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Second call for papers for the conference:

“Law and Religion in Africa- The Quest for the Common Good in Pluralistic Societies”

26 - 28 May 2014

Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Dear Colleagues

The local organising committee is pleased to announce the second conference on **Law and Religion in Africa** which will be held in Stellenbosch, South Africa from Monday 26 to Wednesday 28 May 2014. This joint conference of the faculty of Law and the faculty of Theology focuses on the theme **“Law and Religion in Africa - The Quest for the Common Good in Pluralistic Societies”**. Proposals regarding this theme, and the following subthemes, are welcomed:

- African traditional law / religion
- Human rights and human dignity (which includes discussion regarding children, disabled persons, the elderly and women)
- Law, religion and ecological issues (which includes discussion regarding the ecology, climate change and fracking)
- Theological approaches to the theme (all disciplines)
- Philosophical approaches to the theme
- Religious freedoms and rights
- Religion-State relations
- Legal perspectives and religion
- Religious perspectives and law

We hereby invite all scholars interested in the study of Law and Religion to submit proposals of no more than 250 words by **15 February 2014**. These can be submitted electronically to lawreligioninafrica@gmail.com. Please note that a conference publication will be published, of which the guidelines will be sent to all speakers. The medium of presentation is English but French translators and interpreters will be made available. Please indicate in your application if you will be making use of this service.

A number of speakers will be commissioned for the programme. Justice Albie Sachs, retired Constitutional Court judge, will be the keynote speaker at the official opening of the conference

on the evening of 26 May whilst the honourable Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng will address the conference during the dinner on Tuesday 27 May. Younger scholars will be given the opportunity to give presentations on 26 May before the opening of the conference. We would like to encourage all interested scholars and participants of the first Law and Religion in Africa conference (Ghana, January 2013) to consider attending. Registration for attendance will open on 28 January and can be found on our website <http://lawreligioninafrica.wordpress.com/>.

Please feel free to distribute this call for papers to other interested parties. More detailed information will be provided via email and <http://lawreligioninafrica.wordpress.com/>. For further inquiries kindly contact Magriet de Villiers at mdev@sun.ac.za/lawreligioninafrica@gmail.com.

Sincerely

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