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With a special focus on the new African Court Electronic Library

LAUNCH OF THE E-LIBRARY

The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights launches an E-Library. Step into an organized, searchable and remote access to information resources.

Reading, studying and research just got better – welcome to our E-library



The Genesis

The development of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights E-Library commenced in 2024 and was completed in December 2025. The official handover took place on January 2026. Following this, knowledge transfer to users was successfully implemented through a phased training approach. To maximize learning outcomes, the training was conducted in small groups and incorporated hands-on practical sessions, enabling participants to gain practical experience and build confidence in accessing the electronic resources.

Training of Judges of the Court

Judges were trained on 4th June in the course of the 81st ordinary session of the Court. This was conducted by library staff.



Judges of the Court at the training session



The Librarian and the Library Assistant at a training session

Training of the Staff of the Court

Library Staff, IT and Webmaster

IT staff and the webmaster were trained in February and March 2026, while library staff were trained from February to April. These two groups are key to maintaining and updating the E-library platform from an end user perspective. They were trained by the developers of the system, Strathmore Research and Consulting Company.

Training of other Court Staff in pictures

Training of the other registry staff commenced in May 2026. These were trained by library staff.



Documentation and Procurement Staff



Communication team an Accounts Assistant



Finance, Security and Audit Staff



Interns of the Court

Peer to peer exchange sessions with East African Community Librarians

Each year the library organizes several peer-to-peer exchange sessions with a range of libraries to foster collaboration, knowledge sharing and continuous learning. These exchanges provide a valuable platform for library staff to interact with their counterparts, discuss emerging trends, share best practices and learn from the successes and challenges experienced by other institutions. Through these engagements, participants gain new insights into innovative approaches to library management, service delivery, resource utilization and user engagement. The knowledge and experiences acquired are then adapted and applied to strengthen the library's operations, enhance the quality and efficiency of services and promote a culture of continuous improvement and professional development. In May 2026, the library had a peer-to-peer meeting with librarians from two institutions of the East African Community (EAC). These are the Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (CASSOA), based at Entebbe in Uganda and the EAC secretariat in Arusha.



From left Ms. Mary Wanjiku (AfCHPR), Mr. Samuel Agaba (CASSOA), Dr. Fidelis Katonga (AfCHPR), Ms. Lillian (CASSOA), Mr. Augustino Haule (AfCHPR) and Mr. Costas Mashauri (EAC, Secretariat).

Official handover of thesis by Edward Kahuthia Murimi

Dr. Edward Murimi is a doctoral researcher at Ghent University in Belgium. He previously interned with the Court while pursuing his studies. Following the successful completion of his doctoral studies, he visited the court in March 2026 and donated both printed and electronic copies of his doctoral thesis. These copies have been added to the library's collection and are available for use by library patrons. The library is grateful for his valuable contribution.

Find the e-copy here: <https://repository.african-court.org/entities/publication/a40a3614-169d-4289-b1d8-356ecf203465>



From Left: Ms. Mary Wanjiku (Library Assistant - AfCHPR), Dr. Edward Murimi, Dr. Fidelis Katonga (Librarian – AfCHPR), Mr. Augustino Haule (Filing Clerk – AfCHPR)

Round-table meeting with Mallory International

In March the library had a round-table meeting with representatives from Mallory International, one of the Court's book suppliers. The Mallory team was comprised of Haydin Mullineux (Head of Sales – Academic) and Gerfas Ifunya (Mallory representative in Tanzania). The African Court was represented by the following staff members;

- a) Mr. Saif Eddine Rouis (Procurement Officer)
- b) Ms. Mary Wanjiku (Library Assistant)
- c) Mr. Deo Mrosso (Stores assistant)
- d) Dr. Fidelis Katonga (Librarian).

The meeting discussed among others procurement matters, the African court electronic library content, copyright issues, and online tracking of library orders.



Library staff with Mallory International delegation Haydin Mullineux (right) and Gerfas Ifunya (2nd from right))

Visit by French Ambassador

On 1st April 2026, the library received Her Excellency Anne-Sophie Avé, Ambassador of France to the United Republic of Tanzania, who had paid a courtesy visit to the President of the Court, Honourable Justice Blaise Tchikaya. She was impressed by the library and stated that there are possible avenues of collaboration between the embassy and the African Court library that should be pursued.



From left: Anne-Sophie Avé (Ambassador of France to the United Republic of Tanzania), Chipiliro Kansilanga-Ngué (Senior Information & Communication Officer-AfCHPR) and Dr. Fidelis Katonga (Librarian-AfCHPR)

Hon. Judge Adjei gives an impromptu lecture on the African Court

The library welcomed a group of 10 law students from Daystar University, Kenya on 10th June 2026. The students were undertaking their internship at the East African Court of Justice and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. During their visit, they had the opportunity to meet Hon. Judge Adjei, who happened to be conducting some research in the library and graciously delivered an impromptu lecture on the Court. The session provided the students with valuable insights into the Court's mandate, functions and jurisprudence, greatly enriching their internship experience.



From left: 10 law students from Daystar University (Kenya), Hon. Judge Denis Adjei (Judge-AfCHPR) and Dr. Fidelis Katonga (Librarian-AfCHPR)

Visit By Chams Media House

On 2nd April the library hosted Chams Media; a private media and communications house based in Nairobi, led by its CEO, Mr. Alex Chamwada. The team was on an East African tour, covering several issues among them human rights.



From left: Mr. Alex Chamwada (CEO-Chams Media) and Dr. Fidelis Katonga (Librarian-AfCHPR)

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