Breakdown of institutional funding

OSIEA remains the major institutional backer of the association's activities. The funding received from OSIEA represented **100%** of APILU's funding in 2009/10 which financed the bulk of the cost of activities that year. We hope that their support will continue and be renewed in coming years.

Regarding the outlook for the coming years, APILU looks forward to diversification in the association's financial backers, with greater involvement of other donors, to which numerous funding proposals have been submitted in 2009.

EXPENDITURE

Operating expenses

In 2009 staff salaries represented 42.42%, Public awareness creation 5.26%, Public information and resource centre 13.34%, Capital costs 1.95%, Over heads 13.77%, and University students debate 19.20%. These expenses, which are mainly generated by the association's headquarters in Kampala, are used to ensure the efficient development of the association. The headquarters provides not only project management support but also administrative, financial and logistical organizational support.

Operating expenses amounted to **23%** on average in 2009 of the organization's total expenditure.

Activities

The most important part of APILU's funding is used for the implementation of activities in the fields, i.e. **25%** of the association's expenditure, which confirms the establishment of the long-term development of activities in areas where APILU operates.

This represents APILU's commitment to transfer the funding to the beneficiaries of the association's actions in the areas where it is active.

The cost of projects represents 11,325 dollars.

Administrative expenditure incurred amounted to **14%** of the total expenditure.

The expenses incurred correspond chiefly to monthly board meetings and management information systems development.

As at 31st December 2009 APILU employed **4** people located at the association's headquarters.

Direct expenditure linked to the implementation of the association's activities amounted to **13%** and traveling expenses amounted to **12.5%** of total expenditure. These two headings together therefore represent **25.5%** of expenditure for 2009.

Purchases of services, which represent **1%** of total expenses, are mainly composed of fees for project financial audits and evaluation and analysis audit engagements entrusted to outside consultants.