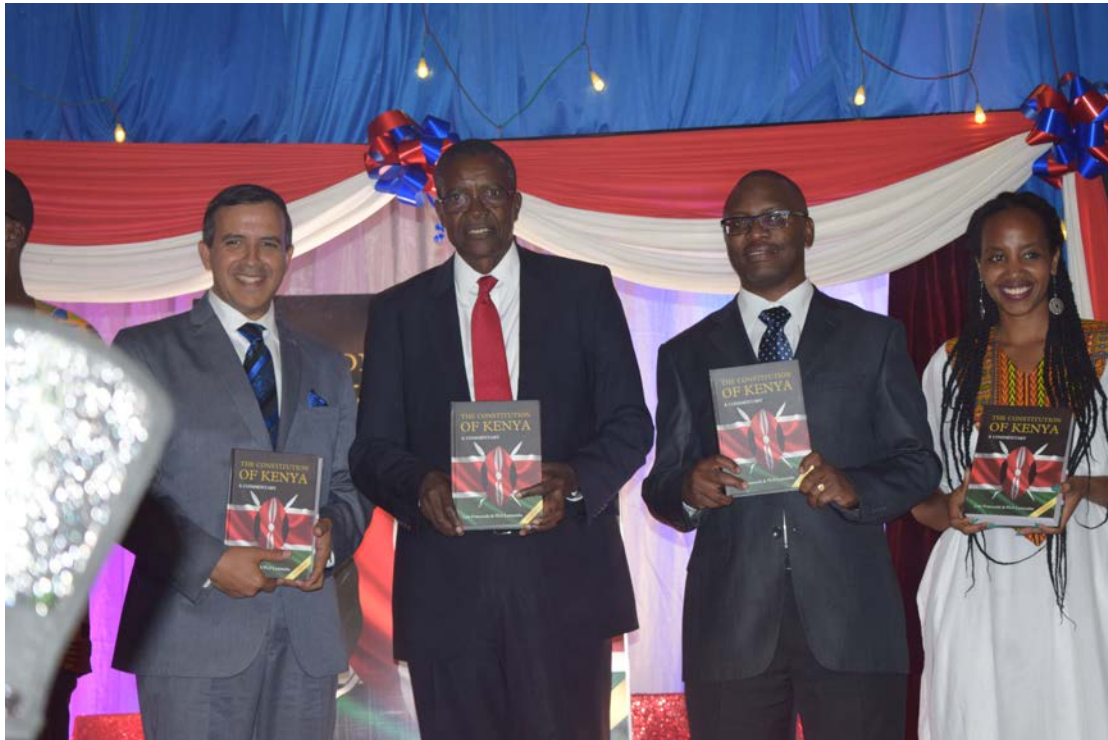


BOOK LAUNCH
THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA: A COMMENTARY, 2ND EDITION

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This is a second edition of the Commentary of the Constitution of Kenya written by Prof. PLO Lumumba and Dr. Luis Franceschi, who are scholars of Constitutional Law, with the assistance of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung's Rule of Law Program for Sub Saharan Africa.

In this edition new jurisprudence and corrected citations have been included providing a good fusion of the practice and the text, eight years since the promulgation of the new Constitution.

The event was graced by Hon. Justice David Maraga, the Chief Justice and the President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kenya among other dignitaries.

In his remarks, Mr. Peter Wendoh, Project Advisor, Rule of Law Program for Sub Saharan Africa of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung underscored the importance of a revised edition of the commentary in view of the numerous social, political and judicial developments that have taken place since the publication of the first edition in 2014. He noted that the publication was timely and would help remind

Kenyans of the journey, the events and the objectives of the new constitutional order in view of the growing clamour for constitutional change in the country.

Dr. Luis Franceschi, Dean of Strathmore Law School, stated that the constitution is a living animal that is always in motion hence the need of widening the jurisprudence. He noted that there are not enough Constitutional law texts and this enunciated the need of publishing a comprehensive analysis of the constitution which will be used as a reference material for students, lawyers and lecturers. His hope is that similar publication will help to enhance and improve the level of legal education in the country, and also allow students to get access to constitutional law texts.

The Hon. Chief Justice David Maraga applauded the timely publication of this book which marks almost a decade since the promulgation of the Kenya Constitution. He stated that a constitution is only as good as its implementation. He lamented the growing trend of *politicization* of the judiciary and *judicialisation* of politics in the country which has seen the politicians misuse the constitution for their political gain and misleading the citizens. In his view, the book will assist the judiciary in the development of the constitutional jurisprudence and will serve as a primary reference material.